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Partial topline, some questions held for future release

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*Interviews: 12/7-11/2017
1,020 adults*

Margin of error: +/- 4.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

Some items held for future release.

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

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Not at all/slightly important NET	37
Not at all important	20
Slightly important	17
Moderately important	24
Very/extremely important NET	38
Very important	17
Extremely important	21
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=

1,020

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

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 the Russia investigation?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Approve/lean toward approve NET	30
Approve	30
Lean toward approve	*
Don't lean either way	1
Disapprove/lean toward disapprove NET	68
Lean toward disapprove	*
Disapprove	67
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	-

N=

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NEWS1. Do you think news organizations are giving too much coverage, too little coverage or about the right amount of coverage to each of the following? The Russia investigation

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Too much/somewhat too much NET	37
Too much	23
Somewhat too much	14
Right amount	32
Somewhat too little/too little NET	29
Somewhat too little	17
Too little	13
DON'T KNOW	2
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=

1,020

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 12/7-11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017	AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017
Extremely/very concerned NET	47	48	44
Extremely concerned	28	30	27
Very concerned	19	18	17
Moderately concerned	20	20	18
Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET	33	30	36
Not very concerned	16	12	19
Not at all concerned	17	18	18
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	1

N=

1,020

1,068

1,110

RUS3. When it comes to Donald Trump's ties with Russia, do you think he has done something illegal, or he has done something unethical, but NOT illegal, or do you think he has not done anything wrong?

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
He has done something illegal	40
He has done something unethical, but not illegal	32
He has not done anything wrong	25
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

N=

1,020

RUS6. Do you think Donald Trump has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation into whether his campaign had ties to Russia or hasn't he tried to impede or obstruct the investigation?

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Yes, he has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	63	61
No, has not tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	35	37
DON'T KNOW	2	2
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>	<i>1,068</i>

[ORDER OF RUS7 AND RUS8 ROTATED]

RUS7. How confident are you that the Congressional investigation of Donald Trump's ties to Russia will be fair and impartial?

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Extremely/very confident NET	13
Extremely confident	5
Very confident	8
Moderately confident	32
Not very/not confident at all NET	54
Not very confident	33
Not confident at all	21
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>

RUS8. How confident are you that the Justice Department's investigation of Donald Trump's ties to Russia led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller will be fair and impartial?

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Extremely/very confident NET	26	26
Extremely confident	11	10
Very confident	15	17
Moderately confident	31	36
Not very/not confident at all NET	42	36
Not very confident	24	23
Not confident at all	18	12
DON'T KNOW	1	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>	<i>1,068</i>

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

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Democrat	34
Republican	22
Independent	25
None of these	18
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

N=

1,020

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?

[PID1, PIDA, PIDB, AND PIDI COMBINED]

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Democrat NET	47
Strong Democrat	13
Moderate Democrat	21
Lean Democrat	13
Independent/None – Don't lean	21
Republican NET	32
Lean Republican	10
Moderate Republican	15
Strong Republican	6
Unknown	*

N=

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

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Liberal	23
Conservative	27
Moderate	48
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>

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

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Urban area	26
Suburban area	47
Rural area	26
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>

AGE

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
18-24	12
25-34	18
35-44	17
45-54	17
55-64	17
65-74	14
75+	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>

GENDER

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,020</i>

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RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
White	64
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8

N= 1,020

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Married	44
Widowed	6
Divorced	12
Separated	2
Never married	27
Living with partner	9

N= 1,020

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	29
College graduate or above	31

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INCOME

	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	12
\$150,000 or more	7

N=

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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 December 7 and 11, 2017, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,020 completed the survey—916 via the web and 104 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 22.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 33.7 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 88.8 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 6.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.3 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 2017 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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