



# The February 2022 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 2/18-21/2022*

*1,289 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

**CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...?**

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Foreign policy	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	44	55	*	1
	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
The U.S. relationship with Russia	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	43	56	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	49	47	1	3
Supreme Court nominations <sup>1</sup>	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	53	45	1	1
	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	44	55	1	*
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	59	*	1
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	49	-	*

<sup>1</sup> Past questions asked of President Trump

**AP1. Next, we will ask you about some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?**

**[GRID OPTIONS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC <sup>2</sup>		A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP /REF
Military	2/18-21/2022(N=1,289)	42	47	11	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	53	37	9	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	54	38	7	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	56	37	6	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	56	37	7	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	48	45	6	*	1
Congress	2/18-21/2022(N=1,289)	6	48	46	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	5	47	48	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	8	49	43	-	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	6	53	40	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	4	48	46	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	4	46	50	*	1
Supreme Court	2/18-21/2022(N=1,289)	21	55	24	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	21	61	17	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	28	58	14	-	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	24	59	15	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	24	58	17	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	26	59	14	1	1
The executive branch of the federal government	2/18-21/2022(N=1,289)	15	52	33	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	18	46	35	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	17	48	35	*	1
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	14	48	37	1	*
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	15	50	33	*	1
U.S. government's intelligence gathering agencies	2/18-21/2022(N=1,289)	23	52	24	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	23	56	19	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	27	55	18	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	29	52	17	1	1
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC	2/18-21/2022(N=1,289)	31	43	26	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	27	51	22	*	*

<sup>2</sup> Previous surveys also included the U.S. Postal Service (09/20) and 'banks and financial institutions' (09/20, 02/20, 06/17, 02-03/18) as question items.

**FP2. How personally concerned are you that each of the following poses a direct threat to the United States?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Extremely /Very concerned NET</b>	Extreme -ly concerned	Very concerned	<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>Not very/ Not concerned at all NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
North Korea's nuclear program	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>45</b>	18	27	<b>35</b>	<b>19</b>	14	5	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>47</b>	20	27	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	14	3	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>46</b>	19	27	<b>36</b>	<b>17</b>	13	5	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>53</b>	25	27	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	12	5	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>52</b>	23	29	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	10	5	*	*
Iran's nuclear program	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>43</b>	18	24	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	15	5	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>48</b>	21	28	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>	12	3	1	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>47</b>	18	29	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	13	4	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>56</b>	28	28	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	11	4	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>48</b>	21	27	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	11	7	-	1

		<b>Extremely /Very concerned NET</b>	Extreme -ly concerned	Very concerned	<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>Not very/ Not concerned at all NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Russia's influence around the world	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>53</b>	21	32	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	11	3	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>45</b>	18	27	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	14	3	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>44</b>	16	28	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>	13	5	*	*
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>50</b>	23	27	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	15	4	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>47</b>	23	24	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	14	5	*	*
China's influence around the world	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>59</b>	27	32	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	7	3	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>57</b>	29	28	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	10	2	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>54</b>	27	28	<b>31</b>	<b>13</b>	10	3	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>48</b>	21	28	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	12	3	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>40</b>	15	26	<b>39</b>	<b>19</b>	15	4	*	1
The spread of infectious diseases	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>48</b>	20	28	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	14	5	-	1
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>65</b>	34	30	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	9	3	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>58</b>	27	31	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	9	2	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>54</b>	22	32	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	11	3	*	*
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>45</b>	17	28	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	17	4	-	1

		<b>Extremely /Very concerned NET</b>	Extreme -ly concerned	Very concerned	<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>Not very/ Not concerned at all NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Climate change	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>50</b>	29	21	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	13	11	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>53</b>	33	20	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	15	9	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>50</b>	26	24	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	17	7	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>56</b>	34	22	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	12	8	*	1
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>52</b>	29	23	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	14	8	1	1
Illegal immigration	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>38</b>	24	14	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	23	11	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>45</b>	27	18	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	19	7	*	1
	03/25- 29/2021 (N=1,166)	<b>45</b>	24	21	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	20	7	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>43</b>	22	21	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	22	10	*	1
	1/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>40</b>	20	20	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	23	9	-	*
Cyber- attacks	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>63</b>	31	32	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	4	1	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>67</b>	32	35	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	5	1	*	1
	01/16- 21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>68</b>	32	36	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	6	2	*	*
Extremist groups based inside the United States	2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>63</b>	37	26	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	8	2	*	*
	8/12- 16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>65</b>	34	31	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>	8	2	*	1

		<b>Extremely /Very concerned NET</b>	Extreme -ly concern ed	Very concern -ed	<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>Not very/ Not concerned at all NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Extremist groups based outside the United States	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>45</b>	19	26	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>	13	2	*	*
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>50</b>	21	29	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>	11	2	*	1
The spread of mis-information	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>75</b>	46	28	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	5	3	*	*
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>75</b>	45	30	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	5	2	*	1

Now, we’d like to get your thoughts on a different topic.

SC3. How important is it to you personally that a Black woman becomes a Supreme Court justice?

[HALF SHOWN RESPONSES IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 2/XX-XX/2022
<b>Extremely/very important NET</b>	<b>29</b>
Extremely important	13
Very important	16
<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Not very important/not important at all NET</b>	<b>48</b>
Not very important	16
Not important at all	32
DON’T KNOW	*
REFUSED/ SKIPPED ON WEB	*

N=1,289

RUS1. How much have you heard or read about Russia’s increased military presence near Ukraine?

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
<b>A lot/Some</b>	<b>75</b>
A lot	46
Some	29
<b>Only a little/nothing at all NET</b>	<b>24</b>
Only a little	16
Nothing at all	8
DON’T KNOW	-
REFUSED/ SKIPPED ON WEB	*

N=1,289

**RUS2. How much of a role do you think the U.S. should have in the situation between Russia and Ukraine?**

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
A major role	26
A minor role	52
No role	20
DON'T KNOW	*
REFUSED/ SKIPPED ON WEB	1

*N=1,289*

**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 2/18-21/2022
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	10
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	17

*N=*

*1,289*



**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 2/18-21/2022
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>23</b>
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	11
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>29</b>
Somewhat conservative	15
Very conservative	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,289

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

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Urban area	23
Suburban area	48
Rural area	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,289

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

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Protestant	29
Roman Catholic	16
Mormon	1
Orthodox	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	5
Agnostic	6
Nothing in particular	13
Just Christian	19
Unitarian	1
Something else	4
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,289

*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 2/18-21/2022
Yes	39
No	61
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

928

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Male	48
Female	52

N=

1,289

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N=

1,289

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Married	56
Not married	44
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Employed	57
Not employed	43
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

## EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	27
College graduate or above	18
Post grad study/professional degree	17
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 2/18-21/2022
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$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	11
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</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 February 18 and 21, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,289 completed the survey—1,224 via the web and 65 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 15.5 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 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Black 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 301 completed interviews with Black respondents is +/- 7.2 percentage points.

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, 52 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](https://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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### **About the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research**

Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research taps into the power of social science research and the highest-quality journalism to bring key information to people across the nation and throughout the world.

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