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The March 2021 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 3/26-29/2021

1,166 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.6 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
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	50	50	*	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	48	51	*	1
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	49	49	1	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	37	62	1	1
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	25	74	1	1
9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	27	72	*	1
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	75	1	*
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	20	80	*	*
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	24	74	1	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	33	65	1	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	1	-
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	58	*	*
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
1/16-21/2020 (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
9/20-23/2019 (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]

	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
AP-NORC All adults											
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	61	31	29	*	*	38	*	13	25	-	1
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	60	32	28	*	*	40	*	15	24	*	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	61	35	26	*	1	38	*	11	26	*	*

CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...?

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	60	39	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	55	44	*	1
The coronavirus pandemic	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	73	26	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	70	29	*	1
Health care	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	62	36	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	58	41	*	1
Immigration	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	42	56	*	2
Foreign policy	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	55	43	*	1
Border security	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	44	55	1	1
The federal budget deficit	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	48	50	1	2
Gun Policy	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	45	52	*	2

FP2. How personally concerned are you that each of the following poses a direct threat to the United States?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Extremely / Very concerned NET	Extremely concern - ed	Very concern - ed	Moderat - ely concern - ed	Not very/ Not concern - ed at all NET	Not very concern - ed	Not concern - ed at all	DK	SKP/ REF
North Korea's nuclear program	03/25-29/2021 N=1,166	46	19	27	36	17	13	5	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 N= 1,353	53	25	27	30	17	12	5	*	*
	1/16-20/2019 N=1,062	52	23	29	32	15	10	5	*	*
Iran's nuclear program	03/25-29/2021 N=1,166	47	18	29	36	16	13	4	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 N=1,353	56	28	28	28	15	11	4	*	*
	1/16-20/2019 N=1,062	48	21	27	33	18	11	7	-	1
Extremist militant groups	03/25-29/2021 N=1,166	58	29	29	26	16	12	4	*	*
	01/16-21/2020 N=1,353	59	29	30	28	13	9	4	*	*
	1/16-20/2019 N=1,062	55	24	31	29	15	10	5	1	*
Russia's influence around the world	03/25-29/2021 N=1,166	44	16	28	38	17	13	5	*	*
	01/16-21/2020 N=1,353	50	23	27	31	19	15	4	*	*
	1/16-20/2019 N=1,062	47	23	24	33	19	14	5	*	*

		Extremely/ Very concerned NET	Extremely concern - ed	Very concern -ed	Moderat- ely concern- ed	Not very/ Not concern- ed at all NET	Not very concern - ed	Not concern- ed at all	DK	SKP / REF
China's influence around the world	03/25- 29/2021 N=1,166	54	27	28	31	13	10	3	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 N=1,353	48	21	28	35	16	12	3	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 N=1,062	40	15	26	39	19	15	4	*	1
The spread of infect- ious diseases	03/25- 29/2021 N=1,166	58	27	31	29	11	9	2	*	1
	1/16- 21/2020 N=1,353	54	22	32	31	14	11	3	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 N=1,062	45	17	28	33	21	17	4	-	1
Climate change	03/25- 29/2021 N=1,166	50	26	24	25	24	17	7	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 N=1,353	56	34	22	22	20	12	8	*	1
	1/16- 20/2019 N=1,062	52	29	23	25	21	14	8	1	1

		Extremely/ Very concerned NET	Extremely concern - ed	Very concern -ed	Moderat- ely concern- ed	Not very/ Not concern- ed at all NET	Not very concern -ed	Not concern- ed at all	DK	SKP / REF
Illegal immigrat -ion	03/25- 29/2021 N=1,166	45	24	21	27	26	20	7	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 N=1,353	43	22	21	24	32	22	10	*	1
	1/16- 20/2019 N=1,062	40	20	20	27	33	23	9	-	*

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Protestant	29
Roman Catholic	18
Mormon	1
Orthodox	*
Jewish	2
Muslim	2
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	4
Agnostic	4
Nothing in particular	14
Just Christian	20
Unitarian	*
Something else	4

N=

1,166

BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Yes	35
No	64
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

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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 3/25-29/2021
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	15
Republican NET	40
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	15

N=

1,166

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 3/25-29/2021
Liberal NET	22
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	46
Conservative NET	31
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	13
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,166

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

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Urban	25
Suburban	47
Rural	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,166

AGE

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	22

N= 1,166

GENDER

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Male	48
Female	52

N= 1,166

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N= 1,166

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Married	56
Not married	44
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	21
Post grad study/professional degree	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$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	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</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 March 25th and March 29th, 2021, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,166 completed the survey—1,093 via the web and 73 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 19.8 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.9 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.6 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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