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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

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/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some- what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP /REF
3/25-29/2021 (N=1,166)	46	2	25	19	*	54	16	27	11	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	37	1	22	14	*	63	16	34	12	-	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	31	1	17	12	*	69	15	37	17	-	-
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	38	5	22	11	*	62	11	34	17	*	-
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	39	6	22	11	*	61	10	31	20	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	40	6	24	11	*	60	10	33	16	-	-
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	37	4	21	12	*	62	12	32	18	-	-
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	38	4	22	12	-	62	11	30	21	-	-
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	36	5	19	12	*	63	14	28	21	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	29	3	13	13	*	70	9	31	30	-	*
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	29	3	15	11	-	71	8	30	33	-	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	39	9	17	12	*	60	10	29	21	-	-
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	67	21	36	10	*	33	13	15	5	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	61	18	31	11	*	38	11	19	8	1	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	63	15	35	14	*	36	13	16	7	-	1

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
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	-	*

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

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

		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
AP-NORC										
The coronavirus	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	35	17	18	34	32	24	7	-	-
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	31	16	15	36	33	24	9	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	43	22	20	30	27	19	8	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	43	22	21	34	23	16	8	-	*
	10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	42	22	19	32	26	18	8	-	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	19	19	31	31	22	9	-	*
	8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	42	20	22	31	26	17	9	*	*
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	49	25	24	31	19	11	8	*	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	32	16	16	35	32	22	9	-	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	42	21	21	31	25	18	7	*	1
	4/16-20/2020 (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
	2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	22	11	11	23	55	37	19	-	*
The flu	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	13	6	8	27	59	42	18	-	-
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	12	5	7	29	59	39	20	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	14	6	7	29	58	40	17	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	17	8	9	31	52	39	13	-	-
	10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	20	9	10	34	47	33	14	*	*

The flu		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
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	21	8	12	33	46	32	14	-	*
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	16	7	9	31	52	37	15	-	1	
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	19	9	10	34	47	33	15	-	*	
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	15	7	9	27	56	41	16	-	1	
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	17	7	10	28	54	38	15	-	1	
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	22	10	13	30	47	35	12	-	*	
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	22	11	12	35	43	34	8	-	*	
3/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	15	6	9	33	50	37	13	-	1	
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	23	10	14	40	37	29	7	-	*	

VAX3. Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 2/25-3/1/2021	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Yes	41	22	13
No	59	77	86
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*
N=	1,166	1,434	1,055

If No or Don't know in VAX3

VAX7. Once a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 is available to you, would you...

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	AP-NORC 2/25-3/1/2021	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Definitely/Probably get a vaccine NET	57	61	62
Definitely get a vaccine	30	38	40
Probably get a vaccine	27	22	22
Definitely/Probably not get a vaccine NET	43	39	37
Probably <u>not</u> get a vaccine	23	20	20
Definitely <u>not</u> get a vaccine	20	20	17
DON'T KNOW	-	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*
N=	637	1,103	914

STIM1. How much have you heard or read about the coronavirus and economic relief package recently passed by Congress and signed into law?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
A lot/Some NET	80
A lot	35
Some	45
Only a little/Nothing at all NET	20
Only a little	16
Nothing at all	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	1,166

STIM2. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the coronavirus and economic relief law?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Strongly/Somewhat approve NET	54
Strongly approve	26
Somewhat approve	28
Neither approve nor disapprove	21
Somewhat/Strongly disapprove NET	25
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	1,166

STIM3. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove the following provisions of the coronavirus and economic relief law?

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

	Strongly/ Somewhat approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Somewhat/ Strongly disapprove NET	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021									
Sending \$1,400 payments to eligible Americans	70	44	25	14	16	10	5	-	1
Extending unemployment insurance payments of \$300 a week until September 6th	58	33	25	16	25	15	10	-	*
Funding for grants and low-interest loans for small businesses	80	43	37	14	6	4	2	-	*
Funding for vaccine distribution and testing	78	53	25	15	7	4	3	*	*
Funding for schools to reopen safely	76	48	28	14	10	7	3	-	*
Extending the moratorium on evictions and foreclosures	61	35	26	21	18	12	6	*	*
Funding for mortgage and rent assistance	66	36	30	20	14	10	3	*	*
Expanding child and earned income tax credits	64	36	28	22	13	9	4	*	*
Funding for state, local, and tribal territorial governments	53	27	26	24	23	13	10	*	*

N= 1,166

STIM5. Does this law spend too much, too little, or about the right amount of money on coronavirus and economic relief?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Too much	31
Too little	26
Right amount	42
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

STIM6. Do you think the law does too much, too little, or about the right amount to help the financial situation of each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021	Too much	Too little	Right amount	DK	SKP/ REF
Small businesses	9	48	42	*	1
Low income households	10	54	35	*	1
Middle income households	18	33	48	*	1
You personally	17	34	48	*	1

N= 1,166

STIM7. Did you receive or do you expect to receive a direct payment from the law, or not?

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Already received it	50
Expect to receive it	25
Don't expect to receive it	16
Not sure	-
DON'T KNOW	9
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

If already received it or expect to receive it in STIM7

STIM8. Which of these comes closest to how you are planning to use most of this direct payment? Will you...

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Pay bills	33
Pay down debt	21
Spend it	16
Save it	23
Donate it	1
Give it to friends or family	2
Something else	4
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 881

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	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>851</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 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
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</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 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
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

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
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

AGE

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	22
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

GENDER

	AP-NORC 3/25-29/2021
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,166</i>

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

N= 1,166

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

N= 1,166

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

N= 1,166

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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