

The January 2022 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 1/13-18/2022

1,161 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.8 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
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	26	74	*	*
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	33	66	1	1
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]

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approv e NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	43	13	30	*	1	56	1	19	36	-	1
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	48	18	30	*	1	51	*	20	30	-	*
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	1/13-18/2022 (n=1,161)	37	62	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	41	57	*	1
	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	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	45	54	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	57	42	*	1
	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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Foreign policy	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	42	56	*	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	54	41	2	3
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	55	43	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	44	54	1	2
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	43	54	1	2
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	47	51	*	2
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	50	47	*	3
Gun Policy	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	35	64	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	36	61	1	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	48	49	1	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	45	52	*	2
Health care	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	43	55	*	1
	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

		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Immigration	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	39	59	*	2
	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
Race Relations	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	44	54	*	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	61	36	1	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	61	38	*	1
Climate Change	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	48	50	*	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	52	46	1	2

DIV4. How well would you say democracy is working in the United States these days?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022	AP-NORC 7/15- 19/2021	AP-NORC 1/28- 2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08- 12/2020
Extremely/very well NET	8	15	16	14
Extremely well	2	4	2	3
Very well	7	11	14	11
Somewhat well	38	41	38	39
Not very well/Not well at all NET	53	44	45	47
Not very well	36	32	32	34
Not at all well	17	12	14	14
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*	*	*

N=

1,161

1,308

1,055

1,121

OFAV. For each of the following individuals, please indicate if you have an unfavorable or favorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.

AP-NORC 1/13- 18/2022		Very/some what unfavorable NET	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very/ somewhat favorable NET	Somewhat favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SK P/ RE F
Joe Biden	1/13- 18/2020 (N= 1,161)	50	32	17	47	27	20	3	*
	7/15- 19/2021 (N= 1,308)	41	26	16	56	28	28	2	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	39	26	13	57	21	36	4	*
	02/13- 16/2020 (N=1,074)	48	27	21	41	29	11	11	*
	10/24- 28/2019 (N=1,075)	42	23	19	44	30	15	11	2
Kamala Harris	1/13- 18/2020 (N= 1,161)	45	32	13	43	27	16	12	*
	7/15- 19/2021 (N= 1,308)	42	29	13	50	28	22	8	*
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	39	27	12	51	19	32	10	*
	10/24- 28/2019 (N=1,075)	35	23	13	30	23	8	32	2
Donald Trump	1/13- 18/2020 (N= 1,161)	63	51	12	34	18	16	3	-
	7/15- 19/2021 (N= 1,308)	60	50	10	37	17	20	2	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	61	48	12	36	18	19	3	*
	02/13- 16/2020 (N=1,074)	53	42	11	43	17	26	4	*
	10/24- 28/2019 (N=1,075)	55	46	9	40	12	28	3	1
	8/11- 14/2016 (N=1,096)	71	11	59	23	7	16	6	*

JRB1. Overall, would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were when Joe Biden became president in 2021, or has there not been much difference?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Much better off/somewhat better off NET	24
Much better off	9
Somewhat better off	15
Not much difference	43
Somewhat worse off/much worse off NET	33
Somewhat worse off	21
Much worse off	12
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

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JRB2. Overall, would you say that the country as a whole is better off or worse off than it was when Joe Biden became president in 2021, or has there not been much difference?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Much better off/somewhat better off NET	33
Much better off	10
Somewhat better off	23
Not much difference	22
Somewhat worse off/much worse off NET	44
Somewhat worse off	20
Much worse off	24
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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JRB3. Do you think Joe Biden's presidency has made the country more united, more divided, or neither more united nor more divided?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Much more united/somewhat more united NET	16
Much more united	3
Somewhat more united	13
Neither more united nor more divided	42
Much more divided/somewhat more divided NET	43
Somewhat more divided	20
Much more divided	23
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

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JRB4. Would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence or hardly any confidence, hardly any confidence, only some confidence, or a great deal of confidence in Joe Biden's ability to:

AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022		A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Effectively manage the White House	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	28	33	38	*	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	44	29	27	*	*
Work with Republicans in Congress	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	10	38	51	*	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	20	45	36	*	*
Work with Democrats in Congress	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	30	46	23	*	1
Effectively manage the military	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	25	36	38	*	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	35	32	32	*	*
Effectively manage government spending	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	17	37	45	*	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	24	35	40	-	*
Incorporate the advice of his advisers and experts into his decision making	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	31	37	31	*	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	47	32	21	*	-
Promote the U.S. standing in the world	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	26	34	38	*	1
Get the country through the pandemic	1/13-18/2020 (N= 1,161)	23	38	37	*	1

JRB5. Please indicate how well each of the following words or phrases describes Joe Biden.

AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022	Extremely /very well NET	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Not very well/Not well at all NET	Not very well	Not well at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Honest	33	16	17	26	40	16	24	*	1
Disciplined	32	12	19	29	38	17	21	*	1
Strong leader	25	7	17	27	48	18	30	-	1
Stands up for what he believes in	36	17	20	33	30	13	17	*	1

N= 1,161

JRB6. How well do you think that Joe Biden understands the needs and problems of people like you?

	AP-NORC 9/28-10/2/2017
Extremely/very well NET	24
Extremely well	8
Very well	16
Moderately well	25
Not very well/Not well at all NET	51
Not very well	21
Not well at all	30
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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JRB7. Has Joe Biden done a better job or a worse job as president than you expected he would do, or has he done about as expected?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Much better/somewhat better NET	14
Much better	5
Somewhat better	9
About the same	46
Somewhat worse/much worse NET	39
Somewhat worse	19
Much worse	20
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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KH1. Has Kamala Harris done a better job or a worse job as vice president than you expected she would do, or has she done about as expected?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Much better/somewhat better NET	11
Much better	3
Somewhat better	8
About as expected	47
Somewhat worse/much worse NET	41
Somewhat worse	17
Much worse	24
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N= 1,161

REELECT. Would you like to see each of the following individuals run for president in 2024, or not?

AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Joe Biden	28	70	*	1
Donald Trump	27	72	-	1

N=1,161

JRB8. How confident are you that Joe Biden:

AP-NORC 1/13- 18/2022	Extremely confident/very Confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat Confident	Not very confident/not at all confident NET	Not very confident	Not at all Confident	DK	SKP/REF
Has the mental capability to serve effectively as president	28	11	17	25	47	18	29	-	1
Is healthy enough to serve effectively as president	25	10	16	28	46	19	27	-	1

N=1,161

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 1/13-18/2022
Democrat NET	47
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	18
Lean Democrat	11
Independent/None – Don't lean	17
Republican NET	36
Lean Republican	11
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	13

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1,161

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 1/13-18/2022
Liberal NET	22
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	49
Conservative NET	28
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,161

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

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Urban area	23
Suburban area	48
Rural area	29
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,161</i>

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Protestant	28
Roman Catholic	18
Mormon	2
Orthodox	*
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Buddhist	2
Hindu	1
Atheist	5
Agnostic	6
Nothing in particular	17
Just Christian	16
Unitarian	*
Something else	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,161</i>

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 1/13-18/2022
Yes	35
No	65
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>801</i>

GENDER

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,161</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N= 1,161

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Married	52
Not married	48

N= 1,161

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Employed	57
Not employed	43

N= 1,161

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	27
College graduate or above	24
Post grad study/professional degree	11

N= 1,161

INCOME

	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	9

N= 1,161

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 January 13 and 18, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,161 completed the survey—1,098 via the web and 63 by telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The final stage completion rate is 19.0 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 17.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.6 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.5 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.8 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 37 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

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 weighted to match the average of self-identified party identification in the previous two waves of the AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey and this current survey.

Complete questions and results are available at: apnorc.org

Additional information on the AmeriSpeak Panel methodology is available at: <https://amerispeak.norc.org/about-amerispeak/Pages/Panel-Design.aspx>.

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