The September 2021 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 9/23-27/2021
1,099 adults
Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.2 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...  

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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?

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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?

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COR8. How much do you trust each of the following sources for information about coronavirus vaccines?

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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.

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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:

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

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RELG. What is your present religion, if any?

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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?

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

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If Yes in VAX3:

VAX46. Once people are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, some people will get an additional dose called a booster. How likely are you to get a COVID-19 booster vaccine once it becomes available to you?

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¹ Prior to June 2021, question read: Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine?
If Yes in VAX3:
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?

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If No or Refused in VAX3:
APVAX7. Will you...

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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 September 23rd and 27th, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,099 completed the survey—1,036 via the web and 63 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.7 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 2.5 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-4.2 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 September 27, 2021, according to the CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker data.

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