



Understanding the American Insurrectionist Movement: A Nationally Representative Survey

Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago in collaboration the Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST)

Interview Dates: June 10-June 14, 2021

1,070 adults

Margin of Error: 4.16% at the 95% confidence level among all adults

Survey Questions

UCHI1. [Question posed to self-identified Christians, n = 691] **“How likely is it that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will happen in your lifetime?”**

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Extremely Likely	.1263
Somewhat Likely	.1507
Neither Likely nor Unlikely	.3596
Somewhat Unlikely	.1284
Extremely Unlikely	.2052
DON'T KNOW	.0149
SKIPPED	.0148

UCHI2. “Personally, how concerned are you about losing your primary source of income in the next 12 months?”

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Extremely Concerned	.0919
Moderately Concerned	.0655
Somewhat Concerned	.1595
Slightly Concerned	.2138
Not at all Concerned	.4598
SKIPPED	.0094

UCHI6. “Please indicate to what extent each of the following has been a source of news for you in 2021”

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	Major Source	Minor Source	Not a Source	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED
Fox	0.1723	0.2748	0.5392	0.00066	0.013
CNN	0.1674	0.3417	0.4775	0	0.0133
Newsmax or One America News Network	0.0562	0.1468	0.783	0	0.014
Major TV networks, such as ABC, CBS, NBC	0.3074	0.3393	0.3357	0	0.0176
Public TV or radio, such as PBS or NPR	0.1807	0.3353	0.47	0	0.014
Major newspapers, such as The New York Times or the Washington Post	0.1381	0.2953	0.5499	0	0.0167
Talk Radio, such as The Sean Hannity Show or The Rush Limbaugh Show	0.0648	0.175	0.7435	0	0.0167
Infowars	0.0158	0.0822	0.8728	0.0056	0.0235

UCHI7. “Please indicate to what extent each of the following has been a source of news for you in 2021”

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	Major Source	Minor Source	Not a Source	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED
Facebook	0.1072	0.3401	0.5363	0	0.0165
Twitter	0.0567	0.1677	0.7592	0	0.0163
Parler	0.0165	0.0594	0.9066	0.004	0.0134
Reddit	0.0588	0.1211	0.8062	0.0011	0.0129
8chan/8kun	0.0077	0.0549	0.9191	0.0044	0.0139
YouTube	0.0945	0.256	0.6356	0	0.0139
Some Other Platform	0.0506	0.1766	0.7521	0.004	0.0166

UCHI8. “How favorable is your impression of each of the following people, or haven't you heard of them?”

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	Donald Trump	Joe Biden
Very Favorable	.1727	.2468
Somewhat Favorable	.1779	.2766
Somewhat Unfavorable	.1266	.1502
Very Unfavorable	.4869	.2868
Haven't heard enough	.0295	.0314
SKIPPED	.0051	.0082
Refused	.0011	0

UCHI9. “To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:”

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	Strongly Agree	Some-what Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Some-what Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DON’T KNOW	SKIPPED	Refused
The 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump and Joe Biden is an illegitimate president	0.1602	0.0957	0.1821	0.0681	0.4874	0.0011	0.0054	0
The use of force is justified to restore Donald Trump to the presidency	0.0477	0.0427	0.1829	0.0622	0.6603	0.00035	0.0038	0
A secret group of Satan-worshiping pedophiles is ruling the US government	0.0524	0.0546	0.2579	0.0658	0.5548	0.0097	0.0048	0
The traditional American way of life is disappearing so fast that we may have to use force to save it.	0.0672	0.1305	0.2535	0.0849	0.4553	0.00035	0.0083	0
Militias like the Oath Keepers and groups like the Proud Boys are needed to defend liberty in America.	0.0195	0.0404	0.248	0.0775	0.5902	0.0106	0.0139	0
African American people or Hispanic people in our country will eventually have more rights than whites.	0.0973	0.143	0.2706	0.1047	0.3712	0.0019	0.0102	0.0011
Women who complain about harassment often cause more problems than they solve.	0.0509	0.0932	0.265	0.151	0.4238	0.00035	0.0157	0

UCHI10. “There are many reasons why some people own guns and others do not. How many guns do you own?”

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0	.6285
1	.1021
2 or more	.15705
DON'T KNOW	.00087
SKIPPED	.1109
Refused	.00058

UCHI12. “On a scale of 1 to 5 – where “1” means you think the institution is your enemy and “5” means you think the institution is your friend – where on this scale would you place yourself?”

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	Federal Government	State Government	Local Government	Police
One	.123	.0983	.0765	.1122
Two	.1701	.1398	.0981	.1044
Three	.4226	.4013	.392	.2494
Four	.1868	.2449	.292	.264
Five	.0754	.089	.1107	.2481
DON'T KNOW	0	0	.0031	.00035
SKIPPED	.0217	.0263	.0277	.0215
Refused	.00035	.00035	0	0

Veteran: “Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, military Reserves, or National Guard?”

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Yes	.0968
No	.9032

Metropolitan Area Flag

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Non- Metropolitan Area	.1558
Metro Area	.8442

Party Identification

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Democrat	.4451
Independent	.1703
Republican	.3719
Unknown	.0128

Study Methodology

NORC at the University of Chicago conducted the study in collaboration with the Chicago Project on Security and Threats and the University of Chicago. The survey was designed and written by CPOST. Data were collected using AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population.

Funded and operated by NORC at the University of Chicago, **AmeriSpeak®** is a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the US household population. Randomly selected US households are sampled using area probability and address-based sampling, with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame. These sampled households are then contacted by US mail, 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. While most AmeriSpeak households participate in surveys by web, non-internet households can participate in AmeriSpeak surveys by telephone. Households without conventional internet access but having web access via smartphones are allowed to participate in AmeriSpeak surveys by web. AmeriSpeak panelists participate in NORC studies or studies conducted by NORC on behalf of governmental agencies, academic researchers, and media and commercial organizations.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between June 10 and June 14, 2021, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,070 completed the survey— 1,035 via the web and 35 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in English. The final stage completion rate is 16 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.16 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 non-coverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study-specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, Census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Standard AmeriSpeak weighting includes a base weight to correct for disproportionate probabilities of selection, non-response adjustments, and sample balancing to Census benchmarks on age, education, gender, race/ethnicity, and geographic population distributions.

All differences reported between subgroups of the U.S. population are at the 95 percent level of statistical significance, meaning that there is only a 5 percent (or lower) probability that the observed differences could be attributed to chance variation in sampling