10ᵗʰ Anniversary Immigration Study

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Interviews: 12/01-23/2021
4,173 adults
Margin of sampling error: +/- 1.96 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

USID. How important is each of the following to the United States' identity as a nation?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021 *N= 4,173*	Extremely / very important NET	Extremely important	Very important	**Moderately important**	**Not very/ not at all important NET**	Not very important	Not important at all	DK	SKP / REF
A shared American culture and set of values	**64**	31	33	**27**	**9**	6	3	*	1
The ability of people living here to get good jobs and achieve the American dream	**79**	40	38	**16**	**4**	3	2	-	1
A culture grounded in Christian religious beliefs	**43**	22	20	**26**	**31**	14	17	*	1
The ability of people to come from other places in the world to escape violence and persecution	**60**	28	32	**29**	**10**	6	4	-	1
The ability of people to come from other places in the world to find economic opportunities	**57**	25	32	**30**	**12**	8	4	-	1
The mixing of cultures and values from around the world	**59**	28	31	**29**	**12**	8	4	-	1
Individual liberties and freedoms as defined by the Constitution	**81**	52	29	**14**	**4**	2	2	-	1
A culture established by	**36**	15	21	**34**	**29**	18	11	*	1

the country's early European immigrants									
A fair judicial system and the rule of law	**86**	61	25	**10**	**3**	2	1	-	1
A democratically elected government	**76**	51	25	**15**	**9**	5	4	-	*

DIV7. The United States has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country…?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Much/Moderately stronger NET	**66**
Much stronger	39
Moderately stronger	28
Neither stronger nor weaker	**25**
Much/Moderately weaker NET	**8**
Moderately weaker	5
Much weaker	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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PARTY. Now, which party do you trust to do a better job:

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN DEMOCRATS FIRST, HALF REPUBLICANS FIRST; GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	The Republicans	The Democrats	Both equally	Neither	DK	SKP /REF
Handling the economy and jobs	34	25	19	20	-	1
Protecting freedom of speech	30	27	23	19	-	1
Protecting freedom of religion	31	25	24	20	-	1
Ensuring equal treatment for all Americans	24	32	20	23	*	1
Representing America's national identity	29	26	22	23	-	1
Managing the federal government	28	26	19	26	-	1
Handling immigration	33	28	15	24	-	1
Handling border security	37	21	18	23	-	1
Handling law enforcement	34	22	20	23	-	1
Handling election administration	26	29	19	26	-	1

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IMM1. Thinking about immigration, do you think the number of immigrants to the U.S. should be increased, remain the same, or reduced?

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Increased a lot/a little NET	**25**
Increased a lot	10
Increased a little	14
Remain the same as it is	**39**
Reduced a little/a lot NET	**36**
Reduced a little	16
Reduced a lot	19
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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IMM2. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a policy to reject immigration applications from people who do not have the financial resources to live in the country without receiving government benefits?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat favor NET	**37**
Strongly favor	19
Somewhat favor	19
Neither favor nor oppose	**35**
Strongly/somewhat oppose NET	**27**
Somewhat oppose	15
Strongly oppose	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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IMM3. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose providing a way for immigrants who were brought to the United States illegally as children to stay legally?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat favor NET	**51**
Strongly favor	27
Somewhat favor	24
Neither favor nor oppose	**26**
Strongly/somewhat oppose NET	**22**
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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CHILDREN. Thinking about unaccompanied children apprehended at the U.S.-Mexico border who are waiting for an immigration hearing, would you say each of the following policies is acceptable, unacceptable, or neither acceptable nor unacceptable?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, ANCHOR FOOD STAMPS AFTER MEDICAID]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021 N=4,173	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	DK	SKP / REF
Placing them in camps within the U.S. near their point of entry	32	43	25	*	*
Placing them with relatives living in the U.S. if they can be found	69	17	13	-	1
Enrolling them in public schools	53	27	19	*	1
Providing them with health care through a government program like Medicaid	53	27	19	*	*
Providing them with other government benefits like food stamps or SNAP	48	31	20	*	*
Deporting them to their country of origin	43	32	24	*	*

IMPACT1. In general, would you say immigrants have a major impact, a minor impact, or no impact at all on each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021 N=4,173	A major impact	A minor impact	No impact at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your local community	36	43	20	*	*
Your state	47	40	13	*	*
The country as a whole	63	28	9	*	*

If selected major or minor impact in IMPACT1
IMPACT2. Would you say the impact that immigrants have on each of the following is mostly positive, mostly negative, or neither positive nor negative?

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Neither positive nor negative	DK	SKP /REF
Your local community (N=3,324)	45	22	32	*	1
Your state (N=3,659)	43	26	31	*	1
The country as a whole (N=3,818)	42	30	27	*	1

IMM7. How much of a priority should each of the following be for the <u>federal government</u>?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021 *N=4,173*	A high priority	A moderate priority	A low priority	DK	SKP/REF
Increasing security at the U.S.-Mexico border	52	32	16	*	1
Providing a way for immigrants living in the U.S. illegally to stay legally	32	37	30	*	1
Deporting immigrants living in the U.S. illegally	39	33	26	*	1
Penalizing companies that hire immigrants living in the U.S. illegally	41	31	27	*	1
Expanding guest worker programs that give a temporary visa to immigrants who want to work legally in the U.S.	40	43	16	*	1
Strengthening policies to prevent immigrants from overstaying their visas	45	37	17	*	1
Working with state governments to identify and remove immigrants here illegally	39	33	27	*	1
Providing federal government benefits to refugees	23	37	39	*	1
Providing federal government benefits to children who were brought to the U.S. illegally	28	37	34	*	1

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IMM8. How much of a priority should each of the following be for your <u>state government</u>?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021 *N=4,173*	A high priority	A moderate priority	A low priority	DK	SKP/ REF
Sending national guard troops to help secure the U.S.-Mexico border	39	32	28	-	1
Taking in unaccompanied children who have been apprehended at the U.S.-Mexico border	32	37	30	-	1
Working with federal agencies government to identify and remove immigrants living in the state illegally	38	34	27	-	1
Penalizing companies that hire immigrants living in the U.S. illegally	40	32	27	-	1
Providing state government benefits to children who were brought to the U.S. illegally	27	37	36	-	1
Providing state government benefits to refugees	22	37	40	*	1
Making sure that immigrants who are not U.S. citizens are not able to vote in elections	53	27	20	*	1

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[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN NEXT TWO QUESTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

PULL. Would you say each of the following is a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor why immigrants <u>come to the United States</u>?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	A major factor	A minor factor	Not a factor	DK	SKP/REF
To seek economic or educational opportunities	68	23	8	-	1
To have political freedom	50	35	14	-	1
To reunite with family or friends	48	41	11	-	1
To access a better quality of life	74	19	6	-	1
To get welfare or financial government benefits	44	35	20	*	1
To influence the outcome of elections	21	27	51	-	1
To change the American way of life	24	27	48	-	1

N=4,173

PUSH. Would you say each of the following is a major factor, a minor factor, or not a factor why immigrants <u>leave their country</u>?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	A major factor	A minor factor	Not a factor	DK	SKP/REF
A lack of economic opportunities	67	26	7	-	1
Concerns about being the victim of violent crime	61	30	9	-	1
Escaping the impacts of climate change (including natural disasters)	27	39	32	*	1
Poverty	71	21	6	*	1
Oppression or persecution by the government	61	29	9	*	1
Violence caused by gangs, militias, or drug cartels	69	24	7	-	1
Religious persecution	40	40	19	*	1

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USID6.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED "LEGALLY", HALF SAMPLE ASKED "ILLEGALLY"]

When immigrants come legally to the United States, how much of a benefit is each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Major benefit	Minor benefit	Not a benefit at all	DK	SKP /REF
It enhances the reputation of the United States as a land of opportunity	51	35	14	*	1
American companies get the expertise of skilled workers in fields like science and technology	47	37	15	*	1
They enrich American culture and values	45	37	17	*	1
They take jobs Americans don't want	39	42	18	*	1
They contribute to economic growth	52	33	14	*	1
They embrace the American dream	49	36	14	*	1

N=2,073

When immigrants come illegally to the United States, how much of a benefit is each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Major benefit	Minor benefit	Not a benefit at all	DK	SKP /REF
It enhances the reputation of the United States as a land of opportunity	37	35	27	-	1
American companies get the expertise of skilled workers in fields like science and technology	33	37	29	*	1
They enrich American culture and values	36	36	26	*	1
They take jobs Americans don't want	38	37	24	-	1
They contribute to economic growth	40	36	23	-	1
They embrace the American dream	39	37	22	-	1

N=2,100

USID7.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED "LEGALLY", HALF SAMPLE ASKED "ILLEGALLY"]
When immigrants come legally to the United States, how much of a risk is each of the following?

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Major risk	Minor risk	Not a risk at all	DK	SKP /REF
The number of jobs available to American workers will be reduced	26	44	29	*	1
They will reject important American customs and values	26	43	30	*	1
Welfare and safety net programs will be burdened	37	43	20	*	1
They will commit crimes in the United States	27	50	22	*	1
Their population growth will weaken American identity	23	38	39	*	1
They will influence the outcome of elections	23	38	38	*	1

N=2,073

When immigrants come illegally to the United States, how much of a risk is each of the following?

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Major risk	Minor risk	Not a risk at all	DK	SKP /REF
The number of jobs available to American workers will be reduced	32	41	26	*	1
They will reject important American customs and values	32	40	27	*	1
Welfare and safety net programs will be burdened	49	36	14	*	1
They will commit crimes in the United States	38	46	15	-	1
Their population growth will weaken American identity	28	36	35	*	1
They will influence the outcome of elections	28	35	36	*	1

N=2,100

REFUGEE. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose the United States accepting people who come for each of the following reasons as refugees if they pass security checks?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Strongly /some-what favor NET	Strongly favor	Some-what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Some-what/ strongly oppose NET	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP /REF
A lack of economic opportunities	**46**	22	24	**32**	**22**	12	10	*	1
Concerns about being the victim of violent crime	**52**	29	24	**28**	**19**	9	10	*	1
Escaping the impacts of climate change including natural disasters	**38**	19	19	**34**	**28**	11	17	*	1
Poverty	**47**	24	23	**31**	**21**	10	11	*	1
Oppression or persecution by the government	**54**	31	23	**28**	**16**	8	9	*	1
Violence caused by gangs, militias, or drug cartels	**54**	30	23	**26**	**20**	8	12	*	1
Religious persecution	**50**	27	22	**31**	**19**	9	9	*	1

N=4,173

Now for a few questions on another topic…

TRUST. Generally speaking, would you say that:

[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Most people can be trusted	38
You can't be too careful in dealing with people	62
It depends	*
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

RACE5. In each of the following situations, how often would you say you personally have been discriminated against because of your race?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Often/ some-times NET	Often	Some-times	Rarely/ Never NET	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP /REF
When applying for jobs	**28**	8	20	**71**	19	52	-	1
In stores or shopping malls	**25**	7	18	**75**	20	55	-	1
When getting healthcare from doctors and hospitals	**21**	6	15	**79**	17	61	-	*
When dealing with the police	**24**	8	16	**75**	18	58	-	1
When applying for housing or a loan	**22**	7	15	**78**	17	61	*	1
In your community	**23**	7	16	**77**	22	55	-	1

N=4,173

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Democrat	**41**
Strong Democrat	21
Not so strong Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	9
Don't Lean/Independent/None	**21**
Republican	**38**
Lean Republican	10
Not so strong Republican	11
Strong Republican	18
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

VOTE20. In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Which one of the following statements best describes you?

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
I did not vote in the 2020 presidential election.	23
I thought about voting in the 2020 presidential election, but didn't.	6
I usually vote, but I didn't in the 2020 presidential election.	5
I am sure I voted.	67
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=   *4,173*

QCANDID. Did you vote for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris with the Democrats or Donald Trump and Mike Pence with the Republicans?

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Trump/Pence – Republicans	29
Biden/Harris – Democrats	32
Another candidate	5
Did not vote for president	34
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N=	*4,173*

NEWSSOURCE. Which of the following are sources where you get most of your news about what is happening?

Please select all that apply

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Local television news	54
Local print newspapers or local news websites	26
National print newspapers or national news websites	23
Cable TV networks, such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC	39
National TV network news, such as ABC, CBS, or NBC	35
Social media like Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, or TikTok	33
Radio news, talk radio, or podcasts	26
Emails and word of mouth from friends and family	20
Other – please specify	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

If respondents selected "Cable TV networks, such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC" in Q19.
CABLENEWS. Which cable news network do you watch most often, or do you not really watch cable news?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Fox News Network	34
CNN	31
MSNBC	15
Newsmax	4
OANN – the One America News Network	2

Other – please specify	5
Don't watch cable news	10
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=1,725

ELECTION. How concerned are you that the United States election system…

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

AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021	Extremely/ very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very/not at all concerned NET	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP /REF
Discriminates against white people	**19**	10	9	**18**	**62**	20	42	*	*
Discriminates against racial and ethnic minorities	**39**	22	17	**24**	**36**	17	19	*	*

N=4,173

REPLACE. How concerned are you that native-born Americans are losing economic, political, and cultural influence in this country because of the growing population of immigrants?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Extremely concerned/very concerned NET	**29**
Extremely concerned	15
Very concerned	14
Somewhat concerned	**29**
Not very/not at all concerned NET	**42**
Not very concerned	22
Not at all concerned	20
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

BIBLE. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word	26
The Bible is the inspired word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally	45
The Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral rules recorded by men	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

DENOM. Which of the following currently best describes you?

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Protestant (such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Non-denominational, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, etc.)	32
Roman Catholic	19
Latter Day Saints, LDS, Mormon	2
Orthodox (such as Greek, Russian or some other Orthodox Church)	1
Other Christian Denomination	9
Jewish	2
Muslim	2
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist/No religion	10
Agnostic	6
Other	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

If selected Christian denomination in DENOM.
EVANG. And do you consider yourself Evangelical or a born-again Christian?

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Yes	44
No	56
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=2,801

BOOTSTRAPS. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Irish, Italians, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Black people should do the same without any special favors.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**44**
Strongly agree	26
Somewhat agree	18
Neither agree nor disagree	**28**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**28**
Somewhat disagree	11
Strongly disagree	17
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

SYSTEMIC. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for Black people to work their way out of the lower class.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**44**
Strongly agree	22
Somewhat agree	21
Neither agree nor disagree	**23**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**32**
Somewhat disagree	14
Strongly disagree	19
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

LOSINGGROUND. Through no fault of their own, White people are economically losing ground today compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**31**
Strongly agree	13
Somewhat agree	18
Neither agree nor disagree	**36**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**32**
Somewhat disagree	13
Strongly disagree	19
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

WHITEDISCR. Discrimination against White people has become as big a problem as discrimination against Black people and other minorities.

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**36**
Strongly agree	16
Somewhat agree	20
Neither agree nor disagree	**24**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**39**
Somewhat disagree	11
Strongly disagree	27
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

CONSP1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**32**
Strongly agree	13
Somewhat agree	19
Neither agree nor disagree	**30**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**38**
Somewhat disagree	13
Strongly disagree	25
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

CONSP2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**61**
Strongly agree	21
Somewhat agree	40
Neither agree nor disagree	**23**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**15**
Somewhat disagree	9
Strongly disagree	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

CONSP3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The people who really 'run' the country are not known to the voters.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**48**
Strongly agree	20
Somewhat agree	28
Neither agree nor disagree	**29**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**22**
Somewhat disagree	11
Strongly disagree	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

CONSP4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Big events like wars, recessions, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**33**
Strongly agree	14
Somewhat agree	20
Neither agree nor disagree	**32**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**34**
Somewhat disagree	14
Strongly disagree	20
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

BELIEF1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: There is a group of people in this country who are trying to replace native-born Americans with immigrants who agree with their political views.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**32**
Strongly agree	14
Somewhat agree	17
Neither agree nor disagree	**31**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**37**
Somewhat disagree	12
Strongly disagree	25
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

DEN1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Much of the information we receive is wrong.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**47**
Strongly agree	16
Somewhat agree	31
Neither agree nor disagree	**32**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**20**
Somewhat disagree	14
Strongly disagree	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

DEN2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I often disagree with conventional views about the world.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**40**
Strongly agree	12
Somewhat agree	28
Neither agree nor disagree	**40**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**19**
Somewhat disagree	13
Strongly disagree	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

DEN3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Official government accounts of events cannot be trusted.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**46**
Strongly agree	17
Somewhat agree	29
Neither agree nor disagree	**33**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**21**
Somewhat disagree	14
Strongly disagree	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

DEN4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Major events are not always what they seem.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	**56**
Strongly agree	20
Somewhat agree	35
Neither agree nor disagree	**28**
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	**15**
Somewhat disagree	10
Strongly disagree	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=4,173

CITIZEN. Now we would like to ask you about U.S. citizenship. Are you...

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
A U.S. citizen	95
Not a U.S. citizen	4
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=4,173

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 12/01-23/2021
Liberal NET	**24**
Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	**46**
Conservative NET	**29**
Somewhat conservative	15
Very conservative	14
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=   *4,173*

GENDER

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Male	48
Female	52

N=   *4,173*

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N=   *4,173*

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Married	55
Not married	45
N=	*4,173*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Employed	55
Not employed	45
N=	*4,173*

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 12/01-23/2021
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	27
College graduate or above	21
Post grad study/professional degree	14
N=	*4,173*

INCOME

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Under $10,000	8
$10,000 to under $20,000	9
$20,000 to under $30,000	12
$30,000 to under $40,000	10
$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	13
$150,000 or more	9
N=	*4,173*

Study Methodology

This survey was funded and conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using both probability and non-probability sample sources. 4,173 interviews for this survey were conducted between December 1 and December 23, 2021, with adults age 18 and over, representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The probability sample source is AmeriSpeak®, NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. 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% 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.

Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 2,113 completed the survey: 2,057 via the web and 56 via 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 ($3) for completing the survey. The final stage completion rate is 30.74 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 4.4 percent.

Dynata provided 2,060 non-probability interviews with adults age 18 and over. The non-probability sample was derived based on quotas related to age, race and ethnicity, and gender. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish via the web only. For panel recruitment, Dynata uses invitations of all types, including email invitations, phone alerts, banners, and messaging on panel community sites, to include people with a diversity of motivations to take part in research. Because non-probability panels do not start with a frame where there is known probability of selection, standard measures of sampling error and response rates cannot be calculated.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 504 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 had been selected and fielded, and all the study data were collected and made final, a raking process was used to adjust for any survey nonresponse in the probability sample, as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling in both probability and non-probability samples resulting from the study-specific sample design. Raking variables for both the probability and nonprobability samples included age, gender, census region, race/ethnicity, and education. Population control totals for the raking variables were obtained from the 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of people age 18 and over.

In order to incorporate the nonprobability sample, NORC used TrueNorth calibration, an innovative hybrid calibration approach developed at NORC based on small area estimation methods in order to explicitly account for potential bias associated with the nonprobability sample. The purpose of TrueNorth calibration is to adjust the weights for the nonprobability sample to bring weighted distributions of the nonprobability sample in line with the population distribution for characteristics correlated with the survey variables. Such calibration adjustments help to reduce potential bias, yielding more accurate population estimates.

The weighted AmeriSpeak sample and the calibrated nonprobability sample were used to develop a small area model to support domain-level estimates, where the domains were defined by race/ethnicity, age, and gender. The dependent variables for the models were:

- Trust: Believes most can be trusted; Can't be too careful in dealing with people; It depends.

- Bible: Bible is the actual word of God; Bible is the inspired word of God but not literal; Bible is an ancient book of fables, legends, history, and moral rules recorded by men.

- Resent1: Irish, Italians, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Black people should do the same without any special favors: Somewhat/strongly agree; Neither agree nor disagree; somewhat/strongly disagree.

These were found to be key survey variables, in terms of model fit. The model included covariates, domain-level random effects, and sampling errors. The covariates were external data available from other national surveys, such as health insurance, internet access, voting behavior, and housing type from the American Community Survey or the Current Population Survey.

Finally, the combined AmeriSpeak and nonprobability sample weights were derived such that for the combined sample, the weighted estimate reproduced the small domain estimates (derived using the small area model) for key survey variables.

The overall margin of error for the combined sample is +/- 1.96 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.

Complete questions and results are available at: apnorc.org/projects/immigration-attitudes-and-conspiratorial-thinkers.

Additional information on the TrueNorth approach can be found here: https://amerispeak.norc.org/our-capabilities/Pages/TrueNorth.aspx.

For more information, email info@apnorc.org.

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