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1,071 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

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

NATECON. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as...?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	Excellent/good NET	Excellent	Good	Poor/not so good NET	Not so good	Poor	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED/ REFUSED
WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	17	1	16	83	55	27	-	*
ABC 04/18-21/2021 <i>N=1,007</i>	42	4	38	57	37	20	-	-
ABC 05/25-28/2020 <i>N=1,001</i>	34	8	26	64	40	24	-	-
ABC 04/24-27/2014 <i>N=1,000</i>	28	1	27	71	40	31	-	-
ABC 05/17-20/2012 <i>N=1,004</i>	17	1	16	83	47	36	-	-
ABC 06/02-05/2011 <i>N=1,004</i>	11	1	10	90	46	44	-	-
ABC 06/03-06/2010 <i>N=1,004</i>	11	*	11	89	43	45	-	-
ABC 03/02-05/2006 <i>N=1,000</i>	43	5	38	56	37	19	-	-
ABC 06/02-05/2005 <i>N=1,006</i>	43	3	40	58	38	19	-	-
ABC 06/22-25/2004 <i>N=1,202</i>	46	4	42	53	39	14	-	-
ABC 04/19-22/2001 <i>N=1,350</i>	50	3	47	49	40	9	-	-
ABC 06/08-11/2000 <i>N=1,204</i>	74	17	57	25	19	6	-	-

SATFIN. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Pretty well satisfied	14
More or less satisfied	51
Not satisfied at all	35
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,071

FINALTER. During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Better	24
Worse	38
Stayed the same	39
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,071

GOODLIFE. The way things are in America, people like you and your family have a good chance of improving your standard of living - do you agree or disagree?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Strongly/somewhat agree NET	27
Strongly agree	4
Somewhat agree	22
Neither agree nor disagree	27
Somewhat/strongly disagree NET	46
Somewhat disagree	26
Strongly disagree	19
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N= 1,071

ECO3. In general, do you think this is a good time, a bad time, or neither a good time nor a bad time to...

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

		Very/ moderately good NET	Very good	Moderately good	Neither good nor bad	Very/ moderately bad NET	Moderately bad	Very bad	DK	SKP/ REF
Invest in the stock market	WSJ/NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	21	3	18	34	44	26	18	*	21
	AP-NORC 6/13-17/2019 <i>N= 1,116</i>	33	7	26	42	23	15	9	1	1
	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019 <i>N= 1,062</i>	28	8	19	37	32	21	11	2	1
Buy a home	WSJ/NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	13	3	10	21	65	34	31	*	13
	AP-NORC 6/13-17/2019 <i>N= 1,116</i>	41	10	31	31	27	17	9	1	1
	AP-NORC 1/16-20/2019	34	9	25	38	27	17	10	1	1
Look for a job	WSJ/NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	71	32	38	18	10	7	3	*	71
	AP-NORC 6/13-17/2019 <i>N= 1,116</i>	51	19	32	28	19	13	7	1	1

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

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

		Extremely / very confident NET	Extremely confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not very/ not at all confident	Not very confident	Not at all confident	D K	S K P / R E F
You could pay for a large expense, such as a down payment on a home or purchasing a new car	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	20	8	11	20	60	25	35	-	*
You will have enough savings your retirement	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	17	7	10	26	56	27	29	-	1
	AP-NORC 10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	26	13	12	31	43	22	20	*	1
	AP-NORC 2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	24	8	15	30	46	23	24	*	*
	AP-NORC 03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	18	7	12	30	52	24	28	-	*
	AP-NORC 06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	21	8	13	33	44	20	24	1	1
	AP-NORC 01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	20	7	13	32	47	22	24	1	1
You can keep up with your expenses	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	36	15	21	41	22	13	9	-	1

	AP-NORC 10/21- 25/2021 (N=1,083)	45	20	25	34	20	13	7	*	*
	AP-NORC 2/25- 3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	44	16	28	37	19	14	5	*	*
	AP-NORC 03/26- 29/2020 (N=1,057)	36	11	24	40	24	15	9	-	*
	AP-NORC 06/13- 17/2019 N=1,116	40	16	24	41	19	12	7	-	1
You would be able to pay an unexpected bill of \$1,000	WSJ/NORC 05/09- 17/2022 N=1,071	41	25	16	21	38	15	22	*	1
	AP-NORC 10/21- 25/2021 (N=1,083)	49	30	20	19	32	12	19	*	*
	AP-NORC 2/25- 3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	42	23	19	22	36	18	18	*	*
	AP-NORC 03/26- 29/2020 (N=1,057)	36	20	16	25	39	14	26	-	*
	AP-NORC 06/13- 17/2019 (N=1,116)	40	23	17	22	37	15	22	*	1
	AP-NORC 01/16- 20/2019 (N=1,062)	41	23	18	20	39	18	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]

		Extremely/ very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very/ not at all concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	D K	S K P / R E F
Groceries	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	54	28	26	26	19	15	4	-	*
	AP-NORC 3/17- 21/2022 <i>N=1,082</i>	59	32	27	29	12	8	4	-	*
Gas	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	63	35	28	23	13	8	5	-	1
	AP-NORC 3/17- 21/2022 <i>N=1,082</i>	68	45	23	20	11	8	3	-	*
Housing	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	42	20	22	26	31	20	11	-	1
	AP-NORC 3/17- 21/2022	40	23	17	24	35	22	14	-	*
Health care	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	47	23	24	30	22	16	7	-	1
Child care	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	18	11	8	16	64	15	49	-	2

Elder care	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 N= 1,071	35	19	17	27	37	18	18	-	1
Prescription drugs	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 N= 1,071	33	17	16	29	37	24	13	*	1
Other goods and services	WSJ/ NORC 05/09- 17/2022 N= 1,071	48	23	25	34	16	13	3	-	2
	AP-NORC 3/17- 21/2022 N=1,082	53	26	27	32	14	10	4	-	*

DIV5. Which statement comes closer to your own view?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	AP-NORC 1/28-2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	13	11	14	15	15	19
Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	86	88	85	84	84	80
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	*	1	1	1
N=	N=1,071	1,055	1,121	1,067	1,152	1,008

DIV6. And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will become more divided on the most important values, less divided on the most important values, or be about as divided as it is now?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09- 17/2022	AP-NORC 1/28- 2/1/2021	AP-NORC 10/08- 12/2020	AP-NORC 12/13- 16/2018	AP-NORC 10/11- 14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23- 27/2016
More divided	55	33	31	36	39	38
Less divided	11	36	35	23	20	20
About as divided as now	32	29	33	40	39	41
DON'T KNOW	*	1	1	*	1	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>N=1,071</i>	<i>1,055</i>	<i>1,121</i>	<i>1,067</i>	<i>1,152</i>	<i>1,008</i>

DIV7. The United States has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country...?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	AP-NORC 10/08-12/2020	AP-NORC 09/20-23 /2019	AP-NORC 10/11-14/2018	AP-NORC 6/23-27/2016
Much/Moderately stronger NET	55	63	60	53	56
Much stronger	25	38	33	30	29
Moderately stronger	30	25	27	24	27
Neither stronger nor weaker	33	23	28	28	28
Much/Moderately weaker NET	11	14	12	17	16
Moderately weaker	6	10	8	12	12
Much weaker	5	4	3	5	4
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1	1	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>N=1,071</i>	<i>1,121</i>	<i>1,286</i>	<i>1,152</i>	<i>1,008</i>

RACE2. How serious a problem do you think racism is in the United States?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	AP-NORC 4/29-5/3/2021	AP-NORC 06/11-15/2020
Not at all serious/not too serious NET	17	16	12
Not at all serious	3	5	3
Not too serious	14	12	9
Moderately serious	32	25	26
Extremely/very serious NET	51	59	61
Extremely serious	29	29	27
Very serious	21	30	34
DON'T KNOW	-	*	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	*	1
	<i>N=1,071</i>	<i>N=1,842</i>	<i>N=1,310</i>

RACE3. How much discrimination do you think each of the following groups face in the United States today?

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

		A great deal/quite a bit NET	A great deal	Quite a bit	A moderate amount	Only a little/none at all	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP / REF
Black Americans	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	58	33	25	22	20	16	3	-	*
	AP-NORC 4/29-5/3/2021 <i>N=1,842</i>	60	35	25	23	16	13	4	*	1
Hispanic Americans	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	44	17	27	35	20	18	3	*	*
	AP-NORC 4/29-5/3/2021 <i>N=1,842</i>	47	19	28	33	18	15	4	*	1

White Americans	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	15	6	9	21	64	34	29	*	*
	AP-NORC 4/29-5/3/2021 N=1,842	18	8	10	22	59	32	27	*	1
Asian Americans	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	39	17	22	32	29	24	4	*	*
	AP-NORC 4/29-5/3/2021 N=1,842	45	19	26	33	21	16	5	*	1
Transgender Americans	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	61	33	28	19	19	13	7	1	*
Gay or Lesbian Americans	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	49	24	25	26	25	19	5	*	*
Immigrants	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	58	27	32	24	18	15	3	*	*

CRT. Do you think your local public school system is focusing too much or too little on racism in the U.S., or is the focus about right?

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	AP-NORC 3/17-21/2022
Too much	27	27
Too little	40	34
About right	32	37
DON'T KNOW	*	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	2
	N=1,071	1,030

Shown if working remotely as a paid employee, in-person as a paid employee, or both remotely and in-person as a paid employee

SATJOB. On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do--would you say you are very satisfied, moderately satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Very/moderately satisfied NET	80
Very satisfied	35
Moderately satisfied	45
Very/a little dissatisfied	19
A little dissatisfied	14
Very dissatisfied	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

N=573

Shown if working remotely as a paid employee, in-person as a paid employee, or both remotely and in-person as a paid employee

JOBFIND. About how easy would it be for you to find a job with another employer with approximately the same income and fringe benefits you now have? Would you say very easy, somewhat easy, or not easy at all?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Very easy	15
Somewhat easy	50
Not easy at all	34
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=573

SC1. When thinking about the United States Supreme Court, do you think its decisions are based more on the Constitution and the law, or more on the political views of its members?

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	Grinnell College 10/13-17/2021
The Constitution and its law	33	30
The political views of its members	66	62
Not sure	N/A	8
DON'T KNOW	*	N/A
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2	N/A
	<i>N=1,071</i>	<i>N=915</i>

ABO3. Please say whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if ...

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022		Yes, possible	No, not possible	DK	SKP /REF
There is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	76	22	*	2
The woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	86	12	*	1
	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021 <i>N=1,125</i>	87	11	*	2
The family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	59	38	*	3
The woman became pregnant as the result of rape or incest	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	84	15	*	1
	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021 <i>N=1,125</i>	84	14	-	2
The woman wants it for any reason	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 <i>N=1,071</i>	57	41	*	2
	AP-NORC 6/10-14/2021 <i>N=1,125</i>	49	50	*	1

RVW1. The 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe vs. Wade decision, or not?

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	CNN 01/13-18/2022
Yes, overturn	30	30
No, don't overturn	68	69
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2	1
	<i>N=1,071</i>	<i>N=1,000</i>

Study Methodology

This survey, funded by the Wall Street Journal, was conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago and the Wall Street Journal collaborated on all aspects of the study.

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 May 9-17, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,071 completed the survey—1,037 via the web and 34 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 26.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 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, 47 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 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

Additional information on the AmeriSpeak Panel methodology is available at:
<https://amerispeak.norc.org/about-amerispeak/Pages/Panel-Design.aspx>.

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