



UChicago Harris/AP-NORC Poll

Conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC
Center for Public Affairs Research
With funding from NORC at the University of Chicago

Interviews: 3/17-21/ 2022

1,030 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

SCHL1. How closely do you pay attention to information about each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022	Extremely/ Very closely NET	Extremely closely	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely/Not closely at all NET	Not very closely	Not closely at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your local school board	14	4	10	24	61	30	32	*	1
Your local city or town council	19	4	15	37	43	27	16	*	1
Your state government	26	7	20	47	26	18	7	-	1
The federal government	36	9	28	42	20	14	6	-	1

N= 1,030

SCHL2. Have you done any of the following in the last five years or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED/ REFUSED
Attended a local school board meeting	12	87	-	1
Communicated in-person or online with a local school board member	15	84	-	1
Followed news about the local school board	43	56	-	1
Voted in a local school board election	39	60	*	1

N= 1,030

SCHL3. How confident are you in each of the following?

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

	Not at all/Not very confident NET	Not at all confident	Not very confident	Somewhat confident	Extremely/Very confident NET	Very confident	Extremely confident	DK	SKP/REF
AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022									
Your local school board	32	11	21	49	16	14	3	1	2
Your local city or town council	30	10	20	52	17	13	4	*	2
Your state government	39	15	24	41	19	16	4	-	1
The federal government	51	21	30	37	11	9	2	*	1

N=1,030

SCHL4. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following as it relates to K-12 public schools?**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022	Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring students attending schools in person to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19	43	25	18	21	35	9	26	-	1
Requiring students attending schools in person to wear face masks	37	18	18	27	35	12	23	*	1
Having a full-time police presence in schools	54	25	28	27	18	10	8	*	2
Allowing transgender students to use the bathrooms that match their gender identity	30	17	13	27	41	10	31	*	1
Renaming schools that are named after historical figures who supported slavery or segregation	33	19	14	27	39	12	27	*	1
Using standardized testing to measure student achievement	40	12	29	31	26	13	13	*	2
Prohibiting books about divisive topics from being taught in schools	12	5	7	28	58	20	38	1	2
Prohibiting teachers from teaching about sex and sexuality in schools	21	10	12	24	53	21	32	*	1

N=1,030

SCHL5. Do you think your local public school system is focusing too much or too little on racism in the U.S., or is the focus about right?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Too much	27
Too little	34
About right	37
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,030</i>

SCHL6. Do you think teachers in your local public school system are discussing issues related to sex and sexuality too much, too little, or about the right amount?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Too much	23
Too little	31
About the right amount	40
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIPPED/REFUSED	4
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,030</i>

SCHL7. Do each of the following have too much, too little, or about the right amount of influence on the curriculum in public schools?

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

AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED/ REFUSED
Parents	20	50	27	1	2
Teachers	13	51	34	1	2
Principals and administrators	24	27	45	1	3
Local school board members	33	20	44	*	3
State governments	45	15	36	*	3
The federal government	43	20	33	1	2

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KIDS1. Are you the parent or guardian of...

AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED/ REFUSED
A child not old enough to be in kindergarten	14	83	-	3
A child attending a K-12 public school	23	75	-	3
A child attending a K-12 private or parochial school	4	92	-	4
An adult age 18 or older	36	61	-	3

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

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Urban	25
Suburban	48
Rural	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=

1,030

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	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Democrat NET	47
Strong Democrat	21
Moderate Democrat	17
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	14
Republican NET	39
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	13
Strong Republican	15
Unknown	*

N=

1,030

AGE

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
18-29	20
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65+	22

N=

1,030

GENDER

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Male	48
Female	52

N=

1,030

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,030</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Married/Living with partner	51
Not married	49
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,030</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Employed	58
Not employed	42
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,030</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	27
College graduate or above	35
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,030</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	9
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Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from Harris Public Policy and The AP-NORC Center collaborated on all aspects of the study.

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 March 17 and 21, 2022, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,030 completed the survey — 965 via the web and 65 via telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in English. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The final stage completion rate is 21.7 percent, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 17.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 75.6 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.8 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.

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, 38 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.

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>.

For more information, email info@apnorc.org.

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