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Interviews: 2/15-19/2018

1,337 adults

Margin of error: +/- 3.9 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 2/15-19/2018	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIP/ REFUSED
All adults (<i>N</i> =1,337)	32	68	*	*
Whites (<i>N</i> =689)	37	63	*	*
African Americans (<i>N</i> =388)	10	88	*	1

AP-NORC All adults	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIP/ REFUSED
12/7-11/2017 (<i>N</i> =1,020)	30	69	1	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (<i>N</i> =1,150)	24	74	1	*
6/8-11/2017 (<i>N</i> =1,068)	34	65	2	*
3/23-27/2017 (<i>N</i> =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 2/15-19/2018	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
All adults (N=1,337)	35	19	17	-	1	64	*	17	46	*	*
Whites (N=689)	45	26	19	-	*	54	1	17	37	*	*
African Americans (N=388)	7	4	2	-	*	92	1	18	74	-	*

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
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	32	15	17	*	*	67	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	32	20	12	*	*	67	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	16	18	*	1	64	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	42	20	22	*	*	58	*	14	43	-	1

BB1. Do you think each of the following is better than it was a year ago, worse than a year ago, or about the same?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

All adults

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Much/ somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat/ much worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	29	9	19	19	52	28	24	-	1
The national economy	39	14	26	36	24	15	9	*	*
Your own personal finances	35	10	25	47	18	11	7	*	*

N=1,137

Whites

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Much/ somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat/ much worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	35	11	23	19	46	27	19	-	*
The national economy	48	17	31	33	18	13	5	1	-
Your own personal finances	39	12	27	47	14	9	5	*	-

N=689

African Americans

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Much/ somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat/ much worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	9	1	8	17	74	25	49	-	-
The national economy	18	1	17	38	43	16	27	1	*
Your own personal finances	16	5	11	51	32	21	11	-	*

N=388

BB1D. Do you think race relations in the United States are better than they were a year ago, worse than a year ago, or about the same?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Much/somewhat better NET	12	14	7
Much better	3	3	1
Somewhat better	10	12	7
About the same	37	41	27
Somewhat/much worse NET	49	45	65
Somewhat worse	26	25	22
Much worse	24	19	44
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,337</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>388</i>

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

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

All adults

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Much/ somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat/ much worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	28	10	18	24	47	27	20	*	*
The national economy	34	12	23	32	33	21	12	*	*
Your own personal finances	38	12	27	45	16	11	5	*	*

N=1,337

Whites

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Much/ somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat/ much worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	35	12	23	24	40	26	15	*	*
The national economy	41	15	26	31	27	20	7	*	*
Your own personal finances	40	13	27	47	13	9	3	*	*

N=689

African Americans

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Much/ somewhat better NET	Much better	Somewhat better	About the same	Somewhat/ much worse NET	Somewhat worse	Much worse	DK	SKP/ REF
The way things are going in the country overall	13	4	9	26	61	24	37	*	*
The national economy	16	2	14	35	49	20	28	1	-
Your own personal finances	37	11	26	41	21	8	13	1	1

N=388

BB2D. In the next year, do you think race relations in the United States will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Much/somewhat better NET	17	18	11
Much better	4	5	5
Somewhat better	13	13	7
About the same	41	44	35
Somewhat/much worse NET	41	37	53
Somewhat worse	25	26	16
Much worse	16	11	37
DON'T KNOW	*	-	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	-

N=

1,337

689

388

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 2/15-19/2018	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
All adults (N=1,337)	14	3	11	*	1	85	*	34	50	*	1
Whites (N=689)	13	2	10	*	1	86	*	32	54	-	*
African Americans (N=388)	13	6	7	*	2	85	*	32	52	*	*

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
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	*	*

AB4. What about the representative in Congress from your district? Do you approve or disapprove of the way your representative is handling his or her job?

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

AB5. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way your representative in Congress is handling his or her job?

If approve in AA4

AB4A. Would you say you approve of the way your representative in Congress is handling his or her job strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

If disapprove in AA4

AB4B. Would you say you disapprove of the way your representative in Congress is handling his or her job strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Approve NET	44	45	32
Strongly approve	12	11	9
Somewhat approve	32	35	23
Lean toward approving	*	-	1
Do not lean either way	2	1	2
Disapprove NET	53	52	65
Lean toward disapproving	1	1	1
Somewhat disapprove	29	29	34
Strongly disapprove	23	22	29
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,337</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>388</i>

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]

All adults

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	45	45	-	*	54	*	53	-	*
Foreign policy	34	34	*	1	64	*	64	*	*
Race relations	31	31	*	1	67	*	67	*	*
Immigration	37	37	*	*	62	*	62	*	*

N=1,337

Whites

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	53	53	-	*	46	*	46	-	*
Foreign policy	43	43	*	1	55	*	55	*	*
Race relations	40	40	1	1	59	*	58	*	*
Immigration	46	46	*	*	53	*	53	*	*

N=689

African Americans

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	19	19	-	*	81	1	80	-	-
Foreign policy	9	9	-	1	90	1	89	-	-
Race relations	8	8	-	1	91	-	91	*	-
Immigration	10	10	-	*	90	-	90	-	-

N=388

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AP-NORC 9/28-10/2/2017 All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	42	42	*	1	56	1	56	*	*
Foreign policy	34	34	*	1	65	*	64	*	*
Race relations	31	31	*	1	67	1	67	*	*
Immigration	35	35	*	1	64	*	64	*	*

N=1,150

AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017 All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
The economy	43	43	1	1	55	*	55	*	*
Foreign policy	35	34	*	1	63	1	63	*	*
Immigration	39	39	*	*	60	*	60	*	*

N=1,068

AP-NORC 3/23-27/2017 All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	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	*	*
Immigration	45	45	*	1	54	*	54	-	*

N=1,110

MLK1. Please tell us your thoughts on whether people from the following groups have an advantage or disadvantage, or neither an advantage nor disadvantage for getting ahead in the United States.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

All adults

AP-NORC 2/15- 19/2018	Large/ some advantage NET	Large advantage	Some advantage	Neither advantage nor disadvantage	Some/ large dis- advantage NET	Some dis- advantage	Large dis- advantage	DK	SKP/ REF
African Americans	22	6	16	26	51	30	21	*	*
Hispanics	22	7	15	26	51	32	19	*	1
Immigrants	22	8	14	18	59	28	30	*	1
Whites	60	32	28	27	13	9	4	*	*
Muslims	14	4	10	25	60	33	27	1	1
Christians	36	14	22	50	12	9	4	1	1
Jews	30	10	20	51	17	11	6	1	1
Asian Americans	31	6	25	46	22	17	5	1	1
Women	22	6	16	32	45	35	10	*	*
Men	62	29	33	28	10	7	2	*	1
LGBT people	17	5	11	30	52	34	17	2	1
People like you	26	6	20	41	33	21	12	*	*

N=1,337

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Whites

AP-NORC 2/15- 19/2018	Large/ some advantage NET	Large advantage	Some advantage	Neither advantage nor disadvantage	Some/ large dis- advantage NET	Some dis- advantage	Large dis- advantage	DK	SKP/ REF
African Americans	28	8	20	27	44	30	15	*	*
Hispanics	25	9	16	29	45	32	14	*	1
Immigrants	27	11	16	19	53	29	24	*	*
Whites	52	20	31	32	16	12	4	*	*
Muslims	16	5	11	28	55	32	23	1	*
Christians	36	14	22	53	11	8	3	1	*
Jews	28	7	21	57	13	10	3	1	1
Asian Americans	31	5	26	50	18	15	3	1	1
Women	23	6	16	37	40	33	7	*	*
Men	62	29	33	29	8	6	2	*	*
LGBT people	17	5	12	31	51	35	16	1	*
People like you	31	7	24	45	24	18	5	*	*

N=689

African Americans

AP-NORC 2/15- 19/2018	Large/ some advantage NET	Large advantage	Some advantage	Neither advantage nor disadvantage	Some/ large dis- advantage NET	Some dis- advantage	Large dis- advantage	DK	SKP/ REF
African Americans	10	2	8	11	79	29	50	*	*
Hispanics	15	4	11	17	67	28	39	1	*
Immigrants	12	3	9	17	70	24	46	*	*
Whites	86	67	18	10	3	2	1	1	1
Muslims	14	1	13	14	69	30	39	2	*
Christians	35	9	26	40	23	15	8	2	*
Jews	44	18	26	26	27	18	9	3	*
Asian Americans	40	8	32	28	31	21	10	1	*
Women	21	4	18	21	58	36	22	1	-
Men	65	31	34	19	17	10	7	*	-
LGBT people	20	7	14	20	53	29	23	5	2
People like you	14	2	12	24	60	27	34	*	*

N=388

MLK6. Do you think that the things Donald Trump is doing as President of the United States have been good, bad, or neither good nor bad for each of the following?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

All adults

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Very/ somewhat good NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Neither good nor bad	Somewhat/ very bad NET	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK	SKP/ REF
African Americans	24	10	13	29	47	21	25	*	1
Women	23	9	13	28	47	21	27	*	1
Hispanics	19	8	11	24	56	23	33	*	1
Muslims	15	6	9	26	57	19	38	1	1

N=1,337

Whites

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Very/ somewhat good NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Neither good nor bad	Somewhat/ very bad NET	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK	SKP/ REF
African Americans	28	13	15	33	38	21	17	*	1
Women	29	12	17	30	40	20	20	*	1
Hispanics	25	10	15	26	47	22	26	*	1
Muslims	17	8	9	30	50	20	31	1	2

N=689

African Americans

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	Very/ somewhat good NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Neither good nor bad	Somewhat/ very bad NET	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK	SKP/ REF
African Americans	10	1	9	11	76	23	53	*	2
Women	9	1	8	19	70	26	44	*	2
Hispanics	7	3	4	9	83	31	51	*	1
Muslims	12	1	11	12	74	17	57	1	*

N=388

MLK7. Do you think Donald Trump is a racist or is not a racist?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Racist	57	47	84
Not a racist	40	51	10
DON'T KNOW	1	*	3
SKIP/REFUSED	2	1	3
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

If "Racist" or "Not a racist" in MLK7

MLK7A. Do you think this strongly or not strongly?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Strongly	75	72	87
Not strongly	25	27	13
DON'T KNOW	*	1	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	1,301	680	372

MLK/MLK7A COMBINED.

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Racist	57	47	84
Strongly	46	35	77
Not strongly	11	12	7
Not a racist	40	50	10
Not strongly	13	15	6
Strongly	26	36	5
Unknown	3	3	6
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

MLK8. Are the people in your neighborhood all the same race as you, mostly the same race as you, about half the same race, mostly a different race than you, or all a different race than you?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
All same race/Mostly same race NET	49	59	36
All same race	8	10	5
Mostly same race	40	49	31
Half same race	24	25	20
Mostly different/All different race NET	26	15	42
Mostly different race	15	9	25
All different race	11	6	17
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	2
N=	1,337	689	388

MLK9. Are the people at your workplace all the same race as you, mostly the same race as you, about half the same race, mostly a different race than you, or all a different race than you?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
All same race/Mostly same race NET	30	37	14
All same race	6	7	1
Mostly same race	24	30	13
Half same race	17	17	23
Mostly different/All different race NET	24	13	41
Mostly different race	14	8	20
All different race	10	5	21
Don't have workplace	28	33	20
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	2
N=	1,337	689	388

MLK10. Are the students at the public schools in your area all the same race as you, mostly the same race as you, about half the same race, mostly a different race than you, or all a different race than you?

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
All same race/mostly same race NET	33	38	25
All same race	1	1	2
Mostly same race	31	36	23
Half same race	24	28	21
Mostly different/all different race NET	29	20	39
Mostly different race	17	13	19
All different race	12	8	21
Not familiar with area public schools	13	14	12
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,337</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>388</i>

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

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Democrat	34	27	59
Republican	24	32	1
Independent	25	26	16
None of these	16	14	21
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	2

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 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Democrat NET	48	39	74
Strong Democrat	14	10	40
Moderate Democrat	20	17	19
Lean Democrat	13	12	15
Independent/None – Don't lean	17	16	19
Republican NET	35	45	7
Lean Republican	11	13	6
Moderate Republican	15	21	1
Strong Republican	9	11	1
Unknown	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,337</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>388</i>

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

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Liberal	25	22	26
Conservative	29	32	27
Moderate	43	44	44
DON'T KNOW	1	1	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,337</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>388</i>

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

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Urban area	26	20	38
Suburban area	46	48	40
Rural area	26	30	19
DON'T KNOW	1	1	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,337</i>	<i>689</i>	<i>388</i>

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AGE

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
18-24	11	9	10
25-34	19	16	26
35-44	16	13	13
45-54	14	15	17
55-64	19	22	19
65-74	14	17	11
75+	6	8	4
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

GENDER

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Male	48	48	46
Female	52	52	54
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

RACE/ETHNICITY

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
White	64	100	-
Black or African American	12	-	100
Hispanic	16	-	-
Other	8	-	-
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

MARITAL STATUS

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Married	46	54	24
Widowed	6	7	5
Divorced	11	11	15
Separated	3	1	6
Never married	29	21	45
Living with partner	6	5	6
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Employed	57	56	47
Not employed	43	44	53
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

EDUCATION

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Less than a high school diploma	11	9	13
High school graduate or equivalent	29	28	33
Some college	29	28	32
College graduate or above	31	35	22
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

INCOME

AP-NORC 2/15-19/2018	All adults	Whites	African Americans
Under \$10,000	8	5	19
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10	7	18
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11	9	15
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9	9	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9	10	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18	18	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15	17	9
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14	15	7
\$150,000 or more	8	9	1
<i>N=</i>	1,337	689	388

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% 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 February 15 and 19, 2018, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,337 completed the survey—1,124 via the web and 213 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 21.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 33.7 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 88.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 6.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

In addition, blacks were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 388 completed interviews with blacks is +/- 7.3 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level including the design effect.

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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