



The October 2025 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 10/09-13/2025
1,289 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
among all adults*

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

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

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

		Very/ somewhat unfavorable NET	Very unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very/ somewhat favorable NET	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP / REF
The Democratic Party	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	58	35	23	32	24	8	9	*
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	53	27	26	34	26	8	12	1
	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	55	32	23	36	27	9	8	*
	09/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	44	28	16	48	29	20	7	*
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	49	30	20	42	29	13	8	1
The Republican Party	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	51	35	16	40	25	15	8	1
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	51	32	19	38	23	15	11	1
	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	52	33	18	41	26	15	7	*
	09/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	53	35	19	39	25	14	7	1
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	59	34	25	32	24	9	9	1

POLICY1. Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose each of the following?

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

AP-NORC		Strongly /some - what favor NET	Strongly favor	Some what favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ some - what oppose NET	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	D K	SKP /REF
Extending the federal tax credits for individuals who purchase health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	43	24	20	42	12	6	7	*	2

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
Congress	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	4	43	51	*	1
	07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	6	49	44	*	1
	06/20-24/2024 (N=1,088)	5	50	45	*	1
	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
The Supreme Court	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	14	48	37	*	1
	07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	16	51	31	*	1
	06/20-24/2024 (N=1,088)	16	44	40	-	1
	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

AP-NORC		A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP /REF
Executive branch of the federal government	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	15	36	47	*	1
	07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	14	44	41	*	1
	06/20-24/2024 (N=1,088)	14	49	36	-	1
	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
The military	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	39	41	18	1	1
	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	37	46	16	-	2
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	47	40	11	*	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	42	47	11	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	53	37	9	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	54	38	7	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	56	37	6	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	56	37	7	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	48	45	6	*	1

SHUT1. Overall, do you think the federal government shutdown which began Wednesday, October 1, 2025 has been:¹

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019
A major problem for the country	54	65
A minor problem for the country	35	26
Not a problem at all for the country	11	8
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1
N=	1,289	1,062

¹ The January 2019 AP-NORC Poll question read as “Overall, do you think the partial federal government shutdown which began Saturday, December 22, 2018 has been:”

SHUT2. How much responsibility does each of the following have for the federal government shutdown?²

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		A great deal/Quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/None at all NET	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/REF
Donald Trump	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	58	48	10	17	22	10	12	*	3
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	70	61	10	15	13	7	6	*	1
Republicans in Congress	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	58	45	13	19	20	11	9	*	3
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	58	36	23	26	14	9	5	1	1
Democrats in Congress	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	54	40	14	25	19	11	7	*	2
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	47	31	16	24	27	16	11	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.

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Democrat NET	38
Strong Democrat	14
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	22
Republican NET	40
Lean Republican	11
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	16

N=

1,289

² The January 2019 AP-NORC Poll question read as “How much responsibility does each of the following have for the partial federal government shutdown?”

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 10/09-13/2025
Liberal NET	18
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	8
Moderate	48
Conservative NET	30
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	14
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3

N=

1,289

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

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Urban area	24
Suburban area	49
Rural area	25
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,289

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Protestant	24
Roman Catholic	19
Mormon	1
Orthodox	*
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	2
Hindu	1
Atheist	5
Agnostic	6
Nothing in particular	17
Just Christian	22
Unitarian	1
Something else	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,289

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 10/09-13/2025
Yes	37
No	63
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

872

AGE

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
18-29	20
30-44	24
45-59	25
60+	31

N=

1,289

GENDER

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Male	49
Female	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
White, non-Hispanic	60
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	18
Other	10
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Married	47
Not married	53
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Employed	64
Not employed	36
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
Bachelor's degree	23
Post graduate study or professional degree	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</i>

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
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=

1,289

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	65
Rented for cash	32
Occupied without payment of cash rent	4

N=

1,289

VOTE 2024

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Voted for Kamala Harris	29
Voted for Donald Trump	30
Voted for someone else	1
Didn't vote	41
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=

1,289

INCOME

	AP-NORC 10/09-13/2025
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	6
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	17
\$150,000 or more	15
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,289</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 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 9 through October 13, 2025, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,289 completed the survey—1,226 via the web and 63 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 13.2 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 26.3 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 78.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.7 percent.

The overall margin of sampling error is ± 3.8 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 5.6 percentage points for Democrats, 6.2 percentage points for Republicans and 9.2 percentage points for independents.

Hispanic adults were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 378 interviews completed with Hispanic respondents is ± 6.9 percentage points.

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, 97 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 2025 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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