



The October 2021 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 10/21-25/2021

1,083 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.0 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
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	32	67	1	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	34	64	*	1
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]

	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											
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	48	17	31	*	1	51	*	17	34	*	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	50	18	31	1	1	49	*	17	32	*	*
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	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	41	58	1	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	47	51	1	1
	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	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	54	45	*	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	57	43	*	1
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	54	45	*	1
	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
Health care	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	50	49	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	57	42	1	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	53	45	*	3
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	62	35	1	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	62	36	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	58	41	*	1

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Immigration	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	36	63	*	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	35	64	1	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	40	59	-	2
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	43	54	1	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	42	56	*	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
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	35	2	20	13	*	65	12	33	19	-	-
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	45	2	27	16	-	54	17	25	12	*	-
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	-	-

	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
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

B2A. And how would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days? Would you say...?

If neither good nor poor, don't know, Skipped, or Refused in B2A:

B2B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC All adults	Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Somewhat poor	Very poor	DK	SKP/ REF
10/21- 25/2021 (N=1,083)	65	13	33	19	1	34	12	15	7	-	-
2/25- 3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	67	13	37	18	*	32	12	14	6	-	*
10/8- 12/2020 (N=1,121)	65	14	35	16	*	34	12	15	8	-	*
9/11- 14/2020 (N=1,108)	65	15	31	18	*	35	13	17	5	-	*

AP-NORC All adults	Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Somewhat poor	Very poor	DK	SKP/ REF
8/17- 19/2020 (N=1,075)	63	13	34	17	*	36	12	18	6	*	*
7/16- 20/2020 (N=1,057)	65	14	34	17	*	35	14	15	6	-	-
6/11- 15/2020 (N=1,310)	66	14	36	16	1	32	12	14	7	-	1
5/14- 18/2020 (N=1,056)	66	15	32	20	*	33	10	16	7	-	1
4/16- 20/2020 (N=1,057)	64	14	31	18	*	36	10	17	8	-	-
3/26- 29/2020 (N=1,057)	62	11	34	17	*	38	10	19	9	-	*
1/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	69	18	37	15	*	31	9	14	7	-	*
9/20- 23/2019 (N=1,286)	64	19	32	14	*	35	13	14	8	*	*
6/13- 17/2019 (N=1,116)	67	15	37	15	*	32	12	15	5	-	1

BB2. In the next year, do you think each of the following will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	26	4	22	24	48	28	21	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	43	11	33	23	34	20	14	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	45	10	36	19	36	21	14	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	45	8	37	20	35	23	12	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	41	11	30	29	29	19	10	1	1
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	9	27	24	40	26	14	*	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	36	9	28	24	38	25	13	*	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	36	9	27	24	38	25	13	1	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	42	13	29	19	38	28	10	1	*
	3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	39	12	27	24	37	23	14	*	*
	1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	30	7	23	35	34	24	11	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	28	8	20	30	42	29	13	*	*
	9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	30	9	21	28	41	27	14	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	27	9	19	28	44	29	15	*	1
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	22	6	17	25	52	30	22	*	1
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	32	9	23	25	42	25	17	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	30	10	20	25	45	31	15	*	*
	4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	32	9	22	22	46	29	17	-	*
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	32	8	24	22	45	26	19	1	*	

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The national economy	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	30	4	26	23	47	27	20	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	44	7	37	23	32	19	12	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	44	6	38	19	36	22	14	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	41	7	34	23	35	24	12	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	43	12	32	27	28	21	8	*	1
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	41	13	28	23	35	25	10	*	1
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	43	13	29	21	35	26	1	*	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	41	14	27	17	40	27	14	1	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	45	14	31	17	37	24	13	*	*
	3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	40	13	27	22	37	23	14	*	*
	1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	34	9	25	41	24	18	6	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	31	10	21	36	32	24	8	*	*
	9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	33	11	22	30	35	24	11	1	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	28	9	19	37	34	25	9	*	1
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	27	9	18	27	44	27	18	1	1
	12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	33	11	22	31	35	26	10	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	36	12	25	31	31	24	8	*	1
	4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	36	11	25	31	33	23	10	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	37	11	26	30	32	24	8	*	1

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
Your own personal finances	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	33	7	25	43	24	18	6	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	40	7	32	46	13	10	4	*	1
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	34	6	28	48	18	13	5	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	32	7	25	49	19	15	5	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	11	27	48	13	9	4	-	1
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	33	9	24	51	16	12	4	-	1
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	38	10	28	46	15	12	3	*	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	37	10	27	44	17	13	4	1	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	8	28	46	17	15	3	*	1
	3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	39	10	29	42	19	13	6	-	*
	1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	42	11	31	45	12	9	3	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	37	12	26	48	14	9	4	*	*
	9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	41	8	33	44	15	10	5	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	37	11	26	48	13	9	4	*	1
	1/16-20//2019 (N=1,062)	33	8	24	45	21	13	9	-	1
	12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	35	10	25	44	20	14	6	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	37	10	27	45	17	13	4	-	1
	4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	37	11	26	46	18	14	4	-	*
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	39	10	29	42	18	13	5	*	*	

BUDGET1. If you had to choose, would you favor a smaller government providing fewer services or a bigger government providing more services?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Smaller government providing fewer services	47
Bigger government providing more services	52
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N=	1,083

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

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		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
The coronavirus	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	25	13	13	32	43	27	16	-	-
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	33	16	17	36	31	20	11	-	*
	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	*	*

AP-NORC		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
The coronavirus	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	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	14	7	8	26	60	39	21	-	*
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	12	4	8	31	57	39	18	-	*
	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	-	*
	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

AP-NORC		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
The flu	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	-	*

BUDGET3. How much would you say you know about the proposed spending package being negotiated in Congress?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
A lot/Some NET	42
A lot	9
Some	34
Only a little/Nothing at all NET	57
Only a little	34
Nothing at all	23
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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BUDGET4. As you may know, President Biden proposed a 3.5 trillion-dollar package with funding for new and expanded government programs, and Congress is currently negotiating what should be included and how much should be spent. Do you think funding for programs related to each of the following should be a high priority, a moderate priority or a low priority?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	A high priority	A moderate priority	A low priority	DK	SKP/ REF
Health care	64	28	8	-	*
Child care	40	40	20	*	*
Education	59	31	9	*	*
Paid family leave	27	44	29	*	*
Climate change	46	26	27	-	1

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BUDGET5. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of how each of the following is handling negotiations over the spending package?

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

AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	Strongly/ Somewhat approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Strongly/ Somewhat disapprove NET	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
President Biden	36	11	24	23	41	11	30	*	*
Democrats in Congress	30	7	23	25	44	18	25	*	1
Republicans in Congress	18	6	12	32	49	19	30	1	1

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RELIG1. How important is religion to you?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Extremely/Very important NET	45
Extremely important	26
Very important	19
Somewhat important	23
Not very important/ Not important at all NET	31
Not very important	15
Not important at all	17
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

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CONNECT. How connected do you feel with each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	Extremely/ Very connected NET	Extremely connected	Very connected	Somewhat connected	Not very/Not at all connected	Not very connected	Not at all connected	DK	SKP/ REF
The natural world	35	11	23	46	19	14	5	*	*
God or a higher power	53	26	27	21	26	10	15	-	*
Your community	20	5	15	48	32	22	10	-	-
Your family and friends	67	26	42	25	8	6	2	*	*
Your spirituality	49	21	28	28	23	13	10	*	*

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RELIG2. In general, how much trust do you have in religious or spiritual leaders?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
A lot/Some NET	61
A lot	17
Some	44
Not much/Not at all NET	39
Not much	23
Not at all	16
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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RELIG3. In 2019, how often, if at all, did you do each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Several times a week/ Every week NET	Several times a week	Every week	A few times a month	Less than once a month/ Never NET	Less than once a month	Never	DK	SKP / REF
Attended religious services <u>in-person</u> at a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	22	4	18	10	67	21	46	-	*
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	21	7	15	11	68	16	51	-	*
Watched live streaming religious services online	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	12	5	7	11	77	17	60	-	*
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	16	6	10	12	72	12	60	*	*
Prayed privately outside of a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	48	37	11	12	39	10	29	-	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	46	35	12	13	40	9	31	-	*
Participated in informal religious or spiritual activities or gatherings in your or someone else's home or another setting outside a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	11	4	7	10	78	16	61	-	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	11	4	7	9	79	12	67	*	*
Participated in an online prayer or other religious or spiritual group activity	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	13	4	9	8	79	12	67	-	1
Talked over the phone or a video conference with a religious or spiritual leader	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	5	2	2	6	89	10	79	-	*
Meditated	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	22	14	8	18	60	20	41	-	*
Read spiritual texts such as the Bible, Torah or Quran privately outside of a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	27	16	11	11	62	19	44	-	*

RELIG4. In the last few months, how often have you done each of the following?¹

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Several times a week/ Every week NET	Several times a week	Every week	A few times a month	Less than once a month/ Never NET	Less than once a month	Never	DK	SKP /REF
Attended religious services <u>in-person</u> at a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	21	6	14	7	72	16	56	*	*
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	5	1	4	5	90	5	84	*	*
Watched live streaming religious services online	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	14	6	8	11	75	14	60	*	*
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	27	10	16	11	62	8	54	*	*
Prayed privately outside of a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	46	36	9	12	42	9	33	*	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	47	37	10	12	40	7	33	*	*
Participated in informal religious or spiritual activities or gatherings in your or someone else's home or another setting outside a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	10	5	5	10	80	13	67	*	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=1,002)	8	4	4	4	88	6	82	-	*
Participated in an online prayer or other religious or spiritual group activity	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	12	6	6	8	80	10	70	*	*
Talked over the phone or a video conference with a religious or spiritual leader	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	8	4	3	6	86	8	77	*	1
Meditated	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	24	17	7	16	59	15	44	*	1
Read spiritual texts such as the Bible, Torah or Quran privately outside of a congregation	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	27	19	8	11	61	14	47	*	*

¹ April 2020 question read: "Since the coronavirus outbreak began in the U.S., how often have you done each of the following?"

RELIG5. Which of the following statements best describes your views about God:

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	AP-NORC 4/30-5/4/2020
I believe in God today and <u>did</u> before the coronavirus pandemic	79	80
I believe in God today but <u>did not</u> before the coronavirus pandemic	1	2
I do not believe in God today but <u>did</u> before the coronavirus pandemic	2	*
I do not believe in God today and <u>did not</u> before the coronavirus pandemic	17	17
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1
<i>N=</i>	1,083	1,002

If currently believes in God, used to believe in God, or DK/SKP/REF:

RELIG6. Thinking about the coronavirus pandemic, do you feel each of the following or not?

AP-NORC		Yes NET	Yes, strongly	Yes, somewhat	No	DK	SKP/ REF
God will protect me from being infected	10/21-25/2021 (N=893)	53	22	31	46	1	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=828)	55	26	29	43	2	1
God has abandoned humanity	10/21-25/2021 (N=893)	11	4	8	88	*	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=828)	9	2	7	89	1	1
Doubt that God exists	10/21-25/2021 (N=893)	13	4	9	86	-	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=828)	14	6	8	86	*	1
God is telling humanity to change how we are living	10/21-25/2021 (N=893)	66	36	30	33	*	1
	4/30-5/4/2020 (N=828)	63	31	31	35	2	*

RELIG7. Would you say the coronavirus pandemic has made your sense of religious faith or spirituality stronger, weaker, or has it remained the same?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	AP-NORC 4/30-5/4/2020
Stronger	24	26
Weaker	4	1
Remained the same	72	73
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>	<i>1,002</i>

RELIG8. For each of the following, please say if it has happened in recent months, or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
You've spoken directly with a religious or spiritual leader about COVID-19 vaccines	9	90	-	*
You've heard a religious or spiritual leader discuss COVID-19 vaccines at a religious service	20	80	-	*

N=1,083

If spoken with or heard a religious leader discuss the COVID-19 vaccines

RELIG9. Did a religious or spiritual leader recommend that you:

AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Should get a COVID-19 vaccine	50	49	-	1
Should <u>NOT</u> get a COVID-19 vaccine	15	82	-	3

N=245

If spoken with or heard a religious leader discuss the COVID-19 vaccines

RELIG10. In deciding whether to get vaccinated, how important to you was the message you heard from a religious or spiritual leader?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Important NET	40
The single most important factor	13
An important, but not the most important	27
A minor factor/Not a factor NET	60
A minor factor	18
Not a factor	42
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	245

RELIG11. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your beliefs?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019
Religious but not spiritual	8	9
Spiritual but not religious	26	29
Both religious and spiritual	46	43
Neither religious nor spiritual	19	18
DON'T KNOW	*	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*
<i>N=</i>	1,083	1,053

RELIG12. When you were growing up, how important was religion to your family?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Extremely/Very important NET	52
Extremely important	24
Very important	27
Somewhat important	26
Not very important/Not important at all NET	23
Not very important	13
Not important at all	9
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	1,083

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Protestant	26
Roman Catholic	19
Mormon	2
Orthodox	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	5
Agnostic	5
Nothing in particular	12
Just Christian	21
Unitarian	1
Something else	4
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,083

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 10/21-25/2021
Yes	38
No	61
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 10/21-25/2021
Democrat NET	43
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	9
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	37
Lean Republican	10
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	16
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</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 10/21-25/2021
Liberal NET	24
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	48
Conservative NET	27
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

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

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Urban	25
Suburban	47
Rural	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

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

AP-NORC	Yes	No	DK	SKIP/ REF
10/21-25/2021 (<i>N=1,083</i>)	78	21	-	1
9/23-27/2021 (<i>N=1,099</i>)	76	24	1	*
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 ² (<i>N=1,842</i>)	64	35	*	*
3/25-29/2021 (<i>N=1,166</i>)	41	59	-	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (<i>N=1,434</i>)	22	77	-	1
1/28-2/1/2021 (<i>N=1,055</i>)	13	86	-	*

If Yes in VAX3:

VAX53. Once people are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, some people will get an additional dose called a booster. Have you received a COVID-19 booster vaccine?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Yes	19
No	81
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>825</i>

² Prior to June 2021, question read: Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?

If No or Refused in VAX53:

VAX46. How likely are you to get a COVID-19 booster vaccine once it is recommended for you?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Definitely/Probably will get a booster vaccine NET	64
Definitely will get a booster vaccine	48
Probably will get a booster vaccine	16
Not sure about getting a booster vaccine	20
Probably/Definitely will not get a booster vaccine NET	16
Probably <u>will not</u> get a booster vaccine	10
Definitely <u>will not</u> get a booster vaccine	6
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>682</i>

If Yes in VAX53

VAX47. How important do you think getting a COVID-19 booster vaccine is to protect yourself against COVID-19?

If No or DK/SKP/REF in VAX53

VAX47. If boosters are recommended for you, how important do you think getting a COVID-19 booster vaccine is to protect yourself against COVID-19?³

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	AP-NORC 9/23-27/2021
Not at all important	9	6
A little important	16	15
Moderately important	22	25
Very important	52	54
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>825</i>	<i>1,099</i>

³ In September 2021, question read: If boosters are recommended for you, how important do you think getting a COVID-19 booster vaccine is to protect yourself against COVID-19?

ECO1. Thinking about your financial situation, how confident are you that...?

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

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/ Not at all confi- dent NET	Not very confident	Not at all confident	DK	SKP /REF
You would be able to find a good job if you wanted to	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	36	17	20	35	27	16	12	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	25	7	19	35	39	21	18	*	*
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	30	12	18	35	33	19	14	*	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	28	8	20	35	35	21	14	1	1
You will have enough savings for retirement	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	26	13	12	31	43	22	20	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	24	8	15	30	46	23	24	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	18	7	12	30	52	24	28	-	*
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	21	8	13	33	44	20	24	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	20	7	13	32	47	22	24	1	1
You can keep up with your expenses	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	45	20	25	34	20	13	7	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	44	16	28	37	19	14	5	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	36	11	24	40	24	15	9	-	*
	06/13-17/2019	40	16	24	41	19	12	7	-	1
You would be able to pay an unexpected bill of \$1,000	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	49	30	20	19	32	12	19	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	42	23	19	22	36	18	18	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	36	20	16	25	39	14	26	-	*
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	40	23	17	22	37	15	22	*	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	41	23	18	20	39	18	21	*	*

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/ Not at all confident NET	Not very confident	Not at all confident	DK	SKP /REF
You would be able to pay an unexpected medical expense	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	33	15	18	27	39	21	18	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	28	11	17	29	43	23	19	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	24	8	16	31	45	21	24	-	*
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	23	8	14	34	43	22	21	*	*

DST. As you may know, daylight saving time is the practice of setting clocks one hour later in the summer, so that the sun rises and sets one hour later than it would during standard time. During standard time, the sun rises and sets one hour earlier than during daylight saving time. Would you prefer to use daylight saving time all year round, standard time all year round, or switch back and forth between them?

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	AP-NORC 10/24-28/2019
Daylight Saving all year	32	31
Standard Time all year	43	40
Switch back and forth	25	28
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1
N=	1,083	1,075

HALL2. Please indicate whether you plan to do each of the following to celebrate Halloween, or not?

Please select all that apply.

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021	AP-NORC 10/24-28/2019
Wear a costume	21	25
Dress your children in costumes	19	22
Display Halloween decorations in your home or yard	29	36
Take children trick or treating	16	25
Attend a Halloween party	16	25
Pass out candy to children trick-o-treating at your house	35	42
Pass out healthy snacks instead of candy to children trick-or-treating at your house	4	7
Carve a pumpkin	24	28
Watch a scary movie	28	32
Dress up a pet in costume	9	11
None of the above	35	24
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>	<i>1,075</i>

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
10/21-25/2021 (N=251)	16	4	12	81	25	57	-	2
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	24	4	20	76	31	45	-	*
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:

AP-NORC	Already received the vaccine	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	SKP /REF
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	79	3	1	3	17	5	12	-	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	76	6	1	5	18	7	11	1	-
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 10/21-25/2021
18-29	20
30-44	26
45-59	23
60+	30
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

GENDER

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Married	55
Not married	45
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Employed	58
Not employed	42
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,083</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	27
College graduate or above	20
Post grad study/professional degree	15

N= 1,083

INCOME

	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	13
\$150,000 or more	10

N= 1,083

Study Methodology

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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 October 21st and 25th, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,083 completed the survey—1,008 via the web and 75 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.4 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.5 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-4.0 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 aged 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 October 25, 2021, according to the CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker data.

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