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*Interviews: 1/28-2/1/2021*

*1,055 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.8 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
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	49	49	1	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	37	62	1	1
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	25	74	1	1
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	27	72	*	1
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	75	1	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	20	80	*	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	24	74	1	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	33	65	1	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	1	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	58	*	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	38	62	*	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	36	63	*	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	39	60	1	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	38	60	1	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,059)	33	66	*	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	36	63	*	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	35	62	2	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	37	62	*	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	35	63	*	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	28	70	1	*
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 Joe Biden 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president?**

*If approve in CUR2*

**CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Joe Biden 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	<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
AP-NORC All adults 1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>61</b>	35	26	*	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	*	11	26	*	*

**AA4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?**

*If don't know, skipped, or refused in AA4*

**AA5. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?**

*If approve in AA4*

**AA4A. Would you say you approve of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?**

*If disapprove in AA4*

**AA4B. Would you say you disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	<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
AP-NORC All adults											
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>36</b>	7	29	*	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	1	25	37	*	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>20</b>	5	14	*	<b>1</b>	<b>79</b>	1	30	48	*	1
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>27</b>	8	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	1	30	40	-	1
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>14</b>	3	11	*	<b>1</b>	<b>85</b>	*	34	50	*	1
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>15</b>	2	12	*	<b>1</b>	<b>84</b>	*	31	52	*	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>18</b>	2	16	*	*	<b>81</b>	*	30	51	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>22</b>	4	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>	*	32	44	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>25</b>	5	19	*	*	<b>74</b>	*	30	44	*	*

**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 All adults	Very/ Some- what/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Some- what/ Lean toward poor NET	Very poor	Some- what poor	Lean toward poor	DK	SKP/ REF
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>31</b>	1	17	12	*	<b>69</b>	15	37	17	-	-
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	<b>38</b>	5	22	11	*	<b>62</b>	11	34	17	*	-
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>39</b>	6	22	11	*	<b>61</b>	10	31	20	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	<b>40</b>	6	24	11	*	<b>60</b>	10	33	16	-	-
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>37</b>	4	21	12	*	<b>62</b>	12	32	18	-	-
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>38</b>	4	22	12	-	<b>62</b>	11	30	21	-	-
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>36</b>	5	19	12	*	<b>63</b>	14	28	21	-	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>29</b>	3	13	13	*	<b>70</b>	9	31	30	-	*
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>29</b>	3	15	11	-	<b>71</b>	8	30	33	-	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>39</b>	9	17	12	*	<b>60</b>	10	29	21	-	-
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>67</b>	21	36	10	*	<b>33</b>	13	15	5	-	*
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>61</b>	18	31	11	*	<b>38</b>	11	19	8	1	*
06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>63</b>	15	35	14	*	<b>36</b>	13	16	7	-	1

**BB2. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Much/ Some what better NET</b>	Much better	Some what better	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Much/ Some what worse NET</b>	Some what worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>45</b>	10	36	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	21	14	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	<b>45</b>	8	37	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	23	12	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>41</b>	11	30	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	19	10	1	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>36</b>	9	27	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	26	14	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>36</b>	9	28	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	25	13	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>36</b>	9	27	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	25	13	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>42</b>	13	29	<b>19</b>	<b>38</b>	28	10	1	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>39</b>	12	27	<b>24</b>	<b>37</b>	23	14	*	*
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>30</b>	7	23	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	24	11	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>28</b>	8	20	<b>30</b>	<b>42</b>	29	13	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>30</b>	9	21	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	27	14	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>27</b>	9	19	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	29	15	*	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>22</b>	6	17	<b>25</b>	<b>52</b>	30	22	*	1
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>32</b>	9	23	<b>25</b>	<b>42</b>	25	17	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>30</b>	10	20	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>	31	15	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>32</b>	9	22	<b>22</b>	<b>46</b>	29	17	-	*	
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>32</b>	8	24	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>	26	19	1	*	

AP-NORC		<b>Much/ Some what better NET</b>	Much better	Some what better	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Much/ Some what worse NET</b>	Some what worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The national economy	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>44</b>	6	38	<b>19</b>	<b>36</b>	22	14	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	<b>41</b>	7	34	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	24	12	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>43</b>	12	32	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	21	8	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>41</b>	13	28	<b>23</b>	<b>35</b>	25	10	*	1
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>43</b>	13	29	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>	26	1	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>41</b>	14	27	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	27	14	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>45</b>	14	31	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>	24	13	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>40</b>	13	27	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	23	14	*	*
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>34</b>	9	25	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	18	6	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>31</b>	10	21	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	24	8	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>33</b>	11	22	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	24	11	1	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>28</b>	9	19	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	25	9	*	1
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>27</b>	9	18	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	27	18	1	1
	12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	<b>33</b>	11	22	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	26	10	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>36</b>	12	25	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	24	8	*	1
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>36</b>	11	25	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	23	10	*	1	
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>37</b>	11	26	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	24	8	*	1	

AP-NORC		<b>Much/ Some what better NET</b>	Much better	Some what better	<b>About the same</b>	<b>Much/ Some what worse NET</b>	Some what worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
Your own personal finances	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>34</b>	6	28	<b>48</b>	<b>18</b>	13	5	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	<b>32</b>	7	25	<b>49</b>	<b>19</b>	15	5	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>38</b>	11	27	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>	9	4	-	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>33</b>	9	24	<b>51</b>	<b>16</b>	12	4	-	1
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>38</b>	10	28	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>	12	3	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>37</b>	10	27	<b>44</b>	<b>17</b>	13	4	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>36</b>	8	28	<b>46</b>	<b>17</b>	15	3	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>39</b>	10	29	<b>42</b>	<b>19</b>	13	6	-	*
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>42</b>	11	31	<b>45</b>	<b>12</b>	9	3	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>37</b>	12	26	<b>48</b>	<b>14</b>	9	4	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>41</b>	8	33	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>37</b>	11	26	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>	9	4	*	1
	1/16-20//2019 (N=1,062)	<b>33</b>	8	24	<b>45</b>	<b>21</b>	13	9	-	1
	12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	<b>35</b>	10	25	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	14	6	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>37</b>	10	27	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	13	4	-	1
	4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>37</b>	11	26	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	14	4	-	*
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>39</b>	10	29	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	13	5	*	*	



**PRES1. How much confidence do you have in Joe Biden’s ability to handle each of the following?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP/REF
The coronavirus outbreak	38	36	26	-	*
The economy and jobs	29	36	34	-	*
Health care	34	36	30	*	*
Climate change	32	39	28	*	1
Race relations	32	39	29	*	*
Immigration	28	34	38	*	*
Foreign policy	32	33	34	1	*

*N=1,055*

**PRES2. Would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence or hardly any confidence in Joe Biden’s ability to:**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP/REF
Effectively manage the White House	44	29	27	*	*
Reduce the amount of corruption in the government in Washington	18	37	45	*	*
Work with Republicans in Congress	20	45	36	*	*
Effectively manage the military	35	32	32	*	*
Effectively manage government spending	24	35	40	-	*
Incorporate the advice of his advisers and experts into his decision making	47	32	21	*	-
Appoint well-qualified people for his cabinet and other high-level government positions	42	27	31	-	*

*N=1,055*

**JRB1. How much respect do you think Joe Biden has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions? Would you say ...**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
<b>A great deal/A fair amount</b>	<b>70</b>
A great deal	44
A fair amount	26
<b>Not too much/None at all</b>	<b>30</b>
Not too much	17
None at all	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,055

**FAV. For each of the following individuals, please indicate if you have an unfavorable or favorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.**

[GRID ITEM RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Very/Some- what un- favorable NET	Very un- favorable	Some- what un- favorable	Some- what /Very favorable NET	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Donald Trump	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>61</b>	48	12	<b>36</b>	18	19	3	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>53</b>	42	11	<b>43</b>	17	26	4	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>55</b>	46	9	<b>40</b>	12	28	3	1
	8/11-14/2016 (N=1,096)	<b>71</b>	11	59	<b>23</b>	7	16	6	*
Mike Pence	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>47</b>	22	25	<b>45</b>	27	17	8	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>43</b>	29	15	<b>41</b>	20	21	15	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>43</b>	29	14	<b>37</b>	17	20	18	2
Nancy Pelosi	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>50</b>	39	10	<b>43</b>	26	17	7	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>51</b>	41	11	<b>37</b>	19	18	12	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>45</b>	35	10	<b>37</b>	22	16	16	2

AP-NORC		<b>Very/Some- what un- favorable NET</b>	Very un- favorable	Some- what un- favorable	<b>Some- what /Very favorable NET</b>	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Joe Biden	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>39</b>	26	13	<b>57</b>	21	36	4	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>48</b>	27	21	<b>41</b>	29	11	11	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	23	19	<b>44</b>	30	15	11	2
Mitch McConnell	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>65</b>	40	24	<b>19</b>	15	4	16	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>42</b>	31	10	<b>23</b>	16	7	35	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>39</b>	26	13	<b>21</b>	16	5	38	2
Chuck Schumer	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	26	12	<b>32</b>	21	11	30	*
Kamala Harris	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>39</b>	27	12	<b>51</b>	19	32	10	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>35</b>	23	13	<b>30</b>	23	8	32	2
Kevin McCarthy	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>35</b>	22	13	<b>18</b>	13	5	46	*

**DIV3. In general, do you think America's best days are:**

	AP-NORC 1/28- 2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08- 12/2020	AP-NORC 12/5- 9/2019	AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	AP-NORC 11/30- 12/4/2017	AP-NORC 6/23- 27/2016
Ahead of us	54	55	50	51	43	46
Behind us	45	42	48	47	55	52
DON'T KNOW	1	1	1	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	2	1	2	1	1
N=	1,055	1,121	1,053	1,067	1,444	1,008

**DIV4. How well would you say democracy is working in the United States these days?**

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
<b>Extremely/Very well NET</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>
Extremely well	2	3
Very well	14	11
<b>Somewhat well</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Not too/Not well at all NET</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>47</b>
Not too well	32	34
Not at all well	14	14
DON'T KNOW	1	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*
N=	1,055	1,121

**DIV5. Which statement comes closer to your own view?**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	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	11	14	15	15	19
Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	88	85	84	84	80
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	1	1	1
N=	1,055	1,121	1,067	1,152	1,008

**DIV6. 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 1/28- 2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08- 12/2020	AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23- 27/2016
More divided	33	31	36	39	38
Less divided	36	35	23	20	20
About as divided as now	29	33	40	39	41
DON'T KNOW	1	1	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1	1	*
N=	1,055	1,121	1,067	1,152	1,008

**DIV7. How important is each of the following to the United States' identity as a nation?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Ex- tremely/ Very impt.	Ext- remely impt.	Very impt.	Mod- erately impt.	Not very/Not at all impt.	Not very impt.	Not impt. at all	DK	SKP /REF
A shared American culture and set of values	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	65	30	36	27	7	5	2	1	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	60	24	36	30	9	6	2	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	65	24	40	27	8	6	2	*	1
The ability of people living here to get good jobs and achieve the American dream	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	83	45	38	15	2	1	1	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	75	32	43	20	4	2	2	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	79	33	46	16	5	4	1	*	*
A culture grounded in Christian religious beliefs	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	43	20	23	22	35	18	17	1	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	38	19	19	24	37	19	18	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	40	19	21	25	34	16	18	*	*
The ability of people to come from other places in the world to escape violence and persecution	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	54	25	29	32	13	9	4	1	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	57	25	32	29	12	8	4	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	65	24	40	26	8	6	2	1	1
The ability of people to come from other places in the world to find economic opportunities	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	52	21	31	34	13	9	5	1	1
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	53	19	34	36	10	7	3	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	55	18	37	33	11	8	3	*	1
The mixing of cultures and values from around the world	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	58	25	33	31	11	8	3	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	48	17	31	34	17	12	5	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	50	17	33	34	14	11	4	*	1

AP-NORC		Ex-tremely/ Very impt.	Ext-remely impt.	Very impt.	Mod-erately impt.	Not very/Not at all impt.	Not very impt.	Not impt. at all	DK	SKP /REF
Individual liberties and freedoms as defined by the Constitution	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	85	54	31	13	2	1	1	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	80	48	31	14	4	3	2	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	84	51	34	11	3	3	*	*	1
A culture established by the country's early European immigrants	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	29	10	20	33	36	23	13	1	1
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	33	12	21	34	31	21	9	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	33	11	22	40	26	17	9	1	1
A fair judicial system and the rule of law	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	88	63	25	8	3	2	1	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	87	58	29	7	4	3	1	1	1
	2/16-20/2017 (N=1,004)	88	53	34	9	3	2	1	*	*
A democratically elected government	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	80	53	26	13	7	4	3	1	*

**DJT1. Do you think Donald Trump was a great, good, average, poor or terrible president?**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
<b>Great/Good NET</b>	<b>36</b>
Great	17
Good	19
<b>Average</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Poor/Terrible NET</b>	<b>50</b>
Poor	10
Terrible	39
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,055

**DJT2. Overall, would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were when Donald Trump became president in 2017, or has there not been much difference?**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
<b>Much/Somewhat better off NET</b>	<b>38</b>
Much better off	16
Somewhat better off	21
<b>Not much difference</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Somewhat/Much worse off NET</b>	<b>27</b>
Somewhat worse off	16
Much worse off	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=

1,055

**DJT3. Overall, would you say that the country as a whole is better off or worse off than it was when Donald Trump became president in 2017, or has there not been much difference?**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
<b>Much/Somewhat better off NET</b>	<b>31</b>
Much better off	15
Somewhat better off	16
<b>Not much difference</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Somewhat/Much worse off NET</b>	<b>52</b>
Somewhat worse off	20
Much worse off	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

N=

1,055

**DJT4. How much respect do you think Donald Trump has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions? Would you say...**

	AP-NORC 1/28- 2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/24-28/2019	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
<b>A great deal/A fair amount NET</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>
A great deal	17	18	13
A fair amount	20	20	21
<b>Not too much/None at all NET</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>65</b>
Not too much	20	26	30
None at all	41	35	35
DON'T KNOW	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>	<i>1,075</i>	<i>1,068</i>

**IMPEACH1. As you may know, the House of Representatives voted to impeach Donald Trump, and the Senate will hold a trial to decide whether to convict him. Do you think the Senate should or should not convict Trump, or don't you know enough to say?**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Should convict	47
Should not convict	40
Don't know enough to say	12
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**IMPEACH2. How much responsibility do you think Donald Trump had for the breach of the U.S. Capitol by a group of his supporters on January 6th?**

	AP-NORC 1/28- 2/1/2021
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit NET</b>	<b>50</b>
A great deal	38
Quite a bit	12
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Only a little/none at all NET</b>	<b>36</b>
Only a little	13
None at all	22
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>



**LEGIT. Do you think Joe Biden was legitimately elected president, or not?**

	AP-NORC 1/28- 2/1/2021
Yes, legitimately elected	66
No, not legitimately elected	33
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</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 not so strong Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong 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 1/28-2/1/2021
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>44</b>
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>39</b>
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</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 1/28-2/1/2021
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>21</b>
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	11
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>29</b>
Somewhat conservative	14
Very conservative	15
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

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

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Urban	21
Suburban	48
Rural	31
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65 +	22
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Married	55
Not married	45
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	35
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

## 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 January 28th and February 1st, 2021, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,055 completed the survey—956 via the web and 99 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 20.0 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 20.8 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 80.6 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.8 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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