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# The October 2020 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 10/08-12/2020*

*1,121 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.*

**CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the...**

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

AP-NORC All adults	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	25	74	1	1
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	27	72	*	1
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	75	1	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	20	80	*	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	24	74	1	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	33	65	1	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	1	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	58	*	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	38	62	*	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	36	63	*	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	39	60	1	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	38	60	1	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,059)	33	66	*	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	36	63	*	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	35	62	2	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	37	62	*	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	35	63	*	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	28	70	1	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	39	59	*	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	60	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	62	*	*
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	40	58	1	1
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	39	60	*	*
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,222)	37	62	1	1
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	32	68	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	69	1	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	24	74	1	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	34	65	2	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	37	62	1	*

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

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

**CUR3. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

*If approve in CUR2*

**CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?**

*If disapprove in CUR2*

**CUR3B. 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]**

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>Dis- approve NET</b>	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>39</b>	22	17	*	*	<b>61</b>	*	15	46	*	*
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>43</b>	25	17	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	11	44	-	*
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>35</b>	18	16	*	*	<b>65</b>	1	19	46	*	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>38</b>	24	14	*	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	*	11	50	-	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>39</b>	21	17	*	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	*	10	49	-	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>41</b>	22	19	*	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>42</b>	22	20	-	-	<b>57</b>	*	16	41	-	1
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>43</b>	26	17	-	*	<b>56</b>	*	16	39	-	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>43</b>	24	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	16	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>41</b>	24	17	1	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>40</b>	23	17	*	-	<b>60</b>	*	15	45	-	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	25	17	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>Dis- approve NET</b>	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>40</b>	24	16	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	16	42	-	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	<b>36</b>	21	15	*	*	<b>62</b>	-	16	46	*	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>38</b>	19	19	*	*	<b>60</b>	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	<b>38</b>	19	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	<b>39</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>40</b>	22	18	*	*	<b>58</b>	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>34</b>	18	16	*	*	<b>65</b>	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	<b>42</b>	21	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>40</b>	21	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	18	20	-	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	1	17	43	-	1
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>41</b>	21	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>40</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>42</b>	20	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>35</b>	19	17	-	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>32</b>	15	17	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>32</b>	20	12	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>35</b>	16	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>42</b>	20	22	*	*	<b>58</b>	*	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	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	-	*	
Race relations	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	35	64	1	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	60	*	1
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	32	67	*	1
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	33	65	*	1
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	31	67	*	*
	09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	31	67	*	*
The coronavirus outbreak	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	33	66	*	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	39	60	-	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	31	68	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	32	68	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	37	62	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	39	60	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	41	58	1	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	44	55	*	*
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	49	-	*
Supreme Court nominations	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	44	55	1	*
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	59	*	1
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	49	-	*

**B1A. How would you describe the nation’s economy these days? Would you say...**

*If neither good nor poor, Don’t know, Skipped, or Refused in B1A.*

**B1B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the nation’s economy being good or the nation’s economy being poor?**

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

	AP- NORC 10/08 -12/ 2020	AP- NORC 9/11- 14/ 2020	AP- NORC 8/17- 19/ 2020	AP- NORC 7/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 06/11- 15/ 2020	AP- NORC 05/14- 18/ 2020	AP- NORC 04/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 03/26- 29/ 2020	AP- NORC 01/16- 21/ 2020	AP- NORC 09/20- 23/ 2019	AP- NORC 06/13 -17/ 2019	AP- NORC 01/16- 20/ 2019
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>
Very good	6	6	4	4	5	3	3	9	21	18	15	10
Somewhat good	22	24	21	22	19	13	15	17	36	31	35	30
Lean toward good	11	11	12	12	12	13	11	12	10	11	14	13
<b>Neither good nor poor</b>	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>47</b>
Lean toward poor	10	10	12	11	14	9	8	10	13	11	13	14
Somewhat poor	31	33	32	30	28	31	30	29	15	19	16	23
Very poor	20	16	18	21	21	30	33	21	5	8	7	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	-	-	-	1	*	-	-	*	*	1	-
N=	1,121	1,108	1,075	1,057	1,310	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,353	1,286	1,116	1,062

**B2A. And how would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days? Would you say...**

*If neither good nor poor, Don't know, Skipped, or Refused in B2A.*

**B2B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?**

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/ 2020	AP-NORC 9/11-14/ 2020	AP-NORC 8/17-19/ 2020	AP-NORC 7/16-20/ 2020	AP-NORC 06/11-15/ 2020	AP-NORC 05/14-18/ 2020	AP-NORC 04/16-20/ 2020	AP-NORC 03/26-29/ 2020	AP-NORC 01/16-21/ 2020	AP-NORC 09/20-23/ 2019	AP-NORC 06/13-17/ 2019	AP-NORC 01/16-20/ 2019
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>
Very good	14	15	13	14	14	15	14	11	18	19	15	12
Somewhat good	35	31	34	34	36	32	31	34	37	32	37	33
Lean toward good	16	18	17	17	16	20	18	17	15	14	15	17
<b>Neither good nor poor</b>	*	*	*	*	<b>1</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean toward poor	12	13	12	14	12	10	10	10	9	13	12	13
Somewhat poor	15	17	18	15	14	16	17	19	14	14	15	17
Very poor	8	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	7	8	5	7
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	*	*	-	1	1	-	*	*	*	1	1
N=	1,121	1,108	1,075	1,057	1,310	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,353	1,286	1,116	1,062

**ELECT20. Who do you plan to vote for in the 2020 election for president?**

*Ask if Undecided in ELECT20.*

**ELECT20\_LEAN. As of today, do you lean more toward ... ?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED JOE BIDEN AND DONALD TRUMP IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 9/11-14/2020	AP-NORC 7/16-20/2020
Joe Biden, the Democrat (inc leaners)	51	45	46
Donald Trump, the Republican (inc leaners)	36	40	34
Another candidate	6	7	10
Probably not vote	6	7	8
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	1	1
N=	1,121	1,108	1,057



**ELECT1. For each of the following, please say if the word does or does not describe how you feel about the 2020 presidential campaign.**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Does describe	Does <u>not</u> describe	DK	SKP/ REF
Excited	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	31	67	1	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	31	67	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	30	68	-	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	34	65	*	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	30	66	1	3
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	27	72	*	1
	9/15-18/2016 <sup>1</sup> (N=1,022)	25	73	*	1
Interested	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	72	27	*	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	71	28	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	70	29	-	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	75	24	-	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	73	24	-	3
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	66	33	*	1
	9/15-18/2016 <sup>1</sup> (N=1,022)	69	30	*	1
Frustrated	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	68	30	*	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	65	35	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	57	42	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	51	48	*	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	54	43	1	2
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	42	57	*	1
	9/15-18/2016 <sup>1</sup> (N=1,022)	75	24	-	1
Anxious	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	65	34	1	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	59	40	-	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	58	41	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	53	46	*	2
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	53	45	*	2
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	44	55	*	1

<sup>1</sup> Question asked about the 2016 election.

**ELECT2. Thinking about the 2020 presidential election in November, have you done each of the following or not?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	Yes	No	DK	SKP/REF
Read or watched news about the presidential election, such as about the candidates, the issues, or other aspects of the election	81	19	*	*
Posted or commented about the presidential election on social media	32	68	*	*
Participated in events related to the presidential election such as candidate forums or rallies	9	90	*	*
Volunteered with a candidate or issue campaign	6	94	*	*
Donated to a candidate	19	81	*	*
Watched a debate	76	24	*	*

*N = 1,121*

**ELECT3. How much of an impact will the outcome of this presidential election have on each of the following?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, RESPONSE OPTIONS SHOWN IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	<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	D K	SKP/ REF
The country's future	<b>84</b>	63	21	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	3	2	*	*
You personally	<b>49</b>	26	24	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	13	8	*	*

*N = 1,121*

**ELECT4. Regardless of who you support, which candidate do you trust to do a better job of handling:**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED JOE BIDEN AND DONALD TRUMP IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Both equally	Neither	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	40	42	6	10	*	*
Race relations	50	28	8	14	1	*
The coronavirus outbreak	49	28	9	13	*	*
Supreme Court nominations	43	34	10	12	*	*

*N = 1,121*

**ELECT6. How much confidence do you have that the votes in the 2020 presidential election will be counted accurately?**

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020	UChicago Harris 9/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit NET</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>
A great deal	16	10	16	16
Quite a bit	23	24	24	23
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all NET</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>
Only a little	19	22	15	18
None at all	12	10	8	13
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*	*	*

*N=*

*1,121*

*1,074*

*1,059*

*1,022*

**ELECT7. How much of a problem is each of the following in U.S. elections?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem	DK	SKP/ REF
People who are eligible not being allowed to vote	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	44	33	23	*	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N = 1,074)	47	31	20	*	1
People voting who are not eligible	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	31	38	30	*	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N = 1,074)	42	33	25	*	1

SC2. President Trump has nominated Amy Coney Barrett to replace Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court.

Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose Amy Coney Barrett’s confirmation by the U.S. Senate as a Supreme Court Justice?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
<b>Strongly/Somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>30</b>
Strongly favor	22
Somewhat favor	9
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Strongly/Somewhat oppose NET</b>	<b>35</b>
Somewhat oppose	9
Strongly oppose	26
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=

1,121

DIV3. In general, do you think America’s best days are:

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 12/5-9/2019	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 11/30-12/4/2017	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
Ahead of us	55	50	51	43	46
Behind us	42	48	47	55	52
DON'T KNOW	1	1	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	2	1	1

N=

1,121

1,053

1,067

1,444

1,008

**DIV4. How well would you say democracy is working in the United States these days?**

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
<b>Extremely/Very well NET</b>	<b>14</b>
Extremely well	3
Very well	11
<b>Somewhat well</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Not too/Not well at all NET</b>	<b>47</b>
Not too well	34
Not at all well	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,121

**DIV5. Which statement comes closer to your own view?**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	14	15	15	19
Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	85	84	84	80
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	1	1

N= 1,121 1,067 1,152 1,008

**DIV6. And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will become more divided on the most important values, less divided on the most important values, or be about as divided as it is now?**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
More divided	31	36	39	38
Less divided	35	23	20	20
About as divided as now	33	40	39	41
DON'T KNOW	1	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1	*

N= 1,121 1,067 1,152 1,008

**DIV7. The United States has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country:**

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 09/20-23 /2019	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
<b>Much/Moderately stronger NET</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>
Much stronger	38	33	30	29
Moderately stronger	25	27	24	27
<b>Neither stronger nor weaker</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Much/Moderately weaker NET</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>
Moderately weaker	10	8	12	12
Much weaker	4	3	5	4
DON'T KNOW	*	1	1	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>	<i>1,286</i>	<i>1,152</i>	<i>1,008</i>

**DIV8. For each of the following individuals, please tell me if you feel their election to the presidency would lead to the country being more united or more divided:**

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

AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	<b>Much more/ Somewhat more united NET</b>	Much more united	Somewhat more united	<b>Neither more united nor more divided</b>	<b>Somewhat /Much more divided NET</b>	Somewhat more divided	Much more divided	DK	SKP/REF
Joe Biden	<b>44</b>	18	26	<b>20</b>	<b>35</b>	13	22	-	1
Donald Trump	<b>18</b>	7	10	<b>19</b>	<b>63</b>	13	49	-	1

*N = 1,121*

**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 10/08- 12/2020	<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
Joe Biden	<b>46</b>	18	28	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	15	20	*	*
Donald Trump	<b>31</b>	15	17	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>	13	40	*	*

*N = 1,121*

**VIRUS2. How worried are you about you or someone in your family being infected with ...**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Extremely /Very worried NET</b>	Extremely worried	Very worried	<b>Some- what worried</b>	<b>Not too/Not at all worried NET</b>	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>42</b>	22	19	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	18	8	-	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>38</b>	19	19	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	22	9	-	*
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	20	22	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	17	9	*	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>49</b>	25	24	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	11	8	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>32</b>	16	16	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	22	9	-	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>42</b>	21	21	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	18	7	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>43</b>	23	20	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	17	5	*	-
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>50</b>	28	22	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	13	3	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	<b>31</b>	14	17	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	23	10	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>22</b>	11	11	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	37	19	-	*

The flu	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>20</b>	9	10	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	33	14	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	<b>21</b>	8	12	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	32	14	-	*
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>16</b>	7	9	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	37	15	-	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>19</b>	9	10	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	33	15	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>15</b>	7	9	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	41	16	-	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>17</b>	7	10	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	38	15	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>22</b>	10	13	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	35	12	-	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>22</b>	11	12	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	34	8	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	<b>15</b>	6	9	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	37	13	-	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>23</b>	10	14	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	29	7	-	*



**VIRUS7. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?**

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

		<b>Strongly /Some-what favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Some-what favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat /Strongly oppose NET</b>	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
AP-NORC										
Requiring bars and restaurants to close	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>41</b>	19	21	<b>23</b>	<b>36</b>	18	18	*	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>54</b>	29	25	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	16	10	*	*
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>62</b>	34	28	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	13	9	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	<b>76</b>	47	29	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	8	3	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>76</b>	51	25	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	8	3	-	*
Requiring Americans to stay in their homes except for essential errands	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>44</b>	22	21	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	19	22	-	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>53</b>	23	30	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	14	15	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	<b>50</b>	20	29	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	18	16	-	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>62</b>	36	26	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	12	13	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	<b>80</b>	50	30	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	6	5	-	*
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>78</b>	55	23	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	6	5	-	*

AP-NORC		<b>Strongly /Some-what favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Some-what favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat /Strongly oppose NET</b>	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Requiring Americans to limit gathering to 10 people or fewer	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>63</b>	38	24	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	11	13	-	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>66</b>	41	24	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	10	10	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	<b>59</b>	29	30	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	15	10	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>69</b>	47	23	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	9	8	*	*
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	<b>82</b>	59	23	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	7	2	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>84</b>	60	24	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	2	2	-	*
Requiring Americans to wear face masks when they're around other people outside their homes	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>72</b>	59	14	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	8	8	-	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>75</b>	59	16	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	5	9	-	*

**TRUMPCOVID1. In general, do you think President Trump has overreacted to the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S., not take it seriously enough, or had he reacted appropriately to the situation?**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Overreacted	2
Not taken it seriously enough	65
Acted appropriately	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,121

TRUMPCOVID2. As you may know, President Trump recently tested positive for the coronavirus. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way the Trump administration has handled this situation?

[HALF SAMPLE SHOWN RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
<b>Strongly/Somewhat approve NET</b>	<b>26</b>
Strongly approve	15
Somewhat approve	11
<b>Neither approve nor disapprove</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Strongly/Somewhat disapprove NET</b>	<b>54</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13
Strongly disapprove	41
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=

1,121

TRUMPCOVID3. How much do you trust the information the Trump administration has provided about Trump's coronavirus diagnosis and condition?

	AP-NORC
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit NET</b>	<b>23</b>
A great deal	11
Quite a bit	12
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Only a little/Not at all NET</b>	<b>57</b>
Only a little	18
Not at all	38
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=

1,121

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Yes	88
No	11
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,121

**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 moderate Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate 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 10/08-12/2020
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>47</b>
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	19
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>40</b>
Lean Republican	10
Moderate Republican	18
Strong Republican	12
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

**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:*

**D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>21</b>
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	12
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>26</b>
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

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

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Urban	24
Suburban	48
Rural	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

*N= 1,121*

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65 +	21

*N= 1,121*

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Male	48
Female	52

*N= 1,121*

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

*N= 1,121*

## MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Married	54
Not married	46
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

## EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	34
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</i>

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,121</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 8 and 12, 2020, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,121 completed the survey—1,010 via the web and 111 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 20.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 21.0 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 80.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.5 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.

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 2020 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over. The sample is also weighted to match the average of self-identified party identification in the previous two waves of the AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey and this current survey.

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