

# The October 2023 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 10/5-9/2023*

*1,163 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.9 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
The federal budget	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	31	68	*	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	34	65	*	1

**0FAV.** For each of the following please indicate if you have an unfavorable or favorable opinion. If you don't know enough to have an opinion, you can say that too.

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Very/ Somewhat unfavorable NET</b>	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	<b>Very/ Somewhat favorable NET</b>	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Joe Biden	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>54</b>	37	16	<b>42</b>	27	15	4	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	<b>52</b>	37	16	<b>44</b>	27	18	3	*
	06/22-26/2023 (N=1,220)	<b>53</b>	34	19	<b>44</b>	26	17	3	*
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	<b>51</b>	35	16	<b>45</b>	29	16	3	1
	01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	<b>53</b>	36	17	<b>43</b>	26	17	3	1
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	<b>50</b>	34	16	<b>45</b>	27	18	5	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N= 1,161)	<b>50</b>	32	17	<b>47</b>	27	20	3	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	<b>41</b>	26	16	<b>56</b>	28	28	2	1
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>39</b>	26	13	<b>57</b>	21	36	4	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>48</b>	27	21	<b>41</b>	29	11	11	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	23	19	<b>44</b>	30	15	11	2
	1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>69</b>	18	37	15	*	<b>31</b>	9	14
	9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>64</b>	19	32	14	*	<b>35</b>	13	14
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>67</b>	15	37	15	*	<b>32</b>	12	15

AP-NORC		<b>Very/ Somewhat unfavorable NET</b>	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	<b>Very/ Somewhat favorable NET</b>	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Donald Trump	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>58</b>	47	10	<b>37</b>	18	20	5	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	<b>62</b>	51	11	<b>35</b>	16	19	3	*
	06/22-26/2023 (N=1,220)	<b>63</b>	50	13	<b>33</b>	19	14	4	*
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	<b>63</b>	52	11	<b>34</b>	17	17	3	1
	01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	<b>62</b>	50	13	<b>35</b>	21	14	2	*
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	<b>61</b>	49	12	<b>35</b>	17	18	4	*
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	<b>63</b>	51	12	<b>34</b>	18	16	3	-
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	<b>60</b>	50	10	<b>37</b>	17	20	2	1
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>61</b>	48	12	<b>36</b>	18	19	3	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>53</b>	42	11	<b>43</b>	17	26	4	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>55</b>	46	9	<b>40</b>	12	28	3	1
Ron DeSantis	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>49</b>	37	12	<b>30</b>	18	11	20	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	<b>53</b>	41	12	<b>29</b>	18	10	19	*
	06/22-26/2023 (N=1,220)	<b>46</b>	34	12	<b>32</b>	20	12	21	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	<b>45</b>	32	13	<b>31</b>	16	16	24	*
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	<b>40</b>	29	11	<b>30</b>	13	17	30	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	<b>30</b>	21	9	<b>27</b>	11	16	42	1
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>29</b>	18	11	<b>39</b>	29	9	32	*

AP-NORC		<b>Very/ Somewhat unfavorable NET</b>	Very unfavora ble	Somewhat unfavorable	<b>Very/ Somewhat favorable NET</b>	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Nikki Haley	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>32</b>	15	17	<b>25</b>	16	8	42	1
	04/13- 17/2023 (N=1,230)	<b>30</b>	16	13	<b>20</b>	15	5	50	1
Tim Scott	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>23</b>	12	12	<b>22</b>	18	4	54	1
	04/13- 17/2023 (N=1,230)	<b>18</b>	9	8	<b>18</b>	13	6	62	2
Chris Christie	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>50</b>	24	26	<b>21</b>	18	3	28	1
Vivek Ramaswamy	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>32</b>	21	11	<b>19</b>	14	5	48	1
	04/13- 17/2023 (N=1,230)	<b>13</b>	8	5	<b>10</b>	8	2	78	*
Chuck Schumer	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>38</b>	24	13	<b>30</b>	22	8	32	1
	01/26- 30/2023 (N=1,068)	<b>38</b>	26	12	<b>30</b>	18	12	31	1
	7/15- 19/2021 (N= 1,308	<b>37</b>	23	14	<b>33</b>	22	11	30	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	26	12	<b>32</b>	21	11	30	*

AP-NORC		<b>Very/ Somewhat unfavorable NET</b>	Very unfavora ble	Somewhat unfavorable	<b>Very/ Somewhat favorable NET</b>	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Mitch McConnell	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>59</b>	34	25	<b>17</b>	15	2	24	1
	01/26- 30/2023 (N=1,068)	<b>60</b>	36	24	<b>15</b>	13	2	24	1
	7/15- 19/2021 (N= 1,308	<b>57</b>	37	20	<b>22</b>	18	4	20	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>65</b>	40	24	<b>19</b>	15	4	16	*
	02/13- 16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>42</b>	31	10	<b>23</b>	16	7	35	*
	10/24- 28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>39</b>	26	13	<b>21</b>	16	5	38	2
Kevin McCarthy	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>49</b>	26	23	<b>19</b>	16	3	32	1
	01/26- 30/2023 (N=1,068)	<b>46</b>	31	14	<b>19</b>	17	2	35	1
	7/15- 19/2021 (N= 1,308	<b>33</b>	21	12	<b>18</b>	14	4	48	1
	1/28- 2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>35</b>	22	13	<b>18</b>	13	5	46	*
Hakeem Jeffries	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	<b>21</b>	12	9	<b>21</b>	12	8	58	1
	01/26- 30/2023 (N=1,068)	<b>22</b>	14	9	<b>23</b>	13	10	54	1

**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 ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP /REF
The Supreme Court	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	14	48	36	*	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	15	49	36	*	1
	05/11-15/2023 (N=1,680)	12	48	39	-	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	14	47	37	*	1
	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	17	39	43	-	1
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	18	54	27	*	1
	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
Congress	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	3	42	53	*	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	4	49	46	*	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	5	45	49	*	2
	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	3	47	48	-	2
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	4	43	51	*	1
	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
Executive branch of the federal government	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	11	48	39	*	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	12	48	38	*	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	11	43	44	*	1
	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	7	50	43	*	1
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	16	46	36	*	2
	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
Justice Department <sup>1</sup>	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	15	51	33	*	1
	08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	17	50	31	*	1

<sup>1</sup> Grid item read :The U.S. Justice Department” in August 2023.

**SPEAKER. Do you approve or disapprove or neither approve nor disapprove of the House of Representatives voting to remove Kevin McCarthy as House Speaker?**

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
<b>Strongly/Somewhat approve NET</b>	<b>25</b>
Strongly approve	11
Somewhat approve	14
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Strongly/Somewhat disapprove NET</b>	<b>25</b>
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	11
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,163</i>

**PP1. Now, which party do you trust to do a better job of handling:**

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

AP-NORC	The Republicans	The Democrats	Both equally	Neither	DK	SKP/ REF
The federal budget	26	27	12	33	1	1

*N=1,163*

**OSPENDING. Overall, do you think the US government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	AP-NORC 5/14-18/2020
Too much	64	60	25
Too little	23	16	42
About the right amount	11	22	31
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,163</i>	<i>1,081</i>	<i>1,001</i>



**SPEND2. Do you think the U.S. government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount on each of the following?**

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

AP-NORC		Too much	Too little	About the right amount	DK	SKP/REF
Education	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	13	64	22	*	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	12	65	21	*	1
The military	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	31	39	28	1	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	29	35	34	*	1
Assistance to the poor	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	17	57	23	1	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	18	59	21	*	2
Social Security	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	6	63	29	*	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	7	62	29	*	1
Medicare, which is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	8	55	36	*	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	10	58	31	*	1
Aid to Ukraine in the war against Russia	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	52	15	31	*	1
Border security	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	24	52	22	1	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	23	53	22	*	1
Disaster relief	10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	14	41	44	1	1

**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 10/5-9/2023
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>42</b>
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	10
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>36</b>
Lean Republican	11
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	13

N=

1,163

**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:*

**IDEO. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>21</b>
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	9
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>29</b>
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	10
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,163

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

	AP NORC 10/5-9/2023
Urban area	25
Suburban area	48
Rural area	25
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	1,163

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

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
Protestant	27
Roman Catholic	18
Mormon	2
Orthodox	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	3
Hindu	*
Atheist	5
Agnostic	6
Nothing in particular	15
Just Christian	21
Unitarian	*
Something else	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	1,163

*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 10/5-9/2023
Yes	35
No	64
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	1,163

**AGE**

	AP NORC 10/5-9/2023
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18-29	20
30-44	26
45-59	23
60+	31

*N=* 1,163

## GENDER

	AP NORC 10/5-9/2023
Male	49
Female	51

*N=* 1,163

## RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
White, non-Hispanic	61
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

*N=* 1,163

## MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
Married	50
Not married	50

*N=* 1,163

## EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
Employed	60
Not employed	40

*N=* 1,163

## EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	21

Post grad study/professional degree	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,163</i>

#### CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
<b>Northeast NET</b>	<b>17</b>
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	12
<b>Midwest NET</b>	<b>21</b>
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
<b>South NET</b>	<b>38</b>
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
<b>West NET</b>	<b>24</b>
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,163</i>

#### HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	70
Rented for cash	27
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,163</i>

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 10/5-9/2023
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	13
<i>N</i> =	<i>1,163</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 October 5-9, 2023 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,163 completed the survey—1,084 via the web and 79 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 16 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 21.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 78.9 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.7 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups. For example, the margin of sampling error is +/- 6.0 percentage points for Democrats and +/- 6.5 percentage points for Republicans.

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, 55 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 2023 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](https://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](mailto:info@apnorc.org).

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