



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.

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
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	39	61	*	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	44	55	1	1
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	46	53	*	1
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	54	44	1	1
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]

AP-NORC All adults	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
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	54	24	30	*	*	46	*	15	30	*	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	59	25	33	1	*	41	1	14	26	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	55	26	29	*	1	44	1	14	29	-	-
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	63	34	29	*	1	36	*	11	25	*	*
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	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	49	49	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	52	47	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	51	47	*	2
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	57	42	*	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	60	39	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	55	44	*	1
	The coronavirus pandemic	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	54	45	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)		66	33	1	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)		68	31	*	1
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)		71	27	*	1
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)		73	26	*	1
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)		70	29	*	1
National security		8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	52	46	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

FP1. Do you think the United States should take a more or less active role solving the world’s problems, or is its current role about right?

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019	AP-NORC 6/25-7/7/2015
A more active role	27	30	27
Its current role is about right	39	37	33
A less active role	32	31	38
DON'T KNOW	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,729</i>	<i>1,062</i>	<i>1,167</i>

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
North Korea’s nuclear program	8/12- 16/2021 (<i>N=1,729</i>)	47	20	27	35	17	14	3	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (<i>N=1,166</i>)	46	19	27	36	17	13	5	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (<i>N=1,353</i>)	53	25	27	30	17	12	5	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (<i>N=1,062</i>)	52	23	29	32	15	10	5	*	*
Iran’s nuclear program	8/12- 16/2021 (<i>N=1,729</i>)	48	21	28	35	15	12	3	1	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (<i>N=1,166</i>)	47	18	29	36	16	13	4	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (<i>N=1,353</i>)	56	28	28	28	15	11	4	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (<i>N=1,062</i>)	48	21	27	33	18	11	7	-	1

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very concerned NET	Extreme -ly concerned	Very concerned	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Russia's influence around the world	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	45	18	27	38	16	14	3	*	1
	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	*	*
China's influence around the world	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	57	29	28	29	12	10	2	*	1
	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 infectious diseases	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	65	34	30	22	12	9	3	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	58	27	31	29	11	9	2	*	1
	01/16- 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	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	53	33	20	22	24	15	9	*	1
	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

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very concerned NET	Extreme-ly concerned	Very concerned	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Climate change	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	52	29	23	25	21	14	8	1	1
Illegal immigration	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	45	27	18	28	26	19	7	*	1
	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	-	*
Cyber-attacks	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	67	32	35	25	6	5	1	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	68	32	36	24	8	6	2	*	*
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
The spread of mis-information	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	75	45	30	17	7	5	2	*	1

WTC1. The following are some examples of rights and freedoms listed in the Bill of Rights or that are protected under various American laws and court rulings. For each one, please select if you think the U.S. government is doing a good job, poor job, or neither a good nor poor job of protecting that particular right or freedom.¹

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Good job NET	Very good job	Somewhat good job	Neither a good nor poor job	Poor job NET	Somewhat poor job	Very poor job	DK	SKP/REF
The right to vote	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	43	15	28	20	37	22	14	*	*
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	70	33	37	14	15	10	6	*	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	70	46	24	7	22	8	14	1	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	84	60	24	5	11	6	5	*	-
The freedom of religion	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	51	24	27	26	22	12	10	-	*
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	55	23	33	17	27	16	11	1	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	67	42	25	9	21	8	13	1	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	75	45	30	9	16	8	9	*	*
The right of the people to assemble peacefully	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	42	12	31	26	31	19	12	-	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	65	36	30	9	25	12	13	1	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	75	38	36	13	12	7	5	*	-

¹ Table includes data from studies conducted in 2011 and 2013, where interviews were conducted via telephone in English and Spanish. 2011 and 2013 samples were drawn from landline and cell phone data from all 50 states in the U.S.

AP-NORC		Good job NET	Very good job	Somewhat good job	Neither a good nor poor job	Poor job NET	Somewhat poor job	Very poor job	DK	SKP/ REF
The freedom of speech	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	45	17	28	23	32	16	16	-	*
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	59	21	38	17	23	14	9	*	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	66	33	32	8	26	10	16	*	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	71	39	32	10	19	10	9	*	-
The right to trial by an impartial jury	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	44	11	33	33	23	14	9	*	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	61	29	32	13	23	12	10	2	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	67	35	33	13	19	12	7	2	*
The freedom of the press	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	44	13	31	29	26	15	12	*	1
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	58	22	36	23	18	11	6	1	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	60	30	30	10	28	13	15	1	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	63	36	28	13	22	10	11	2	*
The freedom from cruel and unusual punishment	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	39	12	27	36	23	13	10	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	58	28	30	13	25	11	14	2	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	60	32	28	16	22	13	9	2	*

AP-NORC		Good job NET	Very good job	Somewhat good job	Neither a good nor poor job	Poor job NET	Somewhat poor job	Very poor job	DK	SKP/REF
The right to keep and bear arms	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	35	12	23	28	36	20	16	*	*
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	38	13	26	23	38	21	18	1	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	44	21	24	13	41	14	27	1	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	57	28	30	12	27	14	14	3	*
The freedom from punishment without a trial	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	35	10	25	34	30	18	13	*	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	55	28	27	14	26	12	15	3	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	56	28	27	17	22	10	12	5	1
The right of everyone to equal protection under the law	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	27	6	21	24	49	28	21	-	*
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	40	10	30	20	39	23	16	1	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	43	16	27	10	46	21	25	1	-
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	48	18	30	13	37	19	18	2	1
The freedom from unreasonable search and seizure	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	31	8	22	32	36	22	14	*	1
	12/10-13/2015 (N=1,042)	40	9	31	26	32	19	13	1	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	40	14	27	16	40	18	22	3	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	45	19	26	19	32	16	17	4	*

AP-NORC		Good job NET	Very good job	Somewhat good job	Neither a good nor poor job	Poor job NET	Somewhat poor job	Very poor job	DK	SKP/REF
The right to privacy	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	26	6	20	27	47	27	20	*	*
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	34	11	23	8	58	18	40	*	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	40	13	27	16	44	18	26	1	-

WTC2. Do you think it is...²

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 12/10-13/2015	AP-NORC 8/12-29/2013	AP-NORC 7/28-8/15/2011
Sometimes necessary for the government to sacrifice some rights and freedoms to fight terrorism	54	54	59	64
Never necessary to sacrifice rights and freedoms to prevent terrorism	44	45	38	33
DON'T KNOW	*	1	2	2
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	2	1
N=	1,729	1,042	1,008	1,087

² Table includes data from studies conducted in 2011 and 2013, where interviews were conducted via telephone in English and Spanish. 2011 and 2013 samples were drawn from landline and cell phone data from all 50 states in the U.S.

WTC3. Now you will read a list of specific policy measures that some people have suggested the government should take on in response to threats against the United States. For each one, please select if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that particular policy.³

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Moderately favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Moderately oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Government listening without a warrant to any telephone calls made in countries outside the United States	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	28	8	20	27	44	19	25	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	49	24	25	14	36	18	19	*	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	49	24	25	17	34	19	14	1	*
Government monitoring without a warrant of searches on the Internet, including those by U.S. citizens, to watch for suspicious activities	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	27	8	19	21	51	22	28	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	41	20	20	8	50	21	29	1	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	48	23	25	14	37	17	21	1	*
Government reading without a warrant of any emails sent between people outside the United States	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	27	7	20	26	46	21	25	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	47	23	25	13	39	20	18	*	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	47	22	26	21	30	15	15	1	*
Government reading without a warrant of any emails sent in the United States	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	17	4	13	21	62	23	39	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	27	11	16	10	62	20	41	1	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	30	14	17	13	55	21	34	1	*

³ Table includes data from studies conducted in 2011 and 2013, where interviews were conducted via telephone in English and Spanish. 2011 and 2013 samples were drawn from landline and cell phone data from all 50 states in the U.S.

AP-NORC		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Moderately favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Moderately oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Government listening without a warrant to any telephone calls made in the United States	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	14	3	11	19	66	22	44	*	1
	8/12- 29/2013 (N=1,008)	20	8	12	8	71	19	52	*	*
	7/28- 8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	23	9	14	11	65	22	43	1	*
Government monitoring without a warrant of text messages and messaging apps, including those sent and received by U.S. citizens	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	16	4	12	21	63	23	40	*	1

WTC4. Now you will read a list of specific policy measures about things happening in public places that some people have suggested the government should take on in response to threats against the United States. For each one, please select if you favor, oppose or neither favor nor oppose that particular policy.⁴

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

		Favor NET	Strongly favor	Moderately favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Oppose NET	Moderately oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC										
The installation of surveillance cameras in public places to watch for suspicious activity	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	60	27	33	21	18	10	9	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	72	44	28	7	21	9	13	-	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	71	41	30	9	20	8	12	*	*
Requiring random searches involving full-body scans or pat downs of people boarding commercial airline flights in the U.S.	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	44	18	26	25	30	16	15	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	62	37	25	8	30	14	15	*	*
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	58	31	27	11	21	15	17	*	*
Using racial and ethnic profiling to decide who should get tougher screening at airports	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	15	5	11	23	61	20	41	*	1
	8/12-29/2013 (N=1,008)	25	14	11	9	65	15	49	*	1
	7/28-8/15/2011 (N=1,087)	35	18	17	11	53	14	39	1	1

⁴ Table includes data from studies conducted in 2011 and 2013, where interviews were conducted via telephone in English and Spanish. 2011 and 2013 samples were drawn from landline and cell phone data from all 50 states in the U.S.

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

EMPLOY1. Which of the following describes your current employment status?

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Working <u>remotely</u> – as a paid employee	11
Working <u>in-person</u> – as a paid employee	38
Working – self-employed	6
Not working – temporarily laid off or furloughed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	3
Not working – permanently laid off at any time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic	1
Not working – unemployed looking for work since before the COVID-19 pandemic	3
Not working – retired	24
Not working – disabled	6
Not working – other	7
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,729

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	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	41	22	19	29	30	21	9	-	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	27	14	13	27	45	29	16	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	21	10	11	25	54	34	20	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	24	10	14	29	47	31	15	-	*
	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	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	15	8	7	26	58	41	17	-	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	13	5	8	24	63	41	23	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	10	3	7	22	69	44	25	-	*

	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
4/29-5/3/2021 (N= 1,842)	9	3	6	21	70	42	27	-	*
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	*	*
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	-	*

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

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

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

AP-NORC		Always/ often NET	Always	Often	Some- times	Rarely/ never NET	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Avoiding nonessential travel	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	51	28	23	22	26	15	11	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	51	29	22	21	27	12	15	-	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	61	38	23	17	22	11	11	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	72	50	22	13	14	8	6	*	1
Staying away from large groups	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	58	30	28	22	19	10	10	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	57	33	25	20	22	11	11	-	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	68	43	25	16	16	8	8	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	77	55	23	13	9	5	4	-	1
Avoiding other people as much as possible	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	43	20	22	30	27	15	12	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	44	20	25	25	30	17	13	*	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	50	24	26	24	26	15	11	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	66	35	31	19	15	10	5	-	1
Wearing a face mask when you're around other people outside your home	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	51	30	20	20	29	17	12	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	56	37	19	18	25	13	12	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	78	56	22	12	10	5	5	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N= 1,434)	82	65	17	10	8	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
Strongly/Somewhat favor NET	55	75	72	75
Strongly favor	38	61	59	59
Somewhat favor	17	13	14	16
Neither favor nor oppose	18	11	12	11
Somewhat/Strongly oppose NET	26	15	16	13
Somewhat oppose	10	7	8	5
Strongly oppose	17	8	8	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	-	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,729</i>	<i>1,117</i>	<i>1,121</i>	<i>1,057</i>

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]

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP / REF
Employees working in person at your workplace ⁵	52	36	15	20	27	10	17	-	1
Teachers working at K-12 schools in person	59	43	16	18	22	7	15	-	1
Students ages 12 and older attending school in person	58	42	16	17	25	8	17	-	1
Workers who interact with the public, such as at restaurants and stores	62	45	17	19	19	6	13	*	1

N= 1,729

⁵ This item was only shown to respondents who indicated they were working in-person or remotely as a paid employee in EMPLOY1, N=897

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	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP / REF
Employees working in person at your workplace ⁶	50	39	11	23	26	5	21	-	1
Teachers working at K-12 schools in person	59	46	12	20	21	4	17	-	1
Students attending K-12 schools in person	55	41	14	20	24	6	19	-	1
Workers who interact with the public, such as at restaurants and stores	58	44	14	21	21	5	17	-	*
Hospital or other healthcare workers	62	52	10	18	19	6	13	-	1
Government workers	55	43	12	24	21	5	16	-	1
Members of the military	56	43	13	23	20	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	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP / REF
Attend crowded public events, like concerts, sporting events, or movies	56	41	15	17	27	5	22	-	*
Go out to a bar or restaurant	51	35	16	21	28	5	23	*	*
Travel on an airplane	57	45	13	17	25	5	21	-	*

N=1,729

⁶ This item was only shown to respondents who indicated they were working in-person or remotely as a paid employee in EMPLOY1, N=897

Show if working remotely or in-person as a paid employee in EMPLOY1

WORK1. Which of the following best describes your current work situation?

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Leave home to work in a hospital, a doctor's or dentist's office, or other medical facility	10
Leave home to work in a retail or service job	17
Leave home to work in some other type of workplace	49
Work from home, or telecommute, because of the coronavirus outbreak	16
Work from home and did so before the coronavirus outbreak	5
On leave	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

897

Show if working remotely or in-person as a paid employee or self-employed in EMPLOY1

WORK2. All in all, are satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, with your job?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Very/somewhat satisfied NET	67
Very satisfied	33
Somewhat satisfied	34
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	17
Very/somewhat dissatisfied	15
Somewhat dissatisfied	11
Very dissatisfied	4
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,014

Show if working remotely or in-person as a paid employee in EMPLOY1

WORK4. How important would you say it is for your employer to be doing each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	Extremely/ very important NET	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/not at all important NET	Not too important	Not at all important	DK	SKP /REF
Communicating updates on company practices	70	34	36	23	6	4	2	-	1
Ensuring the work environment meets public health guidelines	68	40	28	23	8	5	3	*	1
Expanding health care benefits	61	33	29	26	12	6	5	*	1
Expanding paid sick leave	57	31	27	27	15	9	6	-	1
Offering flexibility for parents and other caregivers	62	32	30	24	13	8	5	*	1
Offering counseling or other mental health resources	51	23	27	25	23	14	9	*	1
Offering competitive wages or salary	80	50	30	15	4	3	1	-	1
Offering flexible schedules or work-from-home options	55	31	24	24	20	10	10	-	1

N=897

Show if working remotely or in-person as a paid employee in EMPLOY1

WORK5. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, has your employer increased or decreased each of the following, or kept them about the same?

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

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	Increased a lot/ somewhat NET	Increased a lot	Increased somewhat	Stayed about the same	Decreased a lot/ somewhat NET	Decreased somewhat	Decreased a lot	DK	SKP /REF
Your wages or salary	27	3	24	65	7	5	2	-	1
Benefits	9	1	8	81	9	6	2	-	1
Flexibility in work arrangements and schedules	39	15	24	51	9	6	4	-	1

N=897

RELOP. What is your opinion of each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDMIZED]

AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	Not favorable at all/ not too favorable NET	Not favorable at all	Not too favorable	Very/ somewhat favorable NET	Somewhat favorable	Very favorable	DK	SKP/ REF
Islam	53	20	33	42	33	9	1	4
Judaism	33	11	22	62	44	18	1	4
Christianity	19	6	14	77	36	42	*	3
Atheism	52	28	24	43	30	13	1	4

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
Democrat NET	46
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	11
Independent/None – Don't lean	16
Republican NET	39
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	10
Strong Republican	17
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,729</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 8/12-16/2021
Liberal NET	21
Very liberal	9
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	49
Conservative NET	28
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,729</i>

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 (<i>N=1,729</i>)	71	29	-	1
7/15-19/2021 (<i>N=1,308</i>)	67	32	-	1
6/10-14/2021 (<i>N=1,125</i>)	64	36	*	*
4/29-5/3/2021 ⁷ (<i>N=1,842</i>)	64	35	*	*
3/25-29/2021 ⁷ (<i>N=1,166</i>)	41	59	-	*
2/25-3/1/2021 ⁷ (<i>N=1,434</i>)	22	77	-	1
1/28-2/1/2021 ⁷ (<i>N=1,055</i>)	13	86	-	*

⁷ Prior to June 2021, question read: Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

WAGE1. If you were offered a new job, what is the lowest wage or salary you would be willing to accept? Please enter a number only. You can answer in dollars per hour or per year.

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021
Would not take a new job for any wage or salary	16	16	18
Less than \$15 an hour	10	13	11
\$15 to under \$20 an hour	19	17	19
\$20 to under \$25 an hour	9	8	8
\$25 an hour or more	12	10	10
Less than \$50,000 a year	5	5	4
\$50,000 to under \$75,000 a year	10	10	9
\$75,000 to under \$100,000 a year	7	5	6
\$100,000 to under \$150,000 a year	5	6	5
\$150,000 or more a year	4	5	3
DON'T KNOW	*	1	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3	4	5
N=	1,729	1,308	1,125

If respondent provided a valid monetary response for WAGE1:

WAGE2. In the last month, have you seen any available jobs that you think you could be hired for but are not willing to apply for, or not?

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021
Yes	34	34	29
No	64	65	68
DON'T KNOW	*	*	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	3
N=	1,446	1,105	556

If No in WAGE2:

WAGE3. Which of the following best describes why you are not willing to apply for those jobs?

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021
The wages are too low	18	18	22
Not interested in the type of work	20	22	23
The schedule or location doesn't work for me	25	19	20
Some other reason	36	41	35
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	-
N=	527	380	176

WAGE4. Are you or someone in your household currently receiving unemployment benefits?

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021	AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021
I am	4	4	4
I am not, but someone else in my household is	4	5	4
No	92	90	91
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	1	1
N=	1,729	1,308	1,125

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)	20	3	18	79	30	49	-	1
7/15-19/2021 (N=427)	19	3	16	81	35	45	*	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=311)	23	7	15	75	29	46	2	1
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=583)	38	11	27	61	27	34	*	*
3/25-29/2021 (N=637)	57	30	27	43	23	20	-	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,103)	61	38	22	39	20	20	*	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=914)	62	40	22	37	20	17	*	*

Combined VAX3 and APVAX7:

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

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 8/12-16/2021
Married	51
Not married	49
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,729</i>

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
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,729</i>

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>	<i>1,729</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 August 12th and 16th, 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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