



The January 2023 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 01/26-30/2023

1,068 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 headed 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
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	25	73	1	*
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	28	71	*	1
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	25	74	*	1
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	27	72	*	1
07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	17	83	-	*
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	14	85	1	*
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	21	78	*	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	29	70	1	1
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	31	68	*	1
2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	29	70	*	1
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	*

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	Some- what approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP/ REF
01/26- 30/2023	41	14	27	*	1	58	*	20	37	*	
12/1- 5/2022 (N=1,124)	43	15	28	*	1	55	1	20	34	-	1
10/06- 10/2022 (N=1,121)	43	15	26	1	1	56	*	20	36	*	*
09/09- 12/2022 (N=1,054)	45	16	30	*	1	53	*	20	33	*	*

07/14- 17/2022 (N=1,085)	36	8	27	*	1	62	*	18	44	*	1
06/23- 27/2022 (N=1,053)	39	12	27	*	1	60	*	19	41	-	*
05/12- 16/2022 (N=1,172)	39	12	26	1	*	60	1	21	39	*	*
4/14- 18/2022 (N=1,085)	45	15	30	*	*	54	*	18	36	*	*
3/17- 21/2022 (N=1,082)	43	16	27	*	*	56	*	19	37	*	*
2/18- 21/2022 (N=1,289)	44	15	29	*	1	55	1	19	35	*	*
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	-	*
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	*	*

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?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some- what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP /REF
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	24	2	13	9	1	76	13	35	28	*	-
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	25	1	14	10	*	75	11	38	25	-	-
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	23	2	12	9	*	76	13	36	28	*	*
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	29	1	15	12	*	71	11	35	25	*	-
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	20	2	10	9	1	79	9	35	35	-	-
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	22	2	10	9	*	78	11	34	34	-	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	29	2	16	12	*	70	11	35	24	-	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	31	2	18	10	*	69	11	37	22	-	-
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	35	3	21	11	*	64	16	33	16	-	*

10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	35	2	20	13	*	65	12	33	19	-	-
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	45	2	27	16	-	54	17	25	12	*	-
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	45	4	28	13	1	54	15	28	11	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	47	3	27	17	*	53	14	26	13	-	-
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	46	2	25	19	*	54	16	27	11	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	37	1	22	14	*	63	16	34	12	-	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	31	1	17	12	*	69	15	37	17	-	-
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	38	5	22	11	*	62	11	34	17	*	-
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	39	6	22	11	*	61	10	31	20	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	40	6	24	11	*	60	10	33	16	-	-
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	37	4	21	12	*	62	12	32	18	-	-
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	38	4	22	12	-	62	11	30	21	-	-
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	36	5	19	12	*	63	14	28	21	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	29	3	13	13	*	70	9	31	30	-	*
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	29	3	15	11	-	71	8	30	33	-	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	39	9	17	12	*	60	10	29	21	-	-
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	67	21	36	10	*	33	13	15	5	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	61	18	31	11	*	38	11	19	8	1	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	63	15	35	14	*	36	13	16	7	-	1

B2A. And how would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days? Would you say...?

B2B. If neither good nor poor, don't know, skipped, or refused in B2A:

If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Some- what/Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some- what poor	Very poor	D K	SKP / REF
01/26- 30/2023 (N=1,068)	57	9	29	19	1	42	13	21	9	-	-
12/1- 5/2022 (N=1,124)	57	11	28	18	1	43	11	21	10	-	-
10/06- 10/2022 (N=1,121)	54	8	29	17	*	46	12	23	10	-	*
3/17- 21/2022 (N=1,082)	63	13	30	19	*	37	12	16	9	-	-
12/2- 7/2021 (N=1,089)	64	12	33	19	1	35	11	16	8	-	*
10/21- 25/2021 (N=1,083)	65	13	33	19	1	34	12	15	7	-	-
2/25- 3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	67	13	37	18	*	32	12	14	6	-	*
10/8- 12/2020 (N=1,121)	65	14	35	16	*	34	12	15	8	-	*
9/11- 14/2020 (N=1,108)	65	15	31	18	*	35	13	17	5	-	*
8/17- 19/2020 (N=1,075)	63	13	34	17	*	36	12	18	6	*	*
7/16- 20/2020 (N=1,057)	65	14	34	17	*	35	14	15	6	-	-

6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	66	14	36	16	1	32	12	14	7	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	66	15	32	20	*	33	10	16	7	-	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	64	14	31	18	*	36	10	17	8	-	-
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	62	11	34	17	*	38	10	19	9	-	*
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	69	18	37	15	*	31	9	14	7	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	64	19	32	14	*	35	13	14	8	*	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	67	15	37	15	*	32	12	15	5	-	1

BIDEN1.

How much have you heard or read about the discovery of classified documents at Joe Biden's Delaware home and former Washington D.C. office?

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
A lot/some NET	63
A lot	28
Some	35
Only a little/nothing at all NET	37
Only a little	24
Nothing at all	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*

N=

1,068

BIDEN2.

Do you approve or disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Biden has handled the situation since the discovery of classified documents at his home and former office?

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Strongly/somewhat approve NET	23
Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve	11
Neither approve nor disapprove	36
Strongly/somewhat disapprove NET	39
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	25
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	1

N=

1,068

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 1/26-30/2023
Democrat NET	43
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	39
Lean Republican	13
Not so strong Republican	10
Strong Republican	16

N=

1,068

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 1/26-30/2023
Liberal NET	23
Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	10
Moderate	41
Conservative NET	34
Somewhat conservative	21
Very conservative	13
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,068

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

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Urban area	26
Suburban area	47
Rural area	26
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,068

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Protestant	26
Roman Catholic	20
Mormon	1
Orthodox	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	6
Agnostic	7
Nothing in particular	14
Just Christian	18
Unitarian	1
Something else	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,068

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 1/26-30/2023
Yes	34
No	66
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

742

AGE

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
18-29	20
30-44	26
45-59	24
60+	30

N=

1,068

GENDER

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Male	49
Female	51

N= 1,068

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N= 1,068

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Married	54
Not married	46

N= 1,068

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Employed	59
Not employed	41

N= 1,068

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	20
Post grad study/professional degree	15

N= 1,068

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Northeast NET	17
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	21
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	38
South Atlantic	20
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	24
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</i>

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	72
Rented for cash	25
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 1/26-30/2023
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$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	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,068</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 January 26 and 30, 2023 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,068 completed the survey—970 via the web and 98 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 13.9 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 80.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.2 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.

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, 129 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 2022 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults aged 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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