The March 2017 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 3/23-27/2017
1,110 adults
Margin of 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 3/23-27/2017
Right direction	37
Wrong direction	62
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*
N=	*1,110*

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 3/23-27/2017
Strongly/somewhat/leans toward approve NET	**42**
Strongly approve	20
Somewhat approve	22
Lean toward approving	*
Do not lean either way	*
Leans toward/somewhat/strongly disapprove NET	**58**
Lean toward disapproving	*
Somewhat disapprove	14
Strongly disapprove	43
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,110*

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 3/23-27/2017
Strongly/somewhat/leans toward approve NET	**25**
Strongly approve	5
Somewhat approve	19
Lean toward approving	*
Do not lean either way	*
Strongly/somewhat/leans toward disapprove NET	**74**
Lean toward disapproving	*
Somewhat disapprove	30
Strongly disapprove	44
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*
N=	*1,110*

CURX1. How important are each of the following issues to you personally?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	Not at all/slightly important NET	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very/ extremely important NET	Very important	Extremely important	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	**2**	*	2	**10**	**87**	44	43	*	*
Immigration	**15**	6	9	**25**	**60**	32	28	-	*
Health care	**3**	1	2	**10**	**86**	36	50	*	*
Foreign policy	**13**	4	9	**28**	**59**	35	24	*	*
Supreme Court nominations	**18**	6	12	**21**	**60**	31	29	*	1
The federal budget deficit	**15**	4	11	**26**	**57**	32	24	1	1
Taxes	**7**	1	6	**22**	**70**	38	31	*	1

N=1,110

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

If Don't know, skipped, or refused in CURY2
CURYX. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling …?

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

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	Approve/ lean toward approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove/ lean toward disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	**50**	49	1	**1**	**48**	1	47	-	*
Foreign policy	**40**	40	1	**1**	**58**	1	57	*	*
Health care	**36**	36	1	**1**	**62**	*	62	*	*
Immigration	**45**	45	*	**1**	**54**	*	54	-	*
Supreme Court nominations	**50**	49	1	**1**	**49**	1	48	-	*
The federal budget deficit	**43**	42	1	**2**	**54**	1	53	1	*
Taxes	**44**	43	1	**2**	**54**	1	53	1	*

N=1,110

B1A. How would you describe the nation's economy these days? Would you say…

If Neither good nor poor, don't know, 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 4/14-18/2016	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Very/somewhat/lean toward good NET	**42**	**56**
Very good	1	4
Somewhat good	30	39
Lean toward good	11	14
Neither good nor poor	**1**	*****
Lean toward/somewhat/very poor NET	**57**	**43**
Lean toward poor	11	13
Somewhat poor	34	20
Very poor	13	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*
N=	*1,008*	*1,110*

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, or refused in B1A
B2B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Very/somewhat/lean toward good NET	**62**
Very good	11
Somewhat good	38
Lean toward good	13
Neither good nor poor	**1**
Lean toward/somewhat/very poor NET	**37**
Lean toward poor	12
Somewhat poor	20
Very poor	6
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*
N=	*1,110*

BUD1. Would you say each of the following groups pays too much, too little, or about the right amount in federal taxes?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-GfK 1/29-2/2/2015	Too much	Too little	About right	DK	SKP/ REF
You and your household	56	4	37	-	3
Middle class households	60	7	31	-	3
Low income households	41	19	38	-	3
Wealthy households	11	68	18	-	3

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AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	Too much	Too little	About right	DK	SKP/ REF
You and your household	51	6	42	1	1
Middle class households	58	7	34	1	*
Low income households	49	16	34	1	1
Wealthy households	10	72	17	1	*

N=1,110

BUD2. Here are some proposed features of the new federal budget. How much do you favor or oppose each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	**Strongly/ somewhat favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Somewhat/ strongly oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Increased spending on the military and defense	**47**	26	21	**18**	**34**	18	17	1	*
Increased spending on Veteran's Affairs	**74**	41	33	**18**	**8**	4	4	*	*
Decreased spending on the environment and combatting climate change	**28**	12	16	**20**	**52**	18	33	*	*
Decreased spending on public television, radio and the arts	**32**	14	18	**23**	**44**	18	27	*	*
Increased spending on border patrol	**50**	24	25	**17**	**32**	14	18	*	1
Decreased spending on foreign aid	**50**	24	26	**19**	**30**	17	13	1	1
Decreased spending on scientific and medical research	**19**	7	12	**16**	**64**	26	38	*	1
New spending for a wall along the Mexican border	**28**	16	12	**13**	**58**	9	49	*	1

N=1,110

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BUD3. Do you think the proposed federal budget would do more to increase the budget deficit, decrease it, or wouldn't it have much effect on the budget deficit?

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

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Increase a lot/ moderately NET	**40**
Increase a lot	18
Increase moderately	22
Not much effect	**38**
Decrease moderately/ a lot NET	**19**
Decrease moderately	15
Decrease a lot	3
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	2
N=	*1,110*

BUD4. How much of an impact do you think each of the following would have on the national economy? Would you say…?

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

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	**Help a lot/ somewhat NET**	Help a lot	Help somewhat	**Have no impact**	**Hurt somewhat/ a lot NET**	Hurt somewhat	Hurt a lot	DK	SKP/ REF
Tax cuts for wealthy individuals and families	**22**	8	13	**19**	**59**	21	37	1	1
Tax cuts for businesses	**54**	16	38	**13**	**32**	18	13	1	1
Tax cuts for lower and middle income individuals and families	**76**	37	39	**12**	**12**	7	5	*	1

N=1,110

HC1. In general, do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose the Affordable Care Act, the health care reforms that were passed by Congress in March of 2010, also known as Obamacare?

	AP-NORC 1/12-16/2017	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Strongly/somewhat support NET	**50**	**45**
Strongly support	28	22
Somewhat support	22	23
Neither support nor oppose	**15**	**17**
Somewhat/strongly oppose NET	**35**	**38**
Somewhat oppose	12	13
Strongly oppose	23	25
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*
N=	*1,036*	*1,110*

HC2. How closely have you been following news about a proposal made by Republicans in Congress and the Trump administration to replace the 2010 health care law?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Extremely/very closely NET	**36**
Extremely closely	17
Very closely	19
Moderately closely	**37**
Not too closely/not closely at all NET	**27**
Not too closely	17
Not closely at all	10
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,110*

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HC3. [WORDING 3/23-3/24/2017 at 6:00pm ET] If the proposed replacement health care law passes, do you think each of these will be better off or worse off, or will it not make much difference?

[WORDING 3/24 at 6:00pm ET-3/26/2017] If the proposed replacement health care law had passed, do you think each of these would have been better off or worse off, or would it not have made much difference?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	A lot/ somewhat better off NET	A lot better off	Somewhat better off	Not much difference	Somewhat/ a lot worse off NET	Somewhat worse off	A lot worse off	DK	SKP/ REF
Average Americans	**27**	8	19	**27**	**44**	22	22	1	2
You and your family	**20**	7	13	**44**	**34**	15	19	1	1
Women	**20**	7	13	**29**	**47**	18	29	1	2
Lower income families	**23**	9	14	**20**	**54**	16	38	1	1
Small businesses	**36**	11	25	**29**	**32**	19	14	1	1
Health care providers	**35**	14	21	**33**	**29**	18	11	1	2

N=1,110

HC4. Please tell me if you favor or oppose including each of the following in the replacement health care laws:

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

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	**Strongly/ somewhat favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Somewhat/ strongly oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Removing the requirement that nearly all Americans have health insurance or pay a fine	**48**	33	16	**15**	**35**	14	21	*	1
Prohibiting insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history	**66**	49	17	**8**	**26**	5	21	*	1
Allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance plans until age 26	**69**	43	26	**14**	**16**	8	8	*	1
Reducing federal funding for the Medicaid program that covers health care for lower income people	**21**	10	11	**14**	**64**	19	45	*	*
Replacing income-based subsidies with age-based subsidies for people buying insurance	**16**	5	11	**34**	**48**	18	30	1	1
Requiring people who did not previously have coverage to pay an up-front surcharge when they get insurance	**11**	4	7	**18**	**70**	26	45	*	1
Allowing insurers to charge older	**7**	2	6	**12**	**80**	19	61	*	*

customers higher premiums based on age than what is currently permitted.									
Denying federal funds to Planned Parenthood	**26**	18	9	**17**	**56**	14	42	*	1

N=1,110

HC5. [WORDING 3/23-3/24/2017 at 6:00pm ET] If the proposed replacement health care law passes, how concerned are you that many Americans will lose their health insurance?

[WORDING 3/24 at 6:00pm ET-3/26/2017] If the proposed replacement health care law had passed, how concerned are you that many Americans would have lost their health insurance?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Extremely/very concerned NET	**56**
Extremely concerned	33
Very concerned	23
Somewhat concerned	**23**
Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET	**20**
Not very concerned	15
Not at all concerned	6
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,110*

HC6. Is it the responsibility of the federal government to make sure that all Americans have health care coverage, or not?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Yes, a federal government responsibility	52
No, not a federal government responsibility	47
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,110*

HC7. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Yes, I am covered by health insurance or a health plan	89
No, I do not have health insurance	8
Don't know/DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	*
N=	*1,110*

If yes in HC7
HC8. Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
A plan through your employer	38
A plan through your spouse's employer	11
A plan you purchased yourself directly from an insurance company	3
Health insurance marketplace	3
Medicare	24
Medicaid	11
Some other source	9
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*
N=	*993*

If yes in HC7
HC9. [WORDING 3/23-3/24/2017 at 6:00pm ET] If the proposed replacement health care law passes, how concerned are you that you personally would lose your health insurance?

[WORDING 3/24 at 6:00pm ET-3/26/2017] If the proposed replacement health care law had passed, how concerned are you that you personally would have lost your health insurance?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Extremely/very concerned NET	**28**
Extremely concerned	16
Very concerned	11
Somewhat concerned	**15**
Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET	**56**
Not very concerned	23
Not at all concerned	34
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*993*

RUS1. Moving on…
How important to you personally is Donald Trump's relationship with Russia?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Extremely/very important NET	**42**
Extremely important	24
Very important	18
Moderately important	**19**
Slightly/not at all important NET	**37**
Slightly important	15
Not at all important	23
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2
N=	*1,110*

RUS2. How concerned are you about the possibility that Donald Trump or others involved with his campaign had inappropriate contacts with the Russian government during last year's presidential campaign?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Extremely/very concerned NET	**44**
Extremely concerned	27
Very concerned	17
Moderately concerned	**18**
Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET	**36**
Not very concerned	19
Not at all concerned	18
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,110*

RUS3. Based on what you've heard, do you favor or oppose an independent investigation into each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	**Strongly/ somewhat favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Somewhat/ strongly oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Whether the Trump campaign had inappropriate contacts with the Russian government	**52**	38	14	**22**	**23**	9	14	*	2
Donald Trump's accusation that Barack Obama wiretapped his phones during last year's campaign	**35**	24	11	**25**	**38**	9	29	*	2
Whether the Russian government attempted to influence the outcome of last year's election	**52**	39	13	**22**	**24**	10	14	*	1

N=1,110

RUS4. When it comes to Donald Trump's relationship with Russia, do you think each of the following has been too critical, mostly fair, or not critical enough?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017	Too critical	Mostly fair	Not critical enough	DK	SKP/REF
The media	42	31	24	1	2
Democrats in Congress	40	29	27	1	3
U.S. intelligence agencies	20	42	35	1	3
Republicans in Congress	17	34	45	1	3

N=1,110

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

If Democrat in PID1
PIDa. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a moderate Democrat?

If Republican in PID1
PIDb. Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or a moderate Republican?

If Independent, None of these, or Don't Know/Skip/Refused in PID1
PIDi. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Democrat NET	**44**
Strong Democrat	14
Moderate Democrat	18
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	**17**
Republican NET	**37**
Lean Republican	12
Moderate Republican	16
Strong Republican	10
Unknown	1

N=   *1,110*

G11B. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a…?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Liberal	21
Conservative	31
Moderate	44
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	3
N=	*1,110*

DM5. Which one of the following best describes where you live?

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Urban area	26
Suburban area	47
Rural area	25
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,110*

AGE

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
18-24	12
25-34	18
35-44	17
45-54	15
55-64	18
65-74	13
75+	6
N=	*1,110*

GENDER

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Male	48
Female	52
N=	*1,110*

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
White	64
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8
N=	*1,110*

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Married	49
Widowed	5
Divorced	12
Separated	2
Never married	25
Living with partner	7
N=	*1,110*

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Employed	56
Not employed	44
N=	*1,110*

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Less than a high school diploma	12
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	34
College graduate or above	25
N=	*1,110*

INCOME

	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Under $10,000	7
$10,000 to under $20,000	8
$20,000 to under $30,000	10
$30,000 to under $40,000	10
$40,000 to under $50,000	9
$50,000 to under $75,000	20
$75,000 to under $100,000	14
$100,000 to under $150,000	13
$150,000 or more	8
N=	*1,110*

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 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 panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% 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 March 23 and 27, 2017, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,110 completed the survey—954 via the web and 156 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 27.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 34.4 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 94.7 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 9.0 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 2016 Current Population Survey. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

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