



The March 2019 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 3/14-18/2019

1,063 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.1 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 All adults	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED
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	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=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 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
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	40	22	18	*	*	58	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	34	18	16	*	*	65	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	42	21	21	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	21	19	*	1	59	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	18	20	-	1	60	1	17	43		
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	41	21	20	*	1	57	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	40	19	20	*	1	59	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	42	20	21	*	1	58	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	35	19	17	-	1	64	*	17	46	*	*
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	*	*

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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

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 the 2016 presidential campaign?

	AP-NORC 3/14- 18/2019	AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7- 11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8- 11/2017	AP-NORC 3/23- 27/2017
Extremely/very concerned NET	45	43	47	48	44
Extremely concerned	24	27	28	30	27
Very concerned	21	16	19	18	17
Moderately concerned	18	19	20	20	18
Not very concerned/not at all concerned NET	36	37	33	30	36
Not very concerned	15	16	16	12	19
Not at all concerned	22	22	17	18	18
DON'T KNOW	-	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	*	1	1
N=	1,063	1,067	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 3/14-18/2019	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017
He has done something illegal	37	38	40
He has done something unethical, but not illegal	32	34	32
He has not done anything wrong	27	25	25
DON'T KNOW	1	*	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3	2	1
N=	1,063	1,067	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 3/14-18/2019	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7- 11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8- 11/2017
Yes, he has tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	58	58	63	61
No, has not tried to impede or obstruct the investigation	39	40	35	37
DON'T KNOW	1	1	2	2
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3	2	1	1
<i>N=</i>	1,063	1,067	1,020	1,068

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 is fair and impartial?

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018	AP-NORC 12/7-11/2017	AP-NORC 6/8-11/2017
Extremely/very confident NET	33	32	26	26
Extremely confident	17	16	11	10
Very confident	16	16	15	17
Moderately confident	29	25	31	36
Not very/not confident at all NET	37	42	42	36
Not very confident	21	24	24	23
Not confident at all	15	18	18	12
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	*	1
<i>N=</i>	1,063	1,067	1,020	1,068

RUS10. If the Justice Department investigation finds that Trump did not personally have inappropriate contacts with Russia but did obstruct the investigation, should Congress take steps to remove him from office, or shouldn't it?

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019	AP-NORC 12/13-16/2018
Yes, should	52	51
No, should not	46	46
DON'T KNOW	1	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	2
<i>N=</i>	1,063	1,067

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

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Democrat	35
Republican	27
Independent	22
None of these	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	1,063

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/SKIPPED ON WEB/Refused in PID1

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

[PID1, PIDA, PIDB, AND PIDI COMBINED]

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	20
Lean Democrat	9
Independent/None – Don't lean	16
Republican NET	37
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	16
Strong Republican	11
Unknown	2
N=	1,063

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

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Liberal	22
Conservative	31
Moderate	42
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	4
<i>N=</i>	1,063

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

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Urban area	26
Suburban area	49
Rural area	24
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	1,063

AGE

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
18-24	12
25-34	19
35-44	16
45-54	17
55-64	17
65-74	14
75+	7
<i>N=</i>	1,063

GENDER

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	1,063

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8

N= 1,063

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Married	51
Widowed	4
Divorced	12
Separated	2
Never married	24
Living with partner	8

N= 1,063

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Employed	58
Not employed	42

N= 1,063

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Less than a high school diploma	11
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	28
College graduate or above	32

N= 1,063

INCOME

	AP-NORC 3/14-18/2019
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	14
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	8

N=

1,063

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 March 14 and 18, 2019, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,063 completed the survey—946 via the web and 117 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 19.8 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 34.2 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 5.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.1 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 2018 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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