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The January 2021 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 1/28-2/1/2021

1,055 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.

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

If approve in CUR2

CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Joe Biden 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- -ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC All adults 1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	61	35	26	*	1	38	*	11	26	*	*

AA4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

If don't know, skipped, or refused in AA4

AA5. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Congress is handling its job?

If approve in AA4

AA4A. Would you say you approve of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

If disapprove in AA4

AA4B. Would you say you disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	36	7	29	*	1	63	1	25	37	*	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	20	5	14	*	1	79	1	30	48	*	1
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	27	8	19	*	1	71	1	30	40	-	1
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	14	3	11	*	1	85	*	34	50	*	1
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	15	2	12	*	1	84	*	31	52	*	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	18	2	16	*	*	81	*	30	51	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	22	4	18	*	1	75	*	32	44	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	25	5	19	*	*	74	*	30	44	*	*

PRES1. How much confidence do you have in Joe Biden’s ability to handle each of the following?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP/REF
The coronavirus outbreak	38	36	26	-	*
The economy and jobs	29	36	34	-	*
Health care	34	36	30	*	*
Climate change	32	39	28	*	1
Race relations	32	39	29	*	*
Immigration	28	34	38	*	*
Foreign policy	32	33	34	1	*

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PRES2. Would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence or hardly any confidence in Joe Biden’s ability to:

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP/REF
Effectively manage the White House	44	29	27	-	*
Reduce the amount of corruption in the government in Washington	18	37	45	*	*
Work with Republicans in Congress	20	45	36	*	*
Effectively manage the military	35	32	32	*	*
Effectively manage government spending	24	35	40	-	*
Incorporate the advice of his advisers and experts into his decision making	47	32	21	*	-
Appoint well-qualified people for his cabinet and other high-level government positions	42	27	31	-	*

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JRB1. How much respect do you think Joe Biden has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions? Would you say ...

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
A great deal/A fair amount	70
A great deal	44
A fair amount	26
Not too much/None at all	30
Not too much	17
None at all	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,055

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

[GRID ITEM RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Very/Some- what un- favorable NET	Very un- favorable	Some- what un- favorable	Some- what /Very favorable NET	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Donald Trump	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	61	48	12	36	18	19	3	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	53	42	11	43	17	26	4	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	55	46	9	40	12	28	3	1
	8/11-14/2016 (N=1,096)	71	11	59	23	7	16	6	*
Mike Pence	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	47	22	25	45	27	17	8	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	43	29	15	41	20	21	15	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	43	29	14	37	17	20	18	2
Nancy Pelosi	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	50	39	10	43	26	17	7	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	51	41	11	37	19	18	12	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	45	35	10	37	22	16	16	2

AP-NORC		Very/Some- what un- favorable NET	Very un- favorable	Some- what un- favorable	Some- what /Very favorable NET	Some- what favorable	Very favorable	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Joe Biden	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	39	26	13	57	21	36	4	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	48	27	21	41	29	11	11	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	42	23	19	44	30	15	11	2
Mitch McConnell	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	65	40	24	19	15	4	16	*
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	42	31	10	23	16	7	35	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	39	26	13	21	16	5	38	2
Chuck Schumer	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	38	26	12	32	21	11	30	*
Kamala Harris	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	39	27	12	51	19	32	10	*
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	35	23	13	30	23	8	32	2
Kevin McCarthy	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	35	22	13	18	13	5	46	*

PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

If Democrat:

PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?

If Republican:

PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?

If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:

PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Democrat NET	44
Strong Democrat	20
Not so strong Democrat	13
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	17
Republican NET	39
Lean Republican	12
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	14
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</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 1/28-2/1/2021
Liberal NET	21
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	48
Conservative NET	29
Somewhat conservative	14
Very conservative	15
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
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DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Urban	21
Suburban	48
Rural	31
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,055

AGE

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
18-29	21
30-39	17
40-59	32
60-64	8
65 +	22

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GENDER

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Male	48
Female	52

N= 1,055

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N= 1,055

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Married	55
Not married	45
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	35
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,055</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 January 28th and February 1st, 2021, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,055 completed the survey—956 via the web and 99 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 20.0 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 20.8 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 80.6 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 3.3 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.

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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