



# The October 2024 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 10/11-14/2024  
1,072 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.03 percentage points at the 95% confidence level  
among all adults*

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

**VOTE1. How much confidence do you have that the votes in the 2024 presidential election will be counted accurately:**

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

AP-NORC 10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>A great deal/ quite a bit</b>	A great deal	Quite a bit	<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>Only a little/ not at all</b>	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
Nationwide	<b>47</b>	25	22	<b>25</b>	<b>27</b>	17	10	-	1
In your state	<b>55</b>	32	23	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	12	7	-	1
By your local election officials	<b>59</b>	35	24	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	9	4	*	1

**OLEGIT. Do you think Joe Biden was legitimately elected president, or not?**

	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2024	AP NORC 08/10-14/2023	AP-NORC 10/06-10/2022	AP-NORC 7/15-19/2021	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Yes, legitimately elected	71	70	67	68	66
No, not legitimately elected	28	28	31	31	33
DON'T KNOW	*	1	1	1	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	1	1	1
N=	1,072	1,165	1,121	1,308	1,055

POSTELECT. How concerned are you about the possibility of each of the following happening after the election in November:

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

AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>Extremely/very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>Not very/at all concerned NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Violent attempts to overturn the election results	<b>41</b>	19	22	<b>35</b>	<b>23</b>	15	8	-	1
Attempts to overturn the election results using the legal system	<b>37</b>	16	22	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	18	8	-	1
Increased political violence directed at political figures or election officials	<b>42</b>	16	25	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	13	6	*	1
Attempts by local or state election officials to prevent election results from being finalized	<b>32</b>	15	16	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	21	11	*	1

**DIV9. For each of the following individuals, please tell me if you feel their election to the presidency would strengthen, weaken, or have no impact on democracy in the United States?**

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

AP-NORC		<b>Strengthen a lot/Somewhat NET</b>	Strengthen a lot	Strengthen somewhat	<b>No impact</b>	<b>Weaken a lot/Somewhat NET</b>	Weaken somewhat	Weaken a lot	DK	SKP/REF
Kamala Harris	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>44</b>	23	20	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	9	32	*	1
Donald Trump	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>38</b>	23	15	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>	8	44	*	*
	11/30-12/4/2023 (N=1,074)	<b>36</b>	20	17	<b>9</b>	<b>54</b>	9	44	*	1
	10/08-12/2020 (N = 1,121)	<b>31</b>	15	17	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>	13	40	*	*

**ELECT9. How concerned are you about foreign governments interfering with the 2024 presidential election by:**

**[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

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

		<b>Extremely/ Very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Some- what concerned</b>	<b>Not very / Not at all concerned NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC										
Tampering with voting systems or election results	10/11-14/2024 N=1,072	<b>38</b>	19	19	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	19	7	-	2
	6/13-17/2019 N=1,116	<b>50</b>	28	22	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	15	6	*	1
	2/13-16/2020 N=1,074	<b>45</b>	22	22	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	16	7	-	*
Influencing what Americans think about political candidates	10/11-14/2024 N=1,072	<b>44</b>	21	23	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	15	7	-	2
	6/13-17/2019 N=1,116	<b>47</b>	24	24	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	18	6	*	1
	2/13-16/2020 N=1,074	<b>47</b>	22	26	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	16	7	-	*

AP-NORC 02/13- 16/2020		<b>Extremely/ Very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Some- what con- cerned</b>	<b>Not very / Not at all con- cerned NET</b>	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Influencing political candidates themselves	10/11- 14/202 4 N=1,07 2	<b>43</b>	20	23	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	16	6	*	1
	6/13- 17/201 9 N=1,11 6	<b>47</b>	23	23	<b>31</b>	<b>21</b>	16	5	*	1
	2/13- 16/202 0 N = 1,074	<b>42</b>	20	22	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	17	7	*	1
Stealing information from political candidates or parties	10/11- 14/202 4 N=1,07 2	<b>42</b>	20	21	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	14	5	-	2
	6/13- 17/201 9 N=1,11 6	<b>49</b>	24	25	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	17	5	*	1
	2/13- 16/202 0 N = 1,074	<b>45</b>	21	24	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	16	6	-	*

**CAPITOL2. How much responsibility do you think each of the following had for the breach of the U.S. Capitol by a group of former President Donald Trump’s supporters on January 6th?**

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		<b>A great deal/Quite a bit NET</b>	A great deal	Quite a bit	<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>Only a little/None at all NET</b>	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
Donald Trump	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>54</b>	43	11	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>	12	20	*	1
	06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	<b>58</b>	49	10	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	11	18	*	*
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	<b>57</b>	46	11	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	12	17	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>50</b>	38	12	<b>13</b>	<b>36</b>	13	22	*	*
Republicans in Congress	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>36</b>	19	16	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	17	21	*	2
	06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	<b>46</b>	26	20	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	12	18	2	2
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	<b>41</b>	22	19	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	16	16	1	1
Democrats in Congress	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>19</b>	11	9	<b>20</b>	<b>59</b>	18	42	*	2
	06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	<b>22</b>	12	10	<b>24</b>	<b>51</b>	17	35	1	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	<b>22</b>	12	10	<b>22</b>	<b>55</b>	23	32	*	1
The individuals involved	10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	<b>73</b>	57	17	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	8	3	*	1
	06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	<b>78</b>	61	17	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	4	5	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	<b>80</b>	62	18	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	6	2	1	1

**COUNT.** Once every state has finished counting its votes for president and any legal challenges to the results are resolved, do you think:

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

AP-NORC 10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
The loser of the presidential election has an obligation to accept the results and concede	83	15	-	1
Donald Trump will accept the results and concede even if he has lost the election	33	65	*	1
Kamala Harris will accept the results and concede even if she has lost the election	77	22	*	2

**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 10/11-14/2024
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>46</b>
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean Republican	8
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	16

N=

1,072



**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 10/11-14/2024
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>23</b>
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	11
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>30</b>
Somewhat conservative	15
Very conservative	15
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

N=

1,072

**REG. Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?**

	AP NORC 10/11-14/2024
Yes	88
No	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,072

## 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 bi-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 11 through October 14, 2024, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,072 completed the survey—1,034 via the web and 38 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 12.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 27.4 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.2 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.6 percent.

The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.03 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 +/- 6.15 percentage points for Democrats and +/- 6.49 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, 60 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>.  
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