



State of the Facts 2026

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Interviews: 7/29-8/10/2026

1,036 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

Q1. How closely do you pay attention to information about each of the following topics?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extre mely /very close ly NET	Extremely closely	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too/not at all closely NET	Not too closely	Not closely at all	DK	SKP/REF
The environment	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	38	11	27	38	23	20	3	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	38	13	25	41	20	16	5	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	40	13	27	42	18	13	5	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	43	14	29	39	17	11	5	*	*
Health care	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	46	17	29	36	17	15	2	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	47	17	30	37	15	13	2	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	47	17	31	37	16	12	4	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	49	16	33	38	13	10	2	-	*
Crime	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	41	13	28	37	21	17	4	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	45	15	30	38	17	13	3	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	42	13	29	43	15	12	4	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	44	14	30	38	17	13	4	*	*
Jobs and unemployment	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	33	10	23	39	27	21	6	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	39	11	28	40	21	16	5	-	*
Education	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	34	11	23	37	27	21	6	-	2
	7/29-8/8/2024	40	13	26	39	20	15	5	-	1

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extre mely /very close ly NET	Extremely closely	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too/not at all closely NET	Not too closely	Not closely at all	DK	SKP/REF
	(N=1,019)									
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	43	16	28	38	18	14	5	-	*
Education cont.	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	42	14	29	40	18	14	4	-	*
Foreign affairs	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	30	9	20	38	31	24	8	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	30	8	22	38	31	22	9	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	26	7	19	38	35	27	8	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	38	12	25	38	24	18	6	-	*
Immigration	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	40	12	28	34	25	19	6	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	41	17	24	35	23	18	5	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	32	9	23	40	27	21	6	-	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	46	19	27	38	17	13	4	-	*
The federal budget	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	25	9	16	40	35	26	8	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	28	9	19	40	32	24	8	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	25	7	18	38	37	27	9	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	29	9	21	42	28	21	7	*	*
Elections and politics	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	41	15	26	34	24	17	7	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	52	21	31	32	15	10	5	-	1

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extre mely /very close ly NET	Extremely closely	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not too/not at all closely NET	Not too closely	Not closely at all	DK	SKP/REF
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	48	20	29	35	16	11	6	-	*
U.S. involvement overseas	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	40	14	26	36	23	18	5	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	36	11	24	37	26	19	7	-	1
Inflation and the cost of living	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	60	26	34	29	10	8	2	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	63	25	38	29	7	5	2	-	1
Abortion	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	24	10	15	32	43	31	12	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	41	16	25	31	27	21	6	-	*

Q2. Thinking about some of the ways you get information about the government these days, how often, if at all, do you get information from...

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

AP- NORC/USAFacts		Several times a day/Once a day NET	Several times a day	Once a day	At least once a week	Less often/ Never NET	Less often	Never	DK	SKP/REF
National newspapers, including either print or digital editions ¹	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	6	13	24	56	26	30	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	15	4	11	15	69	27	43	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	15	4	11	15	69	27	43	-	*

¹ In 2024, this item was displayed as “National newspapers.”

AP-NORC/USAFacts		Several times a day/Once a day NET	Several times a day	Once a day	At least once a week	Less often/ Never NET	Less often	Never	DK	SKP/REF
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	19	6	13	21	60	29	31	-	1
Federal government agencies	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	3	8	20	68	43	26	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	8	3	6	17	74	42	32	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	12	3	8	20	68	41	27	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	12	3	8	21	67	38	29	-	*
Your state government	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	13	3	10	23	64	43	21	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	10	3	8	21	69	45	24	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	14	3	11	31	54	39	15	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	14	4	10	25	60	39	21	*	1
Businesses	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	10	4	6	17	72	36	35	*	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	10	2	8	15	75	36	38	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	10	3	7	15	74	39	35	-	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	16	5	11	20	63	34	29	-	1
Local TV news	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	34	10	24	24	41	25	16	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	38	13	25	24	38	19	18	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	44	17	28	21	35	21	14	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	52	20	32	21	26	15	11	-	1

AP- NORC/USAFacts		Several times a day/Once a day NET	Several times a day	Once a day	At least once a week	Less often/ Never NET	Less often	Never	DK	SKP/REF
The president	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	14	5	9	20	65	34	31	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	14	5	9	20	66	40	25	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	22	8	14	26	52	26	26	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	28	10	17	22	50	24	26	*	*
National TV news networks such as ABC, CBS, or NBC	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	35	11	23	24	41	24	17	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	36	13	24	25	38	22	16	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	42	14	28	23	34	20	15	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	50	21	29	21	28	17	11	-	1
Social media	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	42	24	18	22	35	16	19	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	40	23	18	21	38	19	19	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	37	19	18	20	43	20	23	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	54	33	21	17	28	16	12	-	1
Local newspapers, including either print or digital editions ²	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	18	6	12	20	60	29	31	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	15	3	12	17	67	25	42	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	16	4	13	18	65	28	37	-	*

² In 2024, this item was displayed as “Local newspapers.”

AP- NORC/USAFacts		Several times a day/Once a day NET	Several times a day	Once a day	At least once a week	Less often/ Never NET	Less often	Never	DK	SKP/REF
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	23	4	18	24	52	26	27	-	*
Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MS NOW ³	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	28	12	17	21	51	26	24	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	31	13	18	23	46	26	20	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	40	20	21	22	38	19	19	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	47	23	24	21	31	17	14	*	1
Public TV or radio such as PBS or NPR	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	6	13	21	60	31	29	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	23	9	14	19	58	26	31	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	25	9	16	20	54	25	29	-	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	34	14	20	22	44	23	21	-	*
YouTube or other online video- sharing platforms	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	31	15	16	22	46	24	23	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	27	12	14	20	54	25	29	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	19	9	10	18	62	27	36	*	*
Online-only news sites, such as Axios, Yahoo	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	22	7	15	22	55	24	31	*	1

³ In 2024, this item was displayed as “Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC.”

AP-NORC/USAFacts		Several times a day/Once a day NET	Several times a day	Once a day	At least once a week	Less often/ Never NET	Less often	Never	DK	SKP/REF
News, or the Daily Wire ⁴	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	23	9	14	21	55	22	33	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	19	9	11	16	64	24	40	*	*
An artificial intelligence, or AI, chatbot (such as ChatGPT or Claude)	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	11	5	6	11	78	27	51	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	6	2	5	6	87	18	69	-	*
Podcasts	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	14	4	10	18	68	29	39	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	13	5	8	15	70	25	46	-	2

⁴ In 2020, this item was displayed as “Online-only news sites, such as Huffington Post, BuzzFeed, or Breitbart.”

Q3. Regardless of how often you get information from these sources, how much do you trust information from them about the government?

[ITEMS DISPLAYED IN SAME ORDER AS Q2, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC/USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little /not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/REF
National newspapers, including either print or digital editions ⁵	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	20	6	13	31	48	31	18	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	18	5	12	32	50	28	22	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	19	5	15	33	47	27	20	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	19	6	14	33	46	27	19	1	1
Federal government agencies	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	11	2	9	33	54	34	20	-	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	18	4	15	30	51	30	21	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	13	3	10	37	49	33	16	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	14	3	10	36	49	34	16	*	1
Your state government	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	16	3	13	35	48	31	17	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	17	2	15	34	47	30	18	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	20	3	16	41	39	27	11	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	19	4	15	38	42	30	13	*	1
Businesses	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	9	2	7	28	63	38	24	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	7	2	5	31	61	34	27	-	2

⁵ In 2024, this item was displayed as “National newspapers.”

AP- NORC/USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little /not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/REF
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	8	1	7	28	62	42	21	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	8	1	7	34	56	38	17	*	1
Local TV news	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	22	7	16	37	40	28	12	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	21	4	17	39	39	27	12	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	25	5	21	42	33	22	11	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	27	7	20	36	36	27	10	*	1
The president	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	15	3	11	21	63	21	42	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	19	5	13	25	55	26	30	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	20	9	11	22	58	19	40	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	19	7	12	20	61	22	39	-	*
National TV news networks such as ABC, CBS, or NBC	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	22	7	15	33	44	26	19	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	22	6	16	32	45	29	17	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	24	6	18	36	41	24	17	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	25	7	18	34	41	26	15	*	*
Social media	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	4	8	23	64	37	26	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	10	3	7	23	66	38	28	*	1
	9/15-25/2020	7	2	5	21	71	36	35	*	*

AP- NORC/USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little /not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/REF
	(N=1,043)									
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	11	3	8	24	64	40	23	1	*
Local newspapers, including either print or digital editions ⁶	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	4	15	34	46	29	17	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	16	4	12	37	47	29	17	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	19	4	15	40	40	23	17	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	20	5	15	39	40	27	12	1	1
Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MS NOW	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	18	6	12	31	51	29	22	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	17	3	13	30	53	34	19	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	19	5	14	37	43	29	15	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	23	5	18	32	44	31	13	*	*
Public TV or radio such as PBS or NPR	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	27	8	19	28	45	24	21	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	23	6	17	30	46	26	20	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	27	10	17	32	41	24	17	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	31	10	21	29	39	26	13	*	*

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YouTube or other online video- sharing platforms	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	3	9	30	57	34	23	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	11	3	8	24	63	34	29	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	7	2	5	21	71	34	36	*	*
Online-only news sites, such as Axios, Yahoo News, or The Daily Wire ⁷	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	10	2	8	33	56	31	25	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	11	2	9	28	61	35	26	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	7	1	6	24	67	32	36	1	1
An artificial intelligence, or AI, chatbot (such as ChatGPT or Claude)	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	7	1	6	22	71	30	41	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	3	1	2	15	81	20	61	-	1
Podcasts	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	10	2	8	27	62	33	29	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	12	3	10	23	64	34	30	-	1

⁷ In 2020, this item was displayed as “Online-only news sites, such as Huffington Post, BuzzFeed, or Breitbart.”

Q4. Have you ever used federal government website (e.g. Census Bureau, IRS, Centers for Disease Control) to look up information?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDERS]

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/8/2024	AP- NORC/USAFacts 09/15-25/2020	AP- NORC/USAFacts 10/15-28/2019
Yes	62	64	66	58
No	38	36	33	42
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-	*	*
N =	1,036	1,019	1,043	1,032

Q5. How much do you trust information from the federal government about the following topics?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
The environment	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	3	10	29	58	35	23	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	21	5	17	28	50	29	21	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	16	5	11	34	50	32	18	-	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	13	3	10	39	46	31	16	*	1
Health care	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	16	6	10	36	46	26	20	*	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	26	8	18	31	42	26	16	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	22	5	17	36	41	28	13	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	22	5	17	38	40	31	9	*	*
Crime	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	5	14	34	46	29	17	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	24	6	17	33	44	27	17	-	*

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	24	7	18	35	40	27	12	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	24	5	19	40	35	26	9	*	1
Jobs and unemploy- ment	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	15	5	10	36	48	29	18	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	25	6	19	31	43	28	16	-	1
Education	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	13	4	9	34	53	33	20	-	*
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	21	4	17	34	44	27	17	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	19	4	15	40	40	29	12	-	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	21	5	16	42	37	28	8	*	*
Foreign affairs	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	13	3	10	29	57	35	22	*	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	19	5	15	30	51	30	21	-	*
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	18	4	14	35	46	31	15	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	16	3	13	37	46	30	16	*	*
Immigration	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	15	5	11	28	56	30	25	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	20	4	16	27	52	27	24	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	16	3	13	35	48	31	17	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	18	5	13	36	45	30	15	*	*
The federal budget	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	14	4	10	32	53	30	23	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	23	5	18	27	49	29	20	-	1

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	21	6	15	35	43	29	14	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	18	3	14	39	43	30	13	*	*
Elections and politics	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	13	3	10	29	57	27	30	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	22	6	15	26	51	25	26	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	15	5	11	32	51	32	19	-	1
Inflation and the cost of living	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	18	5	13	31	50	28	23	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	26	7	19	27	46	25	21	-	*
Abortion	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	11	4	7	26	62	32	30	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	21	6	15	27	51	30	21	*	1
Vaccination recommenda tions and safety	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	17	5	11	21	62	29	33	-	1

Q6. Thinking about information you consider factual, how important is each of the following factors?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very important NET	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/not at all important NET	Not too important	Not important at all	DK	SKP/ REF
It explains the way the information was gathered	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	71	32	39	23	5	3	2	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	75	36	39	19	5	3	2	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	77	38	40	18	4	3	1	-	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	75	37	39	20	4	3	1	*	*
It provides more than one viewpoint on the subject	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	63	25	38	28	8	5	3	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	64	25	40	26	9	7	2	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	64	28	36	26	10	7	2	*	*
It does not include opinions	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	56	26	29	29	15	11	4	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	57	29	28	27	14	11	3	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	59	27	32	28	12	9	4	*	*

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very important NET	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/not at all important NET	Not too important	Not important at all	DK	SKP/ REF
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	54	28	26	32	13	9	3	1	1
It includes information I agree with	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	21	6	15	29	49	28	21	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	17	5	13	31	50	32	19	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	21	6	15	27	51	32	19	-	1

Q7. How likely are you to consider information factual if it has each of the following characteristics?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not too/not at all likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	SKP/REF
It is based in data	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	60	26	34	29	10	6	4	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	62	26	36	27	10	8	2	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	66	29	38	25	8	5	3	*	*
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	61	22	38	30	9	7	2	-	*
It comes from a non-partisan source	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	39	12	27	41	19	14	5	-	1
	7/29-	39	10	29	43	18	13	5	*	1

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not too/not at all likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	SKP/REF
	8/8/2024 (N=1,019)									
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	40	11	30	42	17	11	5	*	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	34	8	26	43	22	16	6	*	*
It is verified by an academic institution	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	39	14	26	41	18	13	5	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	41	13	28	36	21	15	7	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	43	13	29	38	18	12	6	*	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	44	12	33	37	18	13	5	*	*
It is verified by federal government agencies	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	6	14	44	35	24	12	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	29	6	22	39	31	20	12	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	26	5	21	48	26	18	8	*	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	28	7	21	47	24	18	6	*	2
Your friends and family think that it is true	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	3	9	42	44	32	12	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	10	2	8	40	50	37	13	-	*

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not too/not at all likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	SKP/REF
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	11	1	9	42	46	31	15	1	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	14	4	9	42	44	31	13	*	1
It is verified by a business	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	13	3	11	44	42	32	10	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	11	2	9	42	47	35	12	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	12	3	9	46	42	29	13	*	*
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	13	3	10	48	39	31	8	*	1
It is verified by the media	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	17	4	13	39	42	30	13	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	15	3	12	36	48	31	17	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	18	4	14	38	43	26	17	*	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	16	4	12	40	44	27	17	*	*
Most people think that it is true	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	11	3	8	37	51	34	17	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	8	1	7	36	55	39	15	-	1
	9/15-	9	1	8	37	53	32	21	-	*

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not too/not at all likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	SKP/REF
	25/2020 (N=1,043)									
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	14	3	11	36	49	32	16	*	1
It is verified by scientists	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	49	19	29	35	16	12	3	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	53	22	31	32	14	11	3	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	63	26	37	26	11	8	3	-	*
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	55	22	33	32	12	8	4	*	*
It comes from someone you agree with politically	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	3	9	50	37	27	10	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	13	2	11	50	36	28	8	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	18	3	15	48	33	23	11	-	1
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	19	4	15	54	27	20	7	*	1
You have seen a photograph or video of it	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	29	6	23	44	26	19	6	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	33	7	26	43	22	17	5	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020	34	7	27	47	18	12	6	-	*

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely /very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Not too/not at all likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	SKP/REF
	(N=1,043)									
It is verified by an AI bot or agent	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	9	2	7	24	66	34	32	-	1

Q8. Next, in general, how easy or difficult is it for you to...

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Very/ somewhat easy NET	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Very/ somewhat difficult	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	DK	SKP /REF
Find factual information on the subjects you are interested in	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	49	14	36	29	22	19	3	-	*
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	53	15	38	28	18	16	3	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	54	16	37	26	21	18	3	-	*
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	44	12	32	24	32	25	7	*	*
Know if information is true or not	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	37	8	29	34	28	22	6	-	*
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	36	8	28	35	28	23	6	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	41	8	32	30	30	25	5	*	*
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	31	9	22	22	47	36	12	*	*
Understand the difference between fact and opinion	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	62	29	33	22	15	12	3	-	*
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	63	29	35	23	13	9	3	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	65	30	35	21	14	13	2	-	*
	10/15- 28/2019 (N=1,032)	50	20	30	20	29	23	6	-	*

Q9. How often do you think each of the following are based on factual information?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Always/ often NET	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never NET	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
The Democratic Party's campaign messages	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	2	11	40	47	27	20	*	1
<i>Kamala Harris's campaign messages</i>	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	27	7	20	27	45	22	23	*	1
The Republican Party's campaign messages	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	12	3	10	34	53	31	22	-	1
<i>Donald Trump's campaign messages</i>	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	18	5	13	24	57	25	32	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	22	6	15	26	51	24	27	*	1
Debates between political candidates	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	10	1	9	45	44	30	14	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	11	1	10	47	40	29	11	*	2
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	16	3	14	54	29	22	7	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	13	2	12	47	39	32	7	*	1
Voting choices made by Americans	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	4	15	44	35	27	8	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	18	4	13	48	32	25	7	*	2

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Always/ often NET	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never NET	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	17	2	15	51	31	26	6	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	14	3	11	53	32	26	6	*	*
Reporting from the media	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	18	2	16	47	34	25	9	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	17	2	15	47	35	24	11	*	2
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	18	1	17	45	36	25	11	*	-
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	21	3	18	47	31	24	7	*	*
Decisions made by policymakers	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	10	1	9	50	40	28	11	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	10	1	9	51	37	28	9	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	12	1	10	56	32	25	7	*	1
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	14	2	12	55	30	24	7	1	*
Results produced by artificial intelligence (AI) chat programs (such as ChatGPT or Claude) ⁸	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	16	2	14	43	41	21	19	*	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	8	1	7	38	51	30	21	*	3
Results from artificial intelligence- assisted internet search engines (such	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	16	1	14	47	36	19	17	*	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	12	1	11	42	45	26	18	*	1

⁸ In 2024, this item was displayed as “Results produced by artificial intelligence (AI) chat programs.”

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Always/ often NET	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never NET	Rarely	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
as Google AI Overviews) ⁹										

Q10. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?
Political division in the United States is more a result of Americans...

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 07/29-8/8/2024	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 09/15-25/2020	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 10/15-28/2019
Having different <u>beliefs</u> about how to address major problems facing the country	54	53	55	60
Relying on different <u>facts</u> about major problems facing the country	43	45	43	37
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2	2	1	2
N=	1,036	1,019	1,043	1,032

⁹ In 2024, this item was displayed as “Results from artificial intelligence-assisted internet search engines.”

Q11. How much influence do you think the political beliefs of each of the following have over information provided by the federal government?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		A great deal/ quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/Not at all NET	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Members of Congress	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	41	15	26	37	21	16	5	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	48	18	29	32	19	13	6	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	44	14	30	41	15	11	4	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	45	17	28	33	20	16	4	1	1
The president	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	55	30	25	26	17	10	7	-	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	49	18	30	31	19	11	9	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	59	26	33	25	15	8	7	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	54	25	29	27	18	9	9	1	1
Employees in federal agencies	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	26	7	19	40	32	25	8	-	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	29	9	20	38	32	23	9	-	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	27	7	21	40	32	26	6	*	*
	10/15-28/2019 (N=1,032)	30	8	22	39	30	23	7	1	1

Q12. Which comes closer to describing how you think about each of the following issues?

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

AP-NORC/USAFacts		I rely on facts more than my values	I rely on my values more than facts	DK	SKP/REF
Policing and the criminal justice system	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	69	28	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	70	29	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	64	34	1	*
Climate change	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	77	21	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	77	22	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	79	20	*	*
Abortion	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	49	49	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	48	51	*	2
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	36	63	*	*
The economy	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	76	21	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	77	22	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	78	21	*	1
Health care	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	70	28	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	73	26	*	1
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	70	30	*	1
Immigration	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	64	33	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	65	32	*	3
	9/15-25/2020 (N=1,043)	59	41	*	1

AP-NORC/USAFacts		I rely on facts more than my values	I rely on my values more than facts	DK	SKP/REF
LGBTQ+ issues	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	47	50	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	49	48	*	2
The U.S. military action against Iran	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	70	27	*	2
The conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	67	30	*	3
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	70	28	*	2
Policies about K-12 public school curriculum	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	64	34	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	64	34	*	2
Voting and election policies, such as voter identification requirements, ballot drop boxes and vote-by-mail	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	72	25	*	3
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	72	26	*	2
Crime	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	74	23	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	76	23	*	1

Q13. When it comes to information about the upcoming midterm elections, how easy or difficult is it for you to...¹⁰

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Very/ somewhat easy NET	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Very/ somewhat difficult	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	DK	SKP /REF
Find factual information about how to register to vote	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	63	36	27	25	11	8	3	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	71	43	28	20	8	6	2	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	68	43	24	21	11	7	4	*	*
Find factual information about how to cast your ballot	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	54	29	25	25	20	14	6	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	63	36	27	23	13	8	4	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	61	33	28	23	16	12	4	*	*
Find factual information about the candidates and their positions	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	37	11	27	31	30	24	6	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	45	14	31	26	27	21	7	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	47	18	29	24	29	20	8	*	*
Know if information is true or not	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	30	9	21	31	37	27	9	*	2
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	38	10	28	27	34	25	9	*	1

¹⁰ In 2024, the question text read “When it comes to information about the upcoming presidential election, how easy or difficult is it for you to...”

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Very/ somewhat easy NET	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Very/ somewhat difficult	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	DK	SKP /REF
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	38	13	24	24	38	26	12	*	*
Understand the difference between fact and opinion	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	48	21	27	29	22	17	5	-	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	57	27	30	23	19	14	5	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	51	25	26	24	25	17	8	-	*
Know if what candidates are saying is true or not	7/29- 8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	25	9	16	30	43	30	14	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	36	10	26	25	39	26	13	-	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	35	14	21	24	40	26	14	*	*

Q14. When you see news about the upcoming midterm elections and you want to find out if it is true or not, where do you generally go first to check?¹¹

[RESPONSE OPTION ORDER RANDOMIZED]

	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 7/29- 8/10/2026	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 7/29- 8/8/2024	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 09/15- 25/2020
An internet search	37	40	35
A national newspaper, including either print or digital editions ¹²	2	3	3
Your local newspaper, including either print or digital editions ¹³	4	1	2
A federal government agency	3	3	3
A candidate's website	4	2	4
National TV news networks such as ABC, CBS, or NBC	8	9	8
Your local TV news networks	5	5	6
Social media	6	7	5
Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MS NOW ¹⁴	6	9	13
Public TV or radio such as PBS or NPR	4	5	7
A friend or family member	5	4	6
YouTube or other online video-sharing platforms	5	3	2
An online-only news site, such as Axios, Yahoo News, or The Daily Wire ¹⁵	3	4	3
An artificial intelligence, or AI, chatbot (such as ChatGPT or Claude) ¹⁶	4	*	-
A podcast ¹⁷	2	2	-
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3	2	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,036</i>	<i>1,019</i>	<i>1,043</i>

¹¹ In 2024, the question text read "When you see news about the upcoming presidential election and you want to find out if it is true or not, where do you generally go first to check?"

¹² In 2024, response option was displayed as "A national newspaper."

¹³ In 2024, response option was displayed as "Your local newspaper."

¹⁴ In 2024, response option was displayed as "Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC."

¹⁵ In 2020, this response option was displayed as "Online-only news sites, such as Huffington Post, BuzzFeed, or Breitbart."

¹⁶ This response option was not included in 2020.

¹⁷ This response option was not included in 2020.

Q15. Thinking about the midterm elections this November, how much do you trust the following sources to provide accurate information about the outcome of the 2026 midterm elections?¹⁸

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

		A great deal/ Quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little /Not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/REF
AP-NORC/USAFacts										
Your local newspaper or local TV news networks, including digital editions ¹⁹	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	26	9	17	40	33	21	12	*	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	27	9	18	35	36	21	15	*	3
President Donald Trump ²⁰	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	17	7	9	22	60	16	44	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	16	6	10	21	61	16	45	*	1
Democratic candidates and their campaigns	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	19	6	13	32	48	26	22	-	2
<i>Kamala Harris and her campaign</i>	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	30	13	17	21	47	16	31	*	2
National newspapers or national TV news networks such as ABC, CBS, or NBC, including digital editions ²¹	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	30	10	21	34	34	19	15	-	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	31	11	21	30	37	20	17	*	1
Social media	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	13	3	9	29	57	33	24	-	1
	7/29-	11	3	8	25	63	34	28	*	2

¹⁸ In 2024, the question text read “Thinking about the presidential election this November, how much do you trust the following sources to provide accurate information about the outcome of the 2024 presidential election?”

¹⁹ In 2024, response option was split into two, differentiating “Local newspaper” and “Local TV news networks.”

²⁰ In 2024, response option was displayed as “Donald Trump and his campaign.”

²¹ In 2024, response option was split into two, differentiating “National newspaper” and “National TV news networks.”

		A great deal/ Quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little /Not at all NET	Only a little	Not at all	DK	SKP/REF
AP-NORC/USAFacts										
	8/8/2024 (N=1,019)									
Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MS NOW ²²	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	23	8	16	34	41	25	16	*	2
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	27	7	20	30	41	24	17	-	2
AI-powered search results ²³	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	15	3	12	26	58	30	29	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	7	2	5	20	70	23	48	*	2
Government certifications of election results	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	34	12	22	33	32	21	11	-	1
	7/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	40	18	21	29	30	17	13	*	2

²² In 2024, response option was displayed as “Cable news networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC.”

²³ In 2024, response option was displayed as “An artificial intelligence, or AI, chatbot.”

Q16. How concerned are you about foreign governments interfering with the 2026 midterm elections by... ²⁴

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts		Extremely/ very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very/at all concerned NET	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Tampering with voting systems or election results	7/29- 8/10/ 2026 (N=1,036)	35	17	18	29	35	21	14	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	36	17	18	33	31	20	11	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	44	24	20	24	31	22	9	-	*
Influencing the news and infor- mation Americans see	7/29- 8/10/ 2026 (N=1,036)	41	18	23	36	22	14	9	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	40	19	22	37	21	15	6	*	1
	9/15- 25/2020 (N=1,043)	45	25	20	29	26	18	8	-	*
Promoting division in society on social media	7/29- 8/10/ 2026 (N=1,036)	48	22	26	30	21	12	9	*	1
	7/29- 8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	45	21	25	32	22	14	7	-	1

²⁴ In 2024, the question text read “How concerned are you about foreign governments interfering with the 2024 presidential election by...” In 2020, the question text read “How concerned are you about foreign governments interfering with the 2020 presidential election by...”

Q17. Thinking about the 2026 midterm elections, how concerned are you about the federal government doing each of the following?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	Extremely/ very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very/at all concerned NET	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Publicly discrediting or questioning election results	46	24	23	29	24	13	10	*	1
Tampering with election results	46	24	22	30	23	14	9	*	1
Filing lawsuits to challenge or overturn state election results	41	21	21	29	28	18	10	*	1
Pressuring state election officials to change how they certify or report results	45	24	21	29	24	15	9	*	1

N=1,036

Q18. Have you ever felt the need to limit your media consumption on the following topics due to information overload, fatigue, or similar reasons?

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

AP-NORC/USAFacts		Yes	No	DK	SKP/REF
Crime	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	47	52	*	1
	07/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	50	48	-	1
The economy and jobs	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	43	55	*	1
	07/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	42	56	*	1
Overseas conflicts	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	53	46	*	1
	07/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	50	48	*	2
The government and politics	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	64	35	*	1
	07/29-8/8/2024 (N=1,019)	59	39	-	2

Q19. Thinking about the future impact of artificial intelligence, or AI, tools on how you get information, would you say you feel [more excited, more concerned], or neither excited nor concerned?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2 IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	AP-NORC/ USAFacts 07/29-8/8/2024
More excited	11	9
More concerned	47	52
Neither excited nor concerned	40	38
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1

N=

1,036

1,019

Q20. How confident are you that information from artificial intelligence, chatbots or search results, is reliable and factual?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	AP- NORC/USAFacts 07/29-8/8/2024	AP-NORC 10/19-23/2023 ²⁵
Extremely/very confident NET	9	5	5
Extremely confident	1	1	1
Very confident	7	4	4
Somewhat confident	41	30	33
Not very/at all confident NET	49	64	61
Not very confident	30	38	35
Not at all confident	19	26	26
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	*

N=

1,036

1,019

1,017

²⁵ Question asked as, "How confident are you that information from AI chatbots like ChatGPT or Bing Chat is reliable and factual?"

Q21. In the next 10 years, do you think artificial intelligence, or AI, will do [more to help or more to hurt] each of the following, or will it not make much of a difference? If you're not sure, you can say that too.

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

AP-NORC/USAFacts		More to help	More to hurt	Will not make much difference	Not sure	SKP/REF
The environment	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	11	44	22	23	*
	EPIC Poll 09/02-18/2025 (N=3,154)	18	33	25	24	1
The U.S. economy	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	17	40	17	26	1
	EPIC Poll 09/02-18/2025 (N=3,154)	22	36	18	24	1
Society as a whole	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	14	52	13	21	1
	EPIC Poll 09/02-18/2025 (N=3,154)	22	44	13	20	1
You personally	7/29-8/10/2026 (N=1,036)	18	26	34	22	1
	EPIC Poll 09/02-18/2025 (N=3,154)	22	26	31	20	1

Q22. Thinking about the future of AI, do you think AI will make each of the following [easier, harder, or neither easier nor harder]?

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	Much/ Some- what easier	Much easier	Somewhat easier	Neither easier nor harder	Much/ some- what harder	Somewhat harder	Much harder	DK	SKP/ REF
Knowing what information about the government is true	22	4	17	43	34	19	15	*	1
Correcting false information before it spreads widely	23	5	19	41	35	17	17	*	1
Accessing and understanding government information	37	7	30	40	22	11	11	*	1
Understanding complicated information or problems	46	12	34	31	22	11	11	*	1

N=1,036

Q23. When it comes to each of the following, would you say it is [easy, difficult, or neither easy nor difficult], for you to...

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

AP-NORC/ USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026	Very/ Some- what easy	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Very/ Some- what difficult	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	DK	SKP/ REF
Use AI to get reliable information in your daily life	35	8	27	39	24	13	11	*	2
Get information about the impact of AI in society	22	7	15	43	34	23	11	*	1
Get information about the impact of data centers in your local area	24	6	19	39	35	24	11	*	2
Verify if AI-generated information is accurate	20	5	15	36	42	25	17	*	2

N=1,036

VOTEREG. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address, registered at a different address or not currently registered?

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Registered at current address	72
Registered at a different address	3
Not currently registered	16
I am not eligible to vote	3
Not sure	5
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,036

VOTE24. In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. As it relates to the General Election that occurred this past November 2024, which one of the following statements best describes you?

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
I did not vote in the November 2024 General Election	30
I thought about voting in the November 2024 General Election, but did not	4
I usually vote, but did not in the November 2024 General Election	5
I'm sure I voted in the November 2024 General Election	61
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,036</i>

CANDI24. Did you vote in the 2024 presidential election for [Kamala Harris, Donald Trump,] or someone else?

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Voted for Kamala Harris	46
Voted for Donald Trump	49
Voted for someone else	2
Didn't vote	2
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>817</i>

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/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
UNKNOWN	*
Democrat NET	37
Strong Democrat	15
Not so strong Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	26
Republican NET	37
Lean Republican	11
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	13
N=	1,036

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/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
UNKNOWN	3
Liberal NET	21
Very liberal	9
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	48
Conservative NET	28
Somewhat conservative	17
Very conservative	11
N=	1,036

AGE

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
18-29	20
30-44	25
45-59	22
60+	32

N= 1,036

GENDER

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Male	48
Female	52

N= 1,036

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
White, non-Hispanic	58
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	19
Other	11

N= 1,036

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Married	48
Not married	52

N= 1,036

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Employed	61
Not employed	39

N= 1,036

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
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
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,036</i>

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
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	23
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,036</i>

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	68
Rented for cash	30
Occupied without payment of cash rent	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,036</i>

INCOME

	AP- NORC/USAFacts 7/29-8/10/2026
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	6
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	17

N=

1,036

Study Methodology

This survey, funded by USAFacts, was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago, The Associated Press, and USAFacts collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using AmeriSpeak®, NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. 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 National Sample Frame provides coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. The U.S. Postal Service delivery-sequence file (DSF) and National Consumer Address File have been used in a subset of years as a supplemental sample during AmeriSpeak panel recruitment for low coverage states. 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 July 29, 2026 and August 10, 2026, with adults age 18 and older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,036 completed the survey—1,017 via the web and 19 via 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 (\$3) for completing the survey.

The weighted household panel recruitment rate is 24.9 percent and the survey completion rate is 41.5 percent, for a weighted cumulative response rate of 10.3 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.1 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

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, 89 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 non-coverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design.

Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, education, and the 2024 presidential vote. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2026 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 www.norc.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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