



Understanding Support for Political Violence in America

Chicago Project on Security and Threats Omnibus Survey September Wave 1 2022

TOPLINE

Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago for CPOST

*Interviews: 9/9-9/12/2022
3,145 adults ages 18+*

Margin of error: +/- 2.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all 18+ General Population

Sample 1: 2,142 interviews; MoE +/- 2.89
Sample 2: 1,003 interviews; MoE +/- 3.97

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Percentages may not always sum to 100%.*

"" indicates less than 0.5%*

"-" indicates 0%

UCHI1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

A. I am concerned about losing my primary source of income in the next 12 months.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	7	8	6	7
Agree	14	12	18	14
Neither agree nor disagree	24	22	32	23
Disagree	29	30	23	30
Strongly disagree	27	28	22	27
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

B. The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump and Joe Biden is an illegitimate president.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	12	1	10	27
Agree	10	3	10	19
Neither agree nor disagree	20	8	37	27
Disagree	11	8	12	14
Strongly disagree	48	79	31	14
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

C. The people who stormed the Capitol on January 6th to stop the certification of the 2020 election results are patriots.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	4	2	6	6
Agree	6	3	6	10
Neither agree nor disagree	26	10	42	40
Disagree	15	8	16	23
Strongly disagree	49	77	29	20
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	*	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

D. I would vote for Trump in the 2024 presidential election, even if he does not run as a Republican.

NORC 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	12	2	11	26
Agree	10	3	9	19
Neither agree nor disagree	19	7	35	27
Disagree	9	6	11	12
Strongly disagree	50	82	35	15
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	*	1
N=	3145	1532	477	1132

UCHI2. Next we will ask you about political violence and the use of force in politics. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

In this block of questions, the overall sample was subdivided into two populations: Sample 1, with a sample size of 2142, and Sample 2, with a sample size of 1003.

If Sample 1

A1. The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve political goals that I support.

NORC 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	3	1	5	5
Agree	10	9	13	10
Neither agree nor disagree	23	15	35	27
Disagree	27	24	23	34
Strongly disagree	37	51	24	23
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	1	1	*
N=	2142	1062	295	784

If Sample 2

A2. The use of force by ordinary citizens is sometimes necessary to achieve political goals that I support, even if some people are injured or killed.

NORC 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	5	4	8	5
Agree	6	5	6	8
Neither agree nor disagree	19	12	29	22
Disagree	23	21	25	26
Strongly disagree	45	58	31	37
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	1	2
N=	1003	470	182	348

If Sample 1

B1. The use of force is justified to restore Donald Trump to the presidency.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	2	1	2	4
Agree	3	2	5	3
Neither agree nor disagree	12	7	25	15
Disagree	20	8	17	36
Strongly disagree	62	82	48	41
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	3	*
<i>N=</i>	2142	1062	295	784

If Sample 2

B2. The use of force is justified to restore Donald Trump to the presidency, even if some people are injured or killed.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	2	1	4	3
Agree	3	2	5	2
Neither agree nor disagree	16	9	27	18
Disagree	15	8	13	24
Strongly disagree	63	78	51	50
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	2	*	2
<i>N=</i>	1003	470	182	348

If Sample 1

C1. I would participate in the use of force to restore Donald Trump to the presidency.

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	1	1	3	2
Agree	2	2	2	2
Neither agree nor disagree	10	4	22	13
Disagree	17	6	19	32
Strongly disagree	69	87	53	51
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	2142	1062	295	784

If Sample 2

C2. I would participate in the use of force to restore Donald Trump to the presidency, even if some people are injured or killed.

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	2	1	*	4
Agree	2	*	5	2
Neither agree nor disagree	13	7	26	15
Disagree	12	6	12	20
Strongly disagree	69	84	55	57
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	2	1
<i>N=</i>	1003	470	182	348

If Sample 1

D1. Use of force is justified to prevent the prosecution of Donald Trump for mishandling classified documents by the federal government.

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	3	2	5	2
Agree	4	4	4	3
Neither agree nor disagree	15	6	29	22
Disagree	20	10	20	32
Strongly disagree	58	77	42	41
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	2142	1062	295	784

If Sample 2

D2. Use of force is justified to prevent the prosecution of Donald Trump for mishandling classified documents by the federal government, even if some people are injured or killed.

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	2	3	2	2
Agree	2	1	2	2
Neither agree nor disagree	16	6	32	21
Disagree	14	9	14	21
Strongly disagree	64	80	48	52
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	1	2	3
<i>N=</i>	1003	470	182	348

If Sample 1

E1. Use of force is justified to prevent teaching Critical Race Theory in schools.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	3	1	4	5
Agree	6	3	4	10
Neither agree nor disagree	18	9	30	24
Disagree	18	9	21	28
Strongly disagree	56	77	41	33
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	2142	1062	295	784

If Sample 2

E2. Use of force is justified to prevent teaching Critical Race Theory in schools, even if some people are injured or killed.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	2	2	2	4
Agree	4	2	3	6
Neither agree nor disagree	16	8	32	19
Disagree	14	9	16	20
Strongly disagree	61	77	45	50
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	2	2	1
<i>N=</i>	1003	470	182	348

If Sample 1

I. In today's America, elections will not solve our most fundamental political and social problems.

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	12	8	18	16
Agree	31	26	30	38
Neither agree nor disagree	28	29	33	23
Disagree	19	23	10	17
Strongly disagree	10	14	7	5
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	3	*
<i>N=</i>	2142	1062	295	784

UCHI4. How favorable is your impression of each of the following people, or haven't you heard of them?

A. Donald Trump

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	14	2	10	32
Somewhat Favorable	18	3	21	38
Somewhat Unfavorable	12	7	16	15
Very Unfavorable	53	85	43	14
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	2	2	7	1
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	2	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

B. Joe Biden

<i>NORC</i> 9/9-9/12/2022	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	14	28	3	1
Somewhat Favorable	28	48	19	6
Somewhat Unfavorable	18	15	29	16
Very Unfavorable	37	6	41	75
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	3	2	8	1
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

C. Militias like Oath Keepers and White nationalist groups like the Proud Boys

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	1	1	1	3
Somewhat Favorable	3	1	3	6
Somewhat Unfavorable	10	5	9	16
Very Unfavorable	64	82	51	47
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	21	10	34	28
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	2	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

D. Left-wing militant movements like Antifa

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	2	2	1	1
Somewhat Favorable	5	8	2	2
Somewhat Unfavorable	12	17	9	6
Very Unfavorable	62	54	53	77
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	18	17	33	13
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	2	1	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

E. FBI

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	19	28	7	11
Somewhat Favorable	39	46	36	33
Somewhat Unfavorable	22	17	23	29
Very Unfavorable	12	4	17	21
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	6	3	16	5
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	2	1	2
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

F. Republicans

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	9	1	3	21
Somewhat Favorable	28	10	18	58
Somewhat Unfavorable	31	41	36	14
Very Unfavorable	26	43	22	4
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	5	3	20	1
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	2	1	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

G. Federal Government

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Favorable	8	13	3	4
Somewhat Favorable	36	51	23	22
Somewhat Unfavorable	32	25	34	41
Very Unfavorable	19	8	26	30
Haven't heard enough to form an opinion	4	2	13	2
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	2	2	1	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

UCHI5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

A. The Democratic Party is trying to replace the current electorate — the voters now casting ballots — with new people, more obedient voters from the Third World

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	9	2	5	21
Agree	12	6	8	23
Neither agree nor disagree	32	27	56	29
Disagree	17	20	16	14
Strongly disagree	27	43	14	11
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	2	2	1	2
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

B. African American people or Hispanic people in our country will eventually have more rights than whites.

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	6	2	8	11
Agree	12	4	10	23
Neither agree nor disagree	30	21	46	35
Disagree	23	25	21	21
Strongly disagree	27	46	15	8
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	2	1	1	2
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

**C. Irish, Italians, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up.
Blacks should do the same without any special favors.**

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	13	5	9	25
Agree	20	11	19	32
Neither agree nor disagree	32	28	47	32
Disagree	16	24	13	6
Strongly disagree	18	30	11	4
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	2	2	1	1
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

D. A secret group of Satan-worshipping pedophiles is ruling the US government.

<i>NORC</i> <i>9/9-9/12/2022</i>	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	4	2	7	7
Agree	5	3	9	7
Neither agree nor disagree	24	16	39	28
Disagree	18	14	17	24
Strongly disagree	46	63	28	32
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	2	2	2	2
<i>N=</i>	3145	1532	477	1132

Additional questions held for future release.

STUDY METHODOLOGY

This survey was conducted by the AmeriSpeak Panel department of NORC at the University of Chicago. Data were collected using the probability-based, nationally representative AmeriSpeak® Panel. AmeriSpeak conducts surveys for experts who can't afford to be wrong.

Since its founding by NORC at the University of Chicago in 2015, AmeriSpeak has produced more than 500 surveys, been cited by dozens of media outlets¹ and become the primary survey partner of the nation's preeminent news service, The Associated Press. AmeriSpeak has the highest AAPOR response rate among commercially available household survey panels in the U.S. AmeriSpeak captures a true picture of America, providing better representation than other survey panels for hard-to-reach populations, including low-income households, less educated persons, young adults, rural households, persons who are less interested in the news, and social and political conservatives.

Technical information about the AmeriSpeak Panel is available [here](#).

During the initial recruitment phase of the AmeriSpeak Panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame, supplemented with households selected from the USPS Delivery Sequence File. Selected U.S. households were then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face interviewing in the homes of respondents). AmeriSpeak provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people in group-living quarters and those with P.O. Box only addresses and some newly constructed dwellings.

AmeriSpeak Panel members selected for this study were scientifically selected to represent persons age 18 and over in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. There were 3,145 AmeriSpeak respondents completing the survey—3,096 via the web and 49 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English. The final stage survey completion rate is 17.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 2.40 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level for a 50% survey statistic, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the AmeriSpeak study sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a statistical weighting 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 age 18 and over. For more information, email amerispeak-bd@norc.org.

¹ AmeriSpeak research has been cited in major media outlets including Time Magazine, The New York Times, CNN, Forbes, Chicago Tribune, and others. NORC's AmeriSpeak clients represent a broad range of federal, foundation, non-profit, and private sector organizations, including not limited to: AARP, U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Consumer Reports, Kaiser Family Foundation, Legal Services Corp. of America, National Science Foundation, NASA, National Cancer Institute, National Institute of Justice, Pew Research Center, The New York Times, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Truth Initiative, dozens of university-based researchers, among others. In addition, NORC's AmeriSpeak Panel is the sample source for several studies that have been approved by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including studies sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the US. Department of Defense, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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