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Interviews: 10/08-12/2020

1,121 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

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]

	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approving	Do not lean either way	Dis-approve NET	Lean toward disapproving	Some-what dis-approve	Strongly dis-approve	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC All adults											
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	39	22	17	*	*	61	*	15	46	*	*
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	43	25	17	*	1	56	*	11	44	-	*
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	35	18	16	*	*	65	1	19	46	*	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	38	24	14	*	1	61	*	11	50	-	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	39	21	17	*	1	60	*	10	49	-	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	41	22	19	*	*	58	*	14	44	-	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	42	22	20	-	-	57	*	16	41	-	1
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	43	26	17	-	*	56	*	16	39	-	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	43	24	19	*	1	56	*	16	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	41	24	17	1	*	58	*	14	44	-	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	40	23	17	*	-	60	*	15	45	-	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	42	25	17	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	40	24	16	*	1	59	*	16	42	-	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	36	21	15	*	*	62	-	16	46	*	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	38	19	19	*	*	60	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	38	19	18	*	1	61	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	39	19	20	*	1	60	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	40	22	18	*	*	58	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	34	18	16	*	*	65	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	42	21	21	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	21	19	*	1	59	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	18	20	-	1	60	1	17	43	-	1
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

CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	49	51	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	50	49	*	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	47	52	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	48	51	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	49	50	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	49	50	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	52	47	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	56	43	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	56	43	1	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	54	44	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	51	47	1	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	46	51	1	2
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	47	51	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	44	55	-	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	50	48	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	51	49	*	-
	03/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	46	51	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	45	53	-	*
	12/07-11/2017 (N=1,020)	40	59	*	-
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	57	*	*
09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	42	56	*	*	
06/08-11/2017 (N=1,068)	43	55	*	*	
03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	47	-	*	
Race relations	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	35	64	1	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	60	*	1
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	32	67	*	1
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	33	65	*	1
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	31	67	*	*
	09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	31	67	*	*
The coronavirus outbreak	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	33	66	*	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	39	60	-	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	31	68	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	32	68	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	37	62	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	39	60	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	41	58	1	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	44	55	*	*
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	56	43	1	1
Supreme Court nominations	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	44	55	1	*
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	59	*	1
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	49	-	*

B1A. How would you describe the nation’s economy these days? Would you say...

If neither good nor poor, Don’t know, Skipped, or Refused in B1A.

B1B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the nation’s economy being good or the nation’s economy being poor?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP- NORC 10/08 -12/ 2020	AP- NORC 9/11- 14/ 2020	AP- NORC 8/17- 19/ 2020	AP- NORC 7/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 06/11- 15/ 2020	AP- NORC 05/14- 18/ 2020	AP- NORC 04/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 03/26- 29/ 2020	AP- NORC 01/16- 21/ 2020	AP- NORC 09/20- 23/ 2019	AP- NORC 06/13 -17/ 2019	AP- NORC 01/16- 20/ 2019
Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET	39	40	37	38	36	29	29	39	67	61	63	53
Very good	6	6	4	4	5	3	3	9	21	18	15	10
Somewhat good	22	24	21	22	19	13	15	17	36	31	35	30
Lean toward good	11	11	12	12	12	13	11	12	10	11	14	13
Neither good nor poor	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*
Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET	61	60	62	62	63	70	71	60	33	38	36	47
Lean toward poor	10	10	12	11	14	9	8	10	13	11	13	14
Somewhat poor	31	33	32	30	28	31	30	29	15	19	16	23
Very poor	20	16	18	21	21	30	33	21	5	8	7	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	-	-	-	1	*	-	-	*	*	1	-
N=	1,121	1,108	1,075	1,057	1,310	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,353	1,286	1,116	1,062

B2A. And how would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days? Would you say...

If neither good nor poor, Don't know, Skipped, or Refused in B2A.

B2B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/ 2020	AP-NORC 9/11-14/ 2020	AP-NORC 8/17-19/ 2020	AP-NORC 7/16-20/ 2020	AP-NORC 06/11-15/ 2020	AP-NORC 05/14-18/ 2020	AP-NORC 04/16-20/ 2020	AP-NORC 03/26-29/ 2020	AP-NORC 01/16-21/ 2020	AP-NORC 09/20-23/ 2019	AP-NORC 06/13-17/ 2019	AP-NORC 01/16-20/ 2019
Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET	65	65	63	65	66	66	64	62	69	64	67	62
Very good	14	15	13	14	14	15	14	11	18	19	15	12
Somewhat good	35	31	34	34	36	32	31	34	37	32	37	33
Lean toward good	16	18	17	17	16	20	18	17	15	14	15	17
Neither good nor poor	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET	34	35	36	35	32	33	36	38	31	35	32	37
Lean toward poor	12	13	12	14	12	10	10	10	9	13	12	13
Somewhat poor	15	17	18	15	14	16	17	19	14	14	15	17
Very poor	8	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	7	8	5	7
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	*	*	-	1	1	-	*	*	*	1	1
N=	1,121	1,108	1,075	1,057	1,310	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,353	1,286	1,116	1,062

SC2. President Trump has nominated Amy Coney Barrett to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation by the U.S. Senate as a Supreme Court Justice?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Strongly/Somewhat favor NET	30
Strongly favor	22
Somewhat favor	9
Neither favor nor oppose	34
Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET	35
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	26
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=

1,121

VIRUS2. How worried are you about you or someone in your family being infected with ...

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very worried NET	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some- what worried	Not too/Not at all worried NET	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	42	22	19	32	26	18	8	-	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	19	19	31	31	22	9	-	*
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	42	20	22	31	26	17	9	*	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	49	25	24	31	19	11	8	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	32	16	16	36	32	22	9	-	1
	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	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	20	9	10	34	47	33	14	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	21	8	12	33	46	32	14	-	*
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	16	7	9	31	52	37	15	-	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	19	9	10	34	47	33	15	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	15	7	9	27	56	41	16	-	1
	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)	22	11	12	35	43	34	8	-	*
	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	-	*

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	Somewhat /Strongly oppose NET	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring bars and restaurants to close	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	41	19	21	23	36	18	18	*	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	54	29	25	19	27	16	10	*	*
	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	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	44	22	21	15	41	19	22	-	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	53	23	30	18	29	14	15	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	50	20	29	15	34	18	16	-	1
	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	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	63	38	24	13	24	11	13	-	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	66	41	24	15	19	10	10	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	59	29	30	15	25	15	10	*	1
	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	-	*
Requiring Americans to wear face masks when they're around other people outside their homes	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	72	59	14	12	16	8	8	-	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	75	59	16	11	13	5	9	-	*

TRUMPCOVID1. In general, do you think President Trump has overreacted to the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S., not take it seriously enough, or had he reacted appropriately to the situation?

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Overreacted	2
Not taken it seriously enough	65
Acted appropriately	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,121

TRUMPCOVID2. As you may know, President Trump recently tested positive for the coronavirus. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Trump administration has handled this situation?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Strongly/Somewhat approve NET	26
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	11
Neither approve nor disapprove	20
Strongly/Somewhat disapprove NET	54
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	41
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,121

TRUMPCOVID3. How much do you trust the information the Trump administration has provided about Trump's coronavirus diagnosis and condition?

	AP-NORC
A great deal/Quite a bit NET	23
A great deal	11
Quite a bit	12
A moderate amount	19
Only a little/Not at all NET	57
Only a little	18
Not at all	38
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,121

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Yes	88
No	11
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

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 10/08-12/2020
Democrat NET	47
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	19
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	13
Republican NET	40
Lean Republican	10
Moderate Republican	18
Strong Republican	12
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

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 10/08-12/2020
Liberal NET	21
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	51
Conservative NET	26
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,121

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Urban	24
Suburban	48
Rural	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,121

AGE

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65 +	21

N= 1,121

GENDER

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Married	54
Not married	46
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
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>1,121</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8

N=

1,121

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 October 8 and 12, 2020, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,121 completed the survey—1,010 via the web and 111 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 20.5 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 3.5 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-4.0 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. The sample is also weighted to match the average of self-

identified party identification in the previous two waves of the AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey and this current survey.

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