The March 2023 AP-NORC Center Poll

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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	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED
03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	21	78	*	*
02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	28	71	1	1
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	25	73	1	*
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	28	71	*	1
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	25	74	*	1
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	27	72	*	1
07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	17	83	-	*
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	14	85	1	*
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	21	78	*	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	29	70	1	1
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	31	68	*	1
2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	29	70	*	1
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	26	74	*	*
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	33	66	1	1
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	32	67	1	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	34	64	*	1
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	39	61	*	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	44	55	1	1
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	46	53	*	1
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	54	44	1	1
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	50	50	*	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	48	51	*	1
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	49	49	1	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	37	62	1	1
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	25	74	1	1
9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	27	72	*	1
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	75	1	*
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	20	80	*	*
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	24	74	1	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	33	65	1	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	1	-
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	58	*	*
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
1/16-21/2020 (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
9/20-23/2019 (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

AP-NORC	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED
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	*

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]

AP-NORC	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Some-what 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
03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**38**	12	26	*	**1**	**61**	1	21	40	-	*
02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	**45**	16	28	*	**1**	**54**	*	19	35	*	1
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	**41**	14	27	*	**1**	**58**	*	20	37	*	*

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12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	**43**	15	28	*	**1**	**55**	1	20	34	-	1
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	**43**	15	26	1	**1**	**56**	*	20	36	*	*
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	**45**	16	30	*	**1**	**53**	*	20	33	*	*
07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	**36**	8	27	*	**1**	**62**	*	18	44	*	1
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	**39**	12	27	*	**1**	**60**	*	19	41	-	*
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	**39**	12	26	1	*	**60**	1	21	39	*	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	**45**	15	30	*	*	**54**	*	18	36	*	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**43**	16	27	*	*	**56**	*	19	37	*	*
2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	**44**	15	29	*	**1**	**55**	1	19	35	*	*
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	**43**	13	30	*	**1**	**56**	1	19	36	-	1
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	**48**	18	30	*	**1**	**51**	*	20	30	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	**48**	17	31	*	**1**	**51**	*	17	34	*	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	**50**	18	31	1	**1**	**49**	*	17	32	*	*
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	**54**	24	30	*	*	**46**	*	15	30	*	*

AP-NORC	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Some-what 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
7/15-19/2021 *(N=1,308)*	**59**	25	33	1	*	**41**	1	14	26	-	*
9/23-27/2021 *(N=1,099)*	**50**	18	31	1	**1**	**49**	*	17	32	*	*
8/12-16/2021 *(N=1,729)*	**54**	24	30	*	*	**46**	*	15	30	*	*
7/15-19/2021 *(N=1,308)*	**59**	25	33	1	*	**41**	1	14	26	-	*
6/10-14/2021 *(N=1,125)*	**55**	26	29	*	**1**	**44**	1	14	29	-	-
4/29-5/3/2021 *(N=1,842)*	**63**	34	29	*	**1**	**36**	*	11	25	*	*
3/25-29/2021 *(N=1,166)*	**61**	31	29	*	*	**38**	*	13	25	-	1
2/25-3/1/2021 *(N=1,434)*	**60**	32	28	*	*	**40**	*	15	24	*	*
1/28-2/1/2021 *(N=1,055)*	**61**	35	26	*	**1**	**38**	*	11	26	*	*

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

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	31	68	*	1
	02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	36	61	1	2
	01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	33	66	*	1
	10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	36	63	*	*
	09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	38	61	*	1
	06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	28	69	1	1
	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	33	67	*	1
	4/14-18 2022 (N=1,085)	33	66	*	1
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	34	65	1	*
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	38	61	*	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	37	62	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	41	57	*	1
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	41	58	1	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	47	51	1	1
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	49	49	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	52	47	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	51	47	*	2
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	57	42	*	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	60	39	*	1

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Foreign policy	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	39	60	-	1
	02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	45	51	1	2
	01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	41	56	1	2
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	42	56	*	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	54	41	2	3
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	55	43	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	44	54	1	2
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	43	54	1	2
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	47	51	*	2
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	50	47	*	3
The federal budget	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	34	65	*	1
Climate change	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	41	57	1	2
	02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	47	50	1	2
	01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	43	55	2	1
	09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	49	48	1	2
	06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	42	56	2	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	48	50	*	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	52	46	1	2

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?

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AP-NORC	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some-what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some-what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP /REF
03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	25	1	14	10	*	75	11	38	26	-	*
02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	32	3	17	12	*	68	12	34	22	*	*
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	24	2	13	9	1	76	13	35	28	*	-
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	25	1	14	10	*	75	11	38	25	-	-
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	23	2	12	9	*	76	13	36	28	*	*
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	29	1	15	12	*	71	11	35	25	*	-
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	20	2	10	9	1	79	9	35	35	-	-
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	22	2	10	9	*	78	11	34	34	-	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	29	2	16	12	*	70	11	35	24	-	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	31	2	18	10	*	69	11	37	22	-	-
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	35	3	21	11	*	64	16	33	16	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	35	2	20	13	*	65	12	33	19	-	-
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	45	2	27	16	-	54	17	25	12	*	-
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	45	4	28	13	1	54	15	28	11	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	47	3	27	17	*	53	14	26	13	-	-
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	46	2	25	19	*	54	16	27	11	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	37	1	22	14	*	63	16	34	12	-	*

AP-NORC	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some-what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some-what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP /REF
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	**31**	1	17	12	*	**69**	15	37	17	-	-
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	**38**	5	22	11	*	**62**	11	34	17	*	-
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	**39**	6	22	11	*	**61**	10	31	20	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	**40**	6	24	11	*	**60**	10	33	16	-	-
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	**37**	4	21	12	*	**62**	12	32	18	-	-
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**38**	4	22	12	-	**62**	11	30	21	-	-
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	**36**	5	19	12	*	**63**	14	28	21	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	**29**	3	13	13	*	**70**	9	31	30	-	*
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**29**	3	15	11	-	**71**	8	30	33	-	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	**39**	9	17	12	*	**60**	10	29	21	-	-
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	**67**	21	36	10	*	**33**	13	15	5	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	**61**	18	31	11	*	**38**	11	19	8	1	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	**63**	15	35	14	*	**36**	13	16	7	-	1

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

B2B. *If neither good nor poor, don't know, skipped, or refused in B2A:*
If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?

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AP-NORC	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some-what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some-what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP/ REF
03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**53**	7	28	17	*	**47**	14	21	11	-	-
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	**57**	11	28	18	**1**	**43**	11	21	10	-	-
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	**54**	8	29	17	*	**46**	12	23	10	-	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**63**	13	30	19	*	**37**	12	16	9	-	-
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	**64**	12	33	19	**1**	**35**	11	16	8	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	**65**	13	33	19	**1**	**34**	12	15	7	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	**67**	13	37	18	*	**32**	12	14	6	-	*
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	**65**	14	35	16	*	**34**	12	15	8	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	**65**	15	31	18	*	**35**	13	17	5	-	*
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	**63**	13	34	17	*	**36**	12	18	6	*	*
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**65**	14	34	17	*	**35**	14	15	6	-	-
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	**66**	14	36	16	**1**	**32**	12	14	7	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	**66**	15	32	20	*	**33**	10	16	7	-	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**64**	14	31	18	*	**36**	10	17	8	-	-

AP-NORC	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some- what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP/ REF
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	**62**	11	34	17	*	**38**	10	19	9	-	*
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	**69**	18	37	15	*	**31**	9	14	7	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	**64**	19	32	14	*	**35**	13	14	8	*	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	**67**	15	37	15	*	**32**	12	15	5	-	1

BB2. In the next year, do you think each of the following <u>will</u> get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**15**	2	13	**30**	**55**	33	21	-	1
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	**26**	4	22	**24**	**48**	28	21	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	**43**	11	33	**23**	**34**	20	14	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	**45**	10	36	**19**	**36**	21	14	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	**45**	8	37	**20**	**35**	23	12	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	**41**	11	30	**29**	**29**	19	10	1	1

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	7/16-20/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**36**	9	27	**24**	**40**	26	14	*	*
	6/11-15/2020 *(N=1,310)*	**36**	9	28	**24**	**38**	25	13	*	1
	5/14-18/2020 *(N=1,056)*	**36**	9	27	**24**	**38**	25	13	1	1
	4/16-20/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**42**	13	29	**19**	**38**	28	10	1	*
	3/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**39**	12	27	**24**	**37**	23	14	*	*
	1/16-21/2020 *(N=1,353)*	**30**	7	23	**35**	**34**	24	11	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 *(N=1,053)*	**28**	8	20	**30**	**42**	29	13	*	*
	9/20-23/2019 *(N=1,286)*	**30**	9	21	**28**	**41**	27	14	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 *(N=1,116)*	**27**	9	19	**28**	**44**	29	15	*	1
	1/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	**22**	6	17	**25**	**52**	30	22	*	1
	6/13-18/2018 *(N=1,109)*	**32**	9	23	**25**	**42**	25	17	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 *(N=1,109)*	**30**	10	20	**25**	**45**	31	15	*	*
	4/11-16/2018 *(N=1,140)*	**32**	9	22	**22**	**46**	29	17	-	*
	3/14-19/2018 *(N=1,122)*	**32**	8	24	**22**	**45**	26	19	1	*

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The national economy	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	**18**	2	16	**28**	**54**	33	21	*	1
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	**30**	4	26	**23**	**47**	27	20	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	**44**	7	37	**23**	**32**	19	12	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 *(N=1,055)*	**44**	6	38	**19**	**36**	22	14	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 *(N = 1,117)*	**41**	7	34	**23**	**35**	24	12	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 *(N = 1,108)*	**43**	12	32	**27**	**28**	21	8	*	1
	7/16-20/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**41**	13	28	**23**	**35**	25	10	*	1
	6/11-15/2020 *(N=1,310)*	**43**	13	29	**21**	**35**	26	1	*	1
	5/14-18/2020 *(N=1,056)*	**41**	14	27	**17**	**40**	27	14	1	1
	4/16-20/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**45**	14	31	**17**	**37**	24	13	*	*
	3/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**40**	13	27	**22**	**37**	23	14	*	*
	1/16-21/2020 *(N=1,353)*	**34**	9	25	**41**	**24**	18	6	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 *(N=1,053)*	**31**	10	21	**36**	**32**	24	8	*	*

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The national economy	9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	**33**	11	22	**30**	**35**	24	11	1	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	**28**	9	19	**37**	**34**	25	9	*	1
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	**27**	9	18	**27**	**44**	27	18	1	1
	12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	**33**	11	22	**31**	**35**	26	10	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	**36**	12	25	**31**	**31**	24	8	*	1
	4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	**36**	11	25	**31**	**33**	23	10	*	1
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	**37**	11	26	**30**	**32**	24	8	*	1
Your own personal finances	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**30**	6	23	**44**	**25**	17	8	*	1
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	**33**	7	25	**43**	**24**	18	6	-	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	**40**	7	32	**46**	**13**	10	4	*	1
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	**34**	6	28	**48**	**18**	13	5	*	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N = 1,117)	**32**	7	25	**49**	**19**	15	5	*	*
	9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	**38**	11	27	**48**	**13**	9	4	-	1

AP-NORC		Much/ Somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Much/ Somewhat worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
Your own personal finances	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**33**	9	24	**51**	**16**	12	4	-	1
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	**38**	10	28	**46**	**15**	12	3	*	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	**37**	10	27	**44**	**17**	13	4	1	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	**36**	8	28	**46**	**17**	15	3	*	1
	3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	**39**	10	29	**42**	**19**	13	6	-	*
	1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	**42**	11	31	**45**	**12**	9	3	*	*
	12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	**37**	12	26	**48**	**14**	9	4	*	*
	9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	**41**	8	33	**44**	**15**	10	5	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	**37**	11	26	**48**	**13**	9	4	*	1
	1/16-20//2019 (N=1,062)	**33**	8	24	**45**	**21**	13	9	-	1
	12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	**35**	10	25	**44**	**20**	14	6	*	*
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	**37**	10	27	**45**	**17**	13	4	-	1
	4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	**37**	11	26	**46**	**18**	14	4	-	*
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	**39**	10	29	**42**	**18**	13	5	*	*

AP1. Next we will ask you about some institutions in this country. As far as the people running these institutions are concerned, would you say you have a great deal of confidence, only some confidence, or hardly any confidence at all in them?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP /REF
Military	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	37	46	16	-	2
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	47	40	11	*	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	42	47	11	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	53	37	9	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	54	38	7	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	56	37	6	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	56	37	7	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	48	45	6	*	1
Congress	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	5	45	49	*	2
	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	3	47	48	-	2
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	4	43	51	*	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	6	48	46	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	5	47	48	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	8	49	43	-	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	6	53	40	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	4	48	46	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	4	46	50	*	1
The Supreme Court	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	14	47	37	*	1
	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	17	39	43	-	1
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	18	54	27	*	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	21	55	24	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	21	61	17	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	28	58	14	-	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	24	59	15	*	1
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	24	58	17	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 (N=2,014)	26	59	14	1	1
Executive branch of the federal government	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	11	43	44	*	1
	07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	7	50	43	*	1
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	16	46	36	*	2
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	15	52	33	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	18	46	35	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	17	48	35	*	1
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	14	48	37	1	*
	5/12-15/2016 (N=1,108)	15	50	33	*	1

AP-NORC		A great deal of confidence	Only some confidence	Hardly any confidence at all	DK	SKP /REF
The government's intelligence gathering agencies[1]	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	18	49	31	*	2
	04/14-18/2022 *(N=1,085)*	25	47	26	*	1
	02/18-21/2022 *(N-1,289)*	23	52	24	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 *(N=1,108)*	23	56	19	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 *(N=1,074)*	27	55	18	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 *(N=1,068)*	29	52	17	1	1
Banks and financial institutions	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	10	57	31	*	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	22	60	18	-	1
	02/13-16/2020 *(N=1,074)*	19	61	19	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 *(N=1,068)*	12	57	30	*	1
	2/18-3/6/2016 *(N=2,014)*	17	59	24	-	1
The government's diplomatic agencies	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	12	50	36	*	1
	04/14-18/2022 *(N=1,085)*	16	53	30	1	1

FIN1. Do you think the government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to regulate banks and other financial institutions?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Too much	15
About the right amount	27
Too little	56
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2
N=	*1,081*

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[1] Question in polls conducted June 2017-April 2022: U.S. government's intelligence gathering agencies.

BUDGET1. If you had to choose, would you favor a smaller government providing fewer services or a bigger government providing more services?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021
Smaller government providing fewer services	49	47
Bigger government providing more services	50	52
DON'T KNOW	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1
N=	*1,081*	*1,083*

SPENDING. Overall, do you think the US government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	AP-NORC 2/13-16/2020	AP-NORC 5/14-18/2020
Too much	60	37	25
Too little	16	38	42
About the right amount	22	24	31
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1
N=	1,081	*1,015*	*1,001*

SPEND2. Do you think the U.S. government is spending too much, too little, or the right amount on each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	DK	SKP/ REF
Space exploration	39	19	40	*	1
The environment	25	49	25	*	1
Health care	16	63	19	*	2
Assistance to big cities	41	22	34	1	2
Law enforcement	23	47	29	*	1
Drug rehabilitation	20	51	27	*	2
Education	12	65	21	*	1
The military	29	35	34	*	1
Assistance to other countries	69	10	20	*	1
Assistance for the poor	18	59	21	*	2
Infrastructure, such as roads, highways, and bridges	11	62	26	*	1
Social security	7	62	29	*	1
Medicare, which is the national health care insurance program mainly for seniors	10	58	31	*	1
Assistance for childcare	16	53	29	*	2
Scientific research	20	39	39	*	2
Border security	23	53	22	*	1

N=1,081

ECO1. Thinking about your financial situation, how confident are you that…?

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

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/ Not at all confi-dent NET	Not very confident	Not at all confident	DK	SKP/ REF
You would be able to find a job if you wanted to	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	**26**	8	19	**37**	**36**	22	15	*	1
	10/21-25/2021 *(N=1,083)*	**36**	17	20	**35**	**27**	16	12	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**25**	7	19	**35**	**39**	21	18	*	*
	06/13-17/2019 *(N=1,116)*	**30**	12	18	**35**	**33**	19	14	*	1
	01/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	**28**	8	20	**35**	**35**	21	14	1	1
You will have enough savings for retirement	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	**18**	7	11	**28**	**53**	26	27	*	*
	10/21-25/2021 *(N=1,083)*	**26**	13	12	**31**	**43**	22	20	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 *(N=1,434)*	**24**	8	15	**30**	**46**	23	24	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**18**	7	12	**30**	**52**	24	28	-	*
	06/13-17/2019 *(N=1,116)*	**21**	8	13	**33**	**44**	20	24	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	**20**	7	13	**32**	**47**	22	24	1	1

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/ Not at all confi- dent NET	Not very confident	Not at all confident	DK	SKP/ REF
You can keep up with your expenses	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	**29**	9	20	**41**	**29**	17	12	*	*
	10/21-25/2021 *(N=1,083)*	**45**	20	25	**34**	**20**	13	7	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 *(N=1,434)*	**44**	16	28	**37**	**19**	14	5	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**36**	11	24	**40**	**24**	15	9	-	*
	06/13-17/2019 *(N=1,116)*	**40**	16	24	**41**	**19**	12	7	-	1
You would be able to pay an unexpected medical expense	03/16-20/2023 *(N=1,081)*	**23**	9	14	**31**	**46**	23	22	-	*
	10/21-25/2021 *(N=1,083)*	**33**	15	18	**27**	**39**	21	18	*	*
	2/25-3/1/2021 *(N=1,434)*	**28**	11	17	**29**	**43**	23	19	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 *(N=1,057)*	**24**	8	16	**31**	**45**	21	24	-	*
	01/16-20/2019 *(N=1,062)*	**23**	8	14	**34**	**43**	22	21	*	*

ECO2. For each of the following, how concerned are you about the impact of higher than usual prices on your household's financial situation?

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

AP-NORC		Extremely concerned/ Very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned/Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Groceries	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**56**	30	26	**30**	**14**	11	3	-	*
	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	**68**	41	27	**23**	**9**	7	2	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**59**	32	27	**29**	**12**	8	4	-	*
Gas	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**48**	26	23	**33**	**18**	13	5	*	*
	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	**74**	48	26	**18**	**8**	6	3	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**68**	45	23	**20**	**11**	8	3	-	*
Housing	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**42**	24	19	**29**	**29**	18	10	-	*
	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	**54**	32	22	**23**	**23**	15	8	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**40**	23	17	**24**	**35**	22	14	-	*
Other goods and services	03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	**48**	24	24	**37**	**15**	12	3	*	1
	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	**61**	33	27	**30**	**9**	7	2	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	**53**	26	27	**32**	**14**	10	4	-	*

ECO5. Is each of the following a major source of stress, a minor source of stress or not a source of stress?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	Major source	Minor source	Not a source	DK	SKP /REF
Your personal finances	42	43	13	-	1
The national economy	36	49	14	*	2

N=1,081

ECO6. Is each of the following higher, lower or about the same as it was a year ago?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	Higher	Lower	About the same	DK	SKP /REF
Your household income	25	25	50	-	1
Your household expenses	74	5	20	-	*
Your household debt	35	17	46	*	1
Your household savings	15	48	36	-	1

N=1,081

SOCSEC1. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following?

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

AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	**Favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP /REF
Raising the age when people become eligible for full Social Security benefits from 67 to 70	**10**	3	8	**15**	**75**	20	54	-	*
Raising the age when people become eligible for full Medicare benefits from 65 to 67	**15**	5	10	**15**	**70**	23	47	-	*
Increasing taxes on households earning over $400,000 a year to pay for Medicare	**58**	36	21	**19**	**23**	11	12	*	1
AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	**Favor NET**	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	**Neither favor nor oppose**	**Oppose NET**	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Reducing the size of the benefits people receive from Social Security	**6**	2	4	**15**	**79**	18	61	*	1
Increasing premiums for people enrolled in Medicare	**10**	3	7	**22**	**67**	23	44	*	*

N=1,081

SOCSEC2. **How confident are you that each of the following benefits will be available to you when you need them?**

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

AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	Extremely/ Very confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/ Not too confi-dent NET	Not too confident	Not at all confident	DK	SKP/REF
Social security	**17**	6	11	**33**	**48**	24	24	*	1
Medicare	**17**	7	10	**36**	**46**	24	22	*	1

FP3. Overall, would you say the war in Iraq was worth fighting or not worth fighting?[2]

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023	AP-NORC 08/12-16/2021
Worth fighting	31	34
Not worth fighting	66	63
DON'T KNOW	1	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2	3
N=	*1,081*	*1,729*

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[2] Question in poll conducted August 2021: Overall, would you say each of the following was worth fighting or not worth fighting? [The war in Iraq]

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 03/16-20/2023
Democrat NET	**42**
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	14
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	**19**
Republican NET	**39**
Lean Republican	10
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	17
N=	*1,081*

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 03/16-20/2023
Liberal NET	**22**
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	13
Moderate	**44**
Conservative NET	**32**
Somewhat conservative	19
Very conservative	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	*1,081*

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

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Urban area	27
Suburban area	44
Rural area	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	*1,081*

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Protestant	27
Roman Catholic	19
Mormon	1
Orthodox	*
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	*
Atheist	6
Agnostic	6
Nothing in particular	14
Just Christian	20
Unitarian	*
Something else	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	*1,081*

If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:
BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Yes	37
No	63
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	*1,081*

AGE

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
18-29	20
30-44	27
45-59	22
60+	30
N=	*1,081*

GENDER

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Male	49
Female	51
N=	*1,081*

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
N=	*1,081*

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Married	49
Not married	51
N=	1,081

EMPLOYMENT

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Employed	60
Not employed	40
N=	*1,081*

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	21
Post grad study/professional degree	14
N=	*1,081*

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Northeast NET	**17**
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	**21**
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	**38**
South Atlantic	20
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	**24**
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
N=	*1,081*

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	74
Rented for cash	24
Occupied without payment of cash rent	2
N=	*1,081*

INCOME

	AP-NORC 03/16-20/2023
Under $10,000	5
$10,000 to under $20,000	7
$20,000 to under $30,000	9
$30,000 to under $40,000	9
$40,000 to under $50,000	9
$50,000 to under $75,000	22
$75,000 to under $100,000	14
$100,000 to under $150,000	14
$150,000 or more	12
N=	*1,081*

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 March 16 and 20, 2023 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,081 completed the survey—1,004 via the web and 77 by telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The final stage completion rate is 14.4 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 20.6 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 79.9 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.4 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.

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, 57 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design.

Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2022 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults aged 18 and over.

Complete questions and results are available at: apnorc.org.

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