



# The August 2021 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 8/12-16/2021*

*1,729 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.2 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
National security	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	52	46	1	1
Foreign policy	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	47	51	*	2
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	50	47	*	3
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	54	41	2	3
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	55	43	*	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 concern- ed NET	Extreme -ly concern ed	Very concern -ed	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Extremist groups based inside the United States	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	65	34	31	24	9	8	2	*	1
Extremist groups based outside the United States	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	50	21	29	36	13	11	2	*	1

**FP3. Overall, would you say each of the following was worth fighting or not worth fighting?**

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	Worth fighting	Not worth fighting	DK	SKP/REF
The war in Iraq	34	63	*	3
The war in Afghanistan	35	62	*	3

N= 1,729

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

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Extremely /Very worried NET</b>	Extremely worried	Very worried	<b>Some-what worried</b>	<b>Not too/Not at all worried NET</b>	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>41</b>	22	19	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	21	9	-	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	<b>27</b>	14	13	<b>27</b>	<b>45</b>	29	16	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>21</b>	10	11	<b>25</b>	<b>54</b>	34	20	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>24</b>	10	14	<b>29</b>	<b>47</b>	31	15	-	*
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	<b>35</b>	17	18	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	24	7	-	-
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	<b>31</b>	16	15	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	24	9	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>43</b>	22	20	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	19	8	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	<b>43</b>	22	21	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	16	8	-	*
	10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>42</b>	22	19	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	18	8	-	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>38</b>	19	19	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	22	9	-	*
	8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	20	22	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	17	9	*	*
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>49</b>	25	24	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	11	8	*	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>32</b>	16	16	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	22	9	-	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>42</b>	21	21	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	18	7	*	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>43</b>	23	20	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	17	5	*	-
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>50</b>	28	22	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	13	3	-	*
03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	<b>31</b>	14	17	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	23	10	*	1	
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>22</b>	11	11	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	37	19	-	*	

		<b>Extremely /Very worried NET</b>	Extremely worried	Very worried	<b>Some- what worried</b>	<b>Not too/Not at all worried NET</b>	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The flu	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>15</b>	8	7	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	41	17	-	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	<b>13</b>	5	8	<b>24</b>	<b>63</b>	41	23	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>10</b>	3	7	<b>22</b>	<b>69</b>	44	25	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N= 1,842)	<b>9</b>	3	6	<b>21</b>	<b>70</b>	42	27	-	*
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	<b>13</b>	6	8	<b>27</b>	<b>59</b>	42	18	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	<b>12</b>	5	7	<b>29</b>	<b>59</b>	39	20	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>14</b>	6	7	<b>29</b>	<b>58</b>	40	17	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	<b>17</b>	8	9	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	39	13	-	-
	10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>20</b>	9	10	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	33	14	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>21</b>	8	12	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	32	14	-	*
	8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>16</b>	7	9	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	37	15	-	1
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>19</b>	9	10	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	33	15	-	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>15</b>	7	9	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	41	16	-	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>17</b>	7	10	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	38	15	-	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>22</b>	10	13	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	35	12	-	*
	3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>22</b>	11	12	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	34	8	-	*
	3/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	<b>15</b>	6	9	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	37	13	-	1
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>23</b>	10	14	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	29	7	-	*	

**DELTA1. How confident are you that the COVID-19 vaccines will be effective against new variants of the coronavirus?**

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

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021
<b>Extremely/very confident NET</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>
Extremely confident	7	6
Very confident	19	22
<b>Somewhat confident</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Not at all/not too confident NET</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>
Not too confident	18	17
Not at all confident	16	13
DON'T KNOW	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*
N=	1,729	1,308

**VIRUS7. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, how often are you:**

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

AP-NORC		<b>Always/ often NET</b>	Always	Often	<b>Some- times</b>	<b>Rarely/ never NET</b>	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Avoiding nonessential travel	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>51</b>	28	23	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	15	11	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>51</b>	29	22	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	12	15	-	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>61</b>	38	23	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	11	11	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	<b>72</b>	50	22	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	8	6	*	1
Staying away from large groups	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>58</b>	30	28	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	10	10	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>57</b>	33	25	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	11	11	-	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>68</b>	43	25	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	8	8	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	<b>77</b>	55	23	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	5	4	-	1
Avoiding other people as much as possible	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>43</b>	20	22	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	15	12	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>44</b>	20	25	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	17	13	*	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>50</b>	24	26	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	15	11	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	<b>66</b>	35	31	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	-	1

		<b>Always/ often NET</b>	Always	Often	<b>Some- times</b>	<b>Rarely/ never NET</b>	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Wearing a face mask when you're around other people outside your home	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>51</b>	30	20	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	17	12	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	<b>56</b>	37	19	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	13	12	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>78</b>	56	22	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	5	5	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	<b>82</b>	65	17	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	5	3	-	1

**COVID1. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose requiring Americans to wear face masks when they're around other people outside their homes?**

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

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 12/3-7/2020	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 07/16-20/2020
<b>Strongly/Somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>75</b>
Strongly favor	38	61	59	59
Somewhat favor	17	13	14	16
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Somewhat/Strongly oppose NET</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>
Somewhat oppose	10	7	8	5
Strongly oppose	17	8	8	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	-	*	*

N= 1,729 1,117 1,121 1,057

**COVID2. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose requiring each of the following groups of people to wear face masks?**

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

	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP / REF
AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021									
Workers who interact with the public, such as at restaurants and stores	<b>62</b>	45	17	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	6	13	*	1

N= 1,729

**COVID3. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose requiring each of the following groups of people to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19?**

**[ITEMS A-D RANDOMIZED, ITEMS E-G RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP / REF
Workers who interact with the public, such as at restaurants and stores	<b>58</b>	44	14	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	5	17	-	*
Hospital or other healthcare workers	<b>62</b>	52	10	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	6	13	-	1
Government workers	<b>55</b>	43	12	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	5	16	-	1
Members of the military	<b>56</b>	43	13	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	4	16	-	1

N= 1,729

**COVID4. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose requiring Americans to be fully vaccinated to do each of the following?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP / REF
Attend crowded public events, like concerts, sporting events, or movies	<b>56</b>	41	15	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	5	22	-	*
Go out to a bar or restaurant	<b>51</b>	35	16	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	5	23	*	*
Travel on an airplane	<b>57</b>	45	13	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	5	21	-	*

N=1,729

**RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Protestant	27
Roman Catholic	19
Mormon	2
Orthodox	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	6
Agnostic	5
Nothing in particular	16
Just Christian	16
Unitarian	*
Something else	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=

1,729

*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 8/12-16/2021
Yes	39
No	60
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,143

**KIDS. Are you the parent or guardian of a child in daycare or kindergarten through grade 12, or not?**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Yes	26
No	74
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,729



**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 8/12-16/2021
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>46</b>
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	11
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>39</b>
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	10
Strong Republican	17
N=	1,729

**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 8/12-16/2021
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>21</b>
Very liberal	9
Somewhat liberal	12
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>28</b>
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	1,729

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

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Urban	24
Suburban	47
Rural	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=1,729

**VAX3. Have you received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine?**

AP-NORC	Yes	No	DK	SKIP/ REF
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	71	29	-	1
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	67	32	-	1
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	64	36	*	*
4/29-5/3/2021 <sup>1</sup> (N=1,842)	64	35	*	*
3/25-29/2021 <sup>7</sup> (N=1,166)	41	59	-	*
2/25-3/1/2021 <sup>7</sup> (N=1,434)	22	77	-	1
1/28-2/1/2021 <sup>7</sup> (N=1,055)	13	86	-	*

If No or Refused in VAX3:

**APVAX7. Will you...**

AP-NORC	Definitely/ probably get a vaccine NET	Definitely get a vaccine	Probably get a vaccine	Definitely/ probably not get a vaccine NET	Probably <u>not</u> get a vaccine	Definitely <u>not</u> get a vaccine	DK	SKIP/ REF
8/12-16/2021 (N=440)	<b>20</b>	3	18	<b>79</b>	30	49	-	1
7/15-19/2021 (N=427)	<b>19</b>	3	16	<b>81</b>	35	45	*	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=311)	<b>23</b>	7	15	<b>75</b>	29	46	2	1
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=583)	<b>38</b>	11	27	<b>61</b>	27	34	*	*

<sup>1</sup> Prior to June 2021, question read: Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

	<b>Definitely/ probably get a vaccine NET</b>	Definitely get a vaccine	Probably get a vaccine	<b>Definitely/ probably not get a vaccine NET</b>	Probably <u>not</u> get a vaccine	Definitely <u>not</u> get a vaccine	DK	SKIP/ REF
3/25-29/2021 (N=637)	<b>57</b>	30	27	<b>43</b>	23	20	-	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,103)	<b>61</b>	38	22	<b>39</b>	20	20	*	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=914)	<b>62</b>	40	22	<b>37</b>	20	17	*	*

**Combined VAX3 and APVAX7:**

	<b>Already received the vaccine</b>	<b>Definitely/ probably not get a vaccine NET</b>	Definitely get a vaccine	Probably get a vaccine	<b>Definitely/ probably not get a vaccine NET</b>	Probably <u>not</u> get a vaccine	Definitely <u>not</u> get a vaccine	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC									
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>71</b>	<b>6</b>	1	5	<b>23</b>	9	14	1	-
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	<b>67</b>	<b>6</b>	1	5	<b>26</b>	11	15	1	-
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	3	6	<b>27</b>	11	16	1	-
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>64</b>	<b>14</b>	4	10	<b>22</b>	10	12	1	-
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	<b>41</b>	<b>33</b>	18	16	<b>25</b>	13	12	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	<b>22</b>	<b>47</b>	30	17	<b>30</b>	15	15	1	-
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>13</b>	<b>54</b>	35	19	<b>32</b>	17	15	1	-

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
18-29	20
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	22
N=	1,729

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Male	48
Female	52

*N*= 1,729

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
White	61
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	10

*N*= 1,729

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Married	51
Not married	49

*N*= 1,729

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	27
College graduate or above	21
Post grad study/professional degree	14

*N*= 1,729

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N</i> =	1,729

### 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 August 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,729 completed the survey—1,641 via the web and 88 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 19.1 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 2.7 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.2 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

In addition, Asian, Black, and Hispanic respondents were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 318 completed interviews with Asian respondents is +/- 8.2 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect. The overall margin of sampling error for the 337 completed interviews with Black respondents is +/- 6.7 percentage points and for the 301 Hispanic respondents it is +/- 7.5 percentage points.

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 August 16, 2021, according to the CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker data.

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