

# The May 2025 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 05/01-05/2025 1,175 adults

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

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

CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

**CUR3.** If don't know, skipped, or refused in CUR2

If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

CUR3A. If approve in CUR2

Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

**CUR3B.** *If disapprove in CUR2* 

Would you say you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

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

				Lean toward	Do not lean	Dis-	Lean toward	Some- what	Strongly		
AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	approv -ing	either way	approve NET	disapp- roving	dis- approve	dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	41	24	17	*	1	57	1	13	43	*	1
04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	39	22	16	*	1	59	1	16	43	1	1
03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	42	22	20	*	1	56	1	15	40	-	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	40	24	16	-	*	58	*	12	46	-	1
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	39	22	17	*	*	61	*	15	46	*	*
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	43	25	17	*	1	56	*	11	44	-	*
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	35	18	16	*	*	65	1	19	46	*	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	38	24	14	*	1	61	*	11	50	1	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	39	21	17	*	1	60	*	10	49	-	1

				Lean	Do not		Lean	Some-			
	_		Some-	toward	lean	Dis-	toward	what	Strongly		
AP-NORC	Approve	Strongly	what	approv-	either	approve	disapp-	dis-	dis-	D	SKP/
All adults	NET	approve	approve	ing	way	NET	roving	approve	approve	K	REF
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	41	22	19	*	*	58	*	14	44	-	1
04/16-20/2020	40	22	20				*	4.6	4.4		
(N=1,057)	42	22	20	-	-	57	4	16	41	-	1
03/26-29/2020	42	26	47		*	F.C	*	1.0	20		*
(N=1,057)	43	26	17	-	•	56		16	39	-	
02/13-16/2020	43	24	19	*	1	56	*	16	40		1
(N=1,074)	45	24	19	,	1	50	•	10	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020	41	24	17	1	*	58	*	14	44		*
(N=1,353)	41	24	17	1	-	36		14	44	-	
12/5-9/2019	40	23	17	*		60	*	15	45		*
(N=1,053)	40	25	17	•	-	60		15	43	-	
10/24-28/2019	42	25	17	*	1	56	*	14	42		1
(N=1,075)	42	23	17		1	30		14	42	-	
09/20-23/2019	40	24	16	*	1	59	*	16	42	_	1
(N=1,286)	40	24	10		1	33		10	42	-	
8/15-18/2019	36	21	15	*	*	62	_	16	46	*	2
(N=1,060)	30	21	13			02	_	10	40		
6/13-17/2019	38	19	19	*	*	60	*	17	43	_	1
(N=1,116)	30	13	15			00		17	73		_
5/17-20/2019	38	19	18	*	1	61	1	13	47	*	1
(N=1,137)	30	13	10		•	01	_	13	77		_
4/11-14/2019	39	19	20	*	1	60	*	13	46	_	*
(N=1,108)		13	20		-			13			
3/14-18/2019	40	22	18	*	*	58	1	15	42	_	1
(N=1,063)						•					_
1/16-20/2019	34	18	16	*	*	65	1	11	53	*	*
(N=1,062)							_				
12/13-16/2018	42	21	21	*	1	56	*	14	42	_	1
(N=1,067)					_						_
10/11-14/2018	40	21	19	*	1	59	*	14	45	_	1
(N=1,152)					_			= :			_
8/16-20/2018	38	18	20	-	1	60	1	17	43	_	1
(N=1,055)			-			-			-		
6/13-18/2018	41	21	20	*	1	57	*	16	42	*	*
(N=1,109)											
4/11-16/2018	40	19	20	*	1	59	*	15	44	_	1
(N=1,140)											
3/14-19/2018	42	20	21	*	1	58	*	14	44	_	*
(N=1,122)											
2/15-19/2018	35	19	17	-	1	64	*	17	46	*	*
(N=1,337)											

				Lean	Do not		Lean	Some-			
			Some-	toward	lean	Dis-	toward	what	Strongly		
AP-NORC	Approve	Strongly	what	approv-	either	approve	disapp-	dis-	dis-	D	SKP/
All adults	NET	approve	approve	ing	way	NET	roving	approve	approve	K	REF
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	32	15	17	*	*	67	*	16	51	1	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	32	20	12	*	*	67	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	16	18	*	1	64	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	42	20	22	*	*	58	*	14	43	-	1

# CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	36	63	*	1
•	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	37	61	*	1
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	40	58	1	1
	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	49	51	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	50	49	*	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	47	52	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	48	51	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	49	50	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	49	50	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	52	47	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	56	43	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	56	43	1	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	54	44	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	51	47	1	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	46	51	1	2
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	47	51	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	44	55	-	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	50	48	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	51	49	*	-
	03/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	46	51	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	45	53	-	*
	12/07-11/2017 (N=1,020)	40	59	*	-
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	57	*	*
	09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	42	56	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 (N=1,068)	43	55	*	*
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	47	-	*

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Immigration	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	49	51	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	46	53	*	1
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	49	50	*	1
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	40	59	1	1
	8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	38	60	1	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	39	59	*	2
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	36	62	*	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	41	58	*	1
	8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	61	-	-
	2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	37	62	*	*
	9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	35	64	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	39	60	*	*
	3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	45	54	-	*
Issues related to colleges and universities	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	42	56	*	1

# COLLEGE1. How concerned are you about each of the following at colleges and universities?

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

AP-NORC 05/01-	Extremely/ Very concerned	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very/ Not at all concerned	Not very	Not concerned		SKP/
05/2025	NET	concerned	concerned	concerned	NET	concerned	at all	DK	REF
The cost of tuition	58	27	31	26	15	10	5	*	1
Antisemitism on campuses	38	17	21	33	26	16	10	*	2
Liberal bias on campuses	36	18	17	30	32	18	14	*	2
International students' visas being canceled	35	16	19	28	36	19	17	*	1

N=1,175

# COLLEGE2. Do you think colleges and universities make more of a positive, negative, or neither positive nor negative contribution to each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 05/01- 05/2025	Very/ Somewhat positive NET	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Very/ Somewhat negative NET	Somewhat negative	Very negative	DK	SKP/ REF
Medical and scientific research	64	30	34	26	9	6	3	*	2
Defense and military research	40	13	27	42	16	9	6	1	2
The quality of the U.S. workforce	48	18	30	34	17	12	4	*	2
New ideas and innovative technology	63	27	35	27	9	7	3	*	1

N=1,175

# COLLEGE3. Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose each of the following for colleges and universites?

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

AP-NORC	Strongly /some- what favor	Strongly	Some- what	Neither favor nor	Strongly/ some - what oppose	Somewhat	Strongly		SKIP/
05/01-05/2025	NET	favor	favor	oppose	NET	oppose	oppose	DK	REF
Maintaining federal funding for scientific and medical research	62	33	29	25	11	8	3	-	2
Witholding federal funding unless they comply with requirements related to the president's goals	27	9	17	26	45	12	33	*	2
Removing their tax- exempt status	30	12	18	32	36	15	21	*	2

N=1,175

# COLLEGE4. To what extenet can the following groups freely speak their minds on college and university campuses in the United States today?

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

AP-NORC			Only a	Not	DON'T	SKIPPED/
05/01-05/2025	A lot	Some	little	at all	KNOW	REFUSED
Liberals	40	32	17	7	*	3
Conservatives	24	36	24	12	*	3
Professors	30	39	20	8	*	3
Students	30	41	19	7	*	3

N=1,175

# COLLEGE5. Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose each of the following for colleges and universites?

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

	Strongly /some- what		Some-	Neither	Strongly/ some - what				
AP-NORC	favor	Strongly	what	favor nor	oppose	Somewhat	Strongly		SKIP/
05/01-05/2025	NET	favor	favor	oppose	NET	oppose	oppose	DK	REF
Diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, sometimes called DEI	40	24	16	29	29	9	20	*	2
Support services for students from underrepresented groups such as clubs and mentorship opportunities	48	24	24	35	15	11	5	*	1
Courses that teach about racism	44	25	19	32	23	9	14	*	1
Scholarships for students from underrepresented groups	45	23	22	34	19	13	6	*	1

N=1,175

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.

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

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Democrat NET	40
Strong Democrat	14
Not so strong Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	11
Independent/None – Don't lean	22
Republican NET	38
Lean Republican	8
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	17

N= 1,175

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:

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

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Liberal NET	19
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	8
Moderate	47
Conservative NET	31
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	13
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	4

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

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Urban area	25
Suburban area	46
Rural area	28
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
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N= 1,175

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Protestant	27
Roman Catholic	18
Mormon	2
Orthodox	*
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	5
Agnostic	5
Nothing in particular	16
Just Christian	22
Unitarian	*
Something else	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,175

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
	05/01-05/2025
Yes	37
No	63
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N= 820

# AGE

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
18-29	20
30-44	27
45-59	22
60+	31
N-	1,175

## **GENDER**

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Male	49
Female	51
N=	1,175

# RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 05/01-05/2025
White, non-Hispanic	60
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	18
Other	9
N=	1,175

## **MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Married	50
Not married	50
N=	1,175

## **EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC	
	05/01-05/2025	
Employed	61	
Not employed	39	
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# **EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	26
Bachelor's degree	23
Post graduate study or professional degree	14

*N*= 1,175

## **CENSUS REGION**

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Northeast NET	17
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	20
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	39
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	24
Mountain	8
Pacific	16

N= 1,175

## **HOME OWNERSHIP**

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Owned or being bought by you or	62
someone in your household	
Rented for cash	34
Occupied without payment of cash rent	5

# **VOTE 2024**

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Voted for Kamala Harris	29
Voted for Donald Trump	30
Voted for someone else	1
Didn't vote	41

N= 1,175

# INCOME

	AP-NORC
	05/01-05/2025
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	13

#### **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 May 1 through May 5, 2025, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,175 completed the survey—1,101 via the web and 74 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 13.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 26.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.8 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. For example, the margin of sampling error is 6.1 percentage points for Democrats and 6.3 percentage points for Republicans and 9.8 percentage points for independents. 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, 65 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, education, and 2024 presidential vote. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2024 Current Population Survey and the final results for 2024 presidential vote turnout and vote choice. 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.

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