



The July 2021 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 7/15-19/2021
1,308 adults*

Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

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 |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------|------------|----|---------|
| Infrastructure | 7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308) | 55 | 42 | 1 | 1 |

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 |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----|-------------|
| 7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308) | 45 | 4 | 28 | 13 | 1 | 54 | 15 | 28 | 11 | - | * |
| 6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125) | 47 | 3 | 27 | 17 | * | 53 | 14 | 26 | 13 | - | - |
| 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 |

PRIOR1. How much of a priority should each of the following be for the federal government?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED ACROSS SCREENS, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

| AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 | High priority | Moderate priority | Low priority | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----|-------------|
| Addressing climate change | 45 | 28 | 26 | * | 1 |
| Securing the country's borders | 45 | 37 | 17 | - | * |
| Ensuring that all Americans have access to health care | 63 | 27 | 10 | * | * |
| Promoting economic and job growth | 71 | 24 | 4 | * | * |
| Reducing the trade deficit with other countries | 33 | 50 | 15 | 1 | 1 |
| Reducing crime | 62 | 30 | 7 | - | 1 |
| Improving the nation's infrastructure | 59 | 35 | 5 | 1 | 1 |

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INFRA1. Thinking about the infrastructure package being considered by Congress, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following proposals?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED ACROSS SCREENS]

| AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 | Strongly/ somewhat favor NET | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Neither favor nor oppose | Strongly/ somewhat oppose NET | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| Funding for broadband internet service | 62 | 34 | 28 | 23 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | * |
| Funding for roads, bridges, and ports | 83 | 50 | 33 | 12 | 5 | 4 | 1 | * | * |
| Funding for the electric grid | 66 | 36 | 30 | 22 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 1 | * |
| Funding for electric vehicle charging stations | 45 | 18 | 27 | 25 | 29 | 14 | 15 | 1 | * |

| | Strongly/ somewhat favor NET | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Neither favor nor oppose | Strongly/ somewhat oppose NET | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | DK | SKP/ REF |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| Funding for pipes that supply public drinking water | 79 | 46 | 32 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Funding for passenger and freight rail service | 53 | 21 | 32 | 31 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Funding for local public transit | 61 | 27 | 34 | 25 | 14 | 8 | 6 | - | * |
| Funding for affordable housing | 67 | 40 | 26 | 18 | 15 | 8 | 8 | - | * |
| Funding for caregivers for the nation's elderly | 75 | 41 | 34 | 14 | 11 | 6 | 5 | - | 1 |
| Expanded child tax credits for families with children | 55 | 26 | 29 | 22 | 23 | 13 | 10 | * | * |
| Free community college tuition for Americans who have not been for college | 54 | 29 | 25 | 15 | 31 | 13 | 18 | * | * |
| Free preschool programs | 67 | 41 | 26 | 16 | 16 | 8 | 8 | * | * |

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INFRA2. In order to pay for infrastructure improvements, would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose:

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED ACROSS SCREENS]

| AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 | Strongly/ somewhat favor NET | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Neither favor nor oppose | Strongly/ somewhat oppose NET | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | DK | SKP/ REF |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|----|-------------|
| Raising taxes on corporations | 66 | 45 | 21 | 15 | 18 | 11 | 7 | * | * |
| Raising taxes on households making more than \$400,000 a year | 64 | 41 | 23 | 16 | 20 | 11 | 10 | * | * |

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RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Protestant | 28 |
| Roman Catholic | 22 |
| Mormon | 1 |
| Orthodox | * |
| Jewish | 2 |
| Muslim | * |
| Buddhist | 1 |
| Hindu | 1 |
| Atheist | 5 |
| Agnostic | 6 |
| Nothing in particular | 13 |
| Just Christian | 18 |
| Unitarian | * |
| Something else | 3 |
| DON'T KNOW | - |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | - |

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If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:

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

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Yes | 39 |
| No | 61 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | * |

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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 7/15-19/2021 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Democrat NET | 47 |
| Strong Democrat | 20 |
| Not so strong Democrat | 15 |
| Lean Democrat | 12 |
| Independent/None – Don't lean | 16 |
| Republican NET | 38 |
| Lean Republican | 11 |
| Not so strong Republican | 11 |
| Strong Republican | 15 |

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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 7/15-19/2021 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Liberal NET | 23 |
| Very liberal | 10 |
| Somewhat liberal | 13 |
| Moderate | 46 |
| Conservative NET | 29 |
| Somewhat conservative | 15 |
| Very conservative | 13 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 2 |

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

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Urban | 24 |
| Suburban | 47 |
| Rural | 28 |
| DON'T KNOW | * |
| SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED | 1 |

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AGE

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|-------|-------------------------|
| 18-29 | 20 |
| 30-39 | 17 |
| 40-59 | 32 |
| 60-64 | 8 |
| 65+ | 22 |

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GENDER

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Male | 48 |
| Female | 52 |

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RACE/ETHNICITY

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| White | 62 |
| Black or African American | 12 |
| Hispanic | 17 |
| Other | 9 |

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MARITAL STATUS

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Married | 54 |
| Not married | 46 |

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EDUCATION

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Less than a high school diploma | 9 |
| High school graduate or equivalent | 29 |
| Some college | 27 |
| College graduate or above | 19 |
| Post grad study/professional degree | 16 |

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INCOME

| | AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Under \$10,000 | 6 |
| \$10,000 to under \$20,000 | 9 |
| \$20,000 to under \$30,000 | 13 |
| \$30,000 to under \$40,000 | 8 |
| \$40,000 to under \$50,000 | 9 |
| \$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 | 7 |

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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 July 15th and 19th, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,308 completed the survey—1,183 via the web and 125 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.1 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.7 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 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over. The sample is also adjusted to match the benchmark of the percent of adults who have received at least one dose of a vaccine by Census region as of July 19, 2021, according to the CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker data.

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