

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll of 1,400 National Adults

This survey of 1,400 adults was conducted December 11th through December 13th, 2021 by the Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with NPR and PBS NewsHour. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Survey questions were available in English or Spanish. Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from Dynata. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business-use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2019 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. Results are statistically significant within ± 4.0 percentage points. There are 1,310 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 4.1 percentage points. Tables include results for subgroups to only display crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Column %	Column %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		94%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	34%
	Republican	n/a	28%
	Independent	n/a	37%
	Other	n/a	2%
Gender	Men	49%	49%
	Women	51%	51%
Age	Under 45	44%	42%
	45 or older	56%	58%
Age	18 to 29	17%	14%
	30 to 44	27%	28%
	45 to 59	24%	26%
	60 or older	32%	33%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-40)	36%	33%
	Gen X (41-56)	25%	26%
	Baby Boomers (57-75)	26%	27%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 75)	12%	13%
Race/Ethnicity	White	60%	61%
	Black	11%	11%
	Latino	16%	15%
	Other	12%	12%
Region	Northeast	17%	17%
	Midwest	21%	21%
	South	38%	38%
	West	24%	24%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	38%	37%
	\$50,000 or more	62%	63%
Education	Not college graduate	60%	59%
	College graduate	40%	41%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	36%	36%
	White - College Graduate	25%	26%
	Non-White - Not College Graduate	24%	23%
	Non-White - College Graduate	16%	16%
Education - Race - Gender	Men - White - Not College Graduate	17%	17%
	Men - White - College Graduate	11%	11%
	Men - Non-White - Not College Graduate	14%	13%
	Men - Non-White - College Graduate	7%	7%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	19%	19%
	Women - White - College Graduate	14%	14%
	Women - Non-White - Not College Graduate	10%	10%
	Women - Non-White - College Graduate	9%	9%
White Evangelical Christians		18%	19%
Area Description	Big city	24%	24%
	Small city	17%	17%
	Suburban	22%	22%
	Small town	18%	18%
	Rural	19%	19%
Area Description - Gender	Small city/Suburban Men	20%	21%
	Other area Men	29%	28%
	Small city/Suburban Women	19%	18%
	Other area Women	32%	33%
Interview Type	Landline	34%	35%
	Cell phone	66%	65%

NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 11th through December 13th, 2021, n=1,400 MOE +/- 4.0 percentage points. National Registered Voters: n=1,310 MOE +/- 4.1 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

THRTDEM1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables December 11th through December 13th, 2021

		National Adults		
		When thinking about the issues that divide the nation, do you think:		
		There is a serious threat to the future of our democracy	There is not a serious threat to the future of our democracy	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		78%	19%	3%
National Registered Voters		79%	19%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	80%	17%	3%
	Republican	79%	19%	2%
	Independent	78%	21%	1%
Region	Northeast	83%	17%	0%
	Midwest	81%	16%	3%
	South	74%	20%	5%
	West	78%	21%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	76%	19%	4%
	\$50,000 or more	79%	20%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	77%	20%	3%
	College graduate	80%	18%	2%
Race/Ethnicity	White	82%	14%	3%
	Non-white	71%	27%	2%
Race/Ethnicity	Latino	65%	31%	3%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	81%	14%	5%
	White - College Graduate	83%	15%	1%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	74%	22%	4%
	Men - White - College Graduate	79%	20%	1%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	87%	7%	6%
	Women - White - College Graduate	87%	12%	1%
Age	Under 45	71%	26%	3%
	45 or older	84%	14%	2%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-39)	69%	27%	4%
	Gen X (40-55)	84%	14%	2%
	Baby Boomers (56-74)	85%	13%	2%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 74)	78%	18%	4%
Gender	Men	73%	25%	2%
	Women	83%	13%	3%
White Evangelical Christians		86%	11%	4%
2020 Support	Biden	78%	19%	3%
	Trump	82%	16%	2%
Area Description	Big city	73%	26%	1%
	Small city	75%	20%	6%
	Suburban	79%	20%	1%
	Small town	77%	18%	4%
	Rural	88%	10%	2%
Small city/Suburban Men		72%	27%	2%
Small city/Suburban Women		83%	13%	4%

NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted December 11th through December 13th, 2021. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

USCNGS01TRND. Marist Poll National Trend

National Adults			
When thinking about issues that divide the nation, do you think:			
	There is a serious threat to the future of our democracy	There is not a serious threat to the future of our democracy	Vol. Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2022	78%	19%	3%
November 2021	81%	15%	4%
January 2021	81%	15%	3%

Marist Poll National Adults

PLTNSCM1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables December 11th through December 13th, 2021

		National Adults			
		In the last year, do you feel political tension in your community where you live has gotten:			
		More extreme	Less extreme	Stayed about the same	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		39%	4%	55%	2%
National Registered Voters		40%	4%	54%	2%
Party Identification	Democrat	34%	6%	59%	1%
	Republican	38%	2%	59%	2%
	Independent	50%	4%	45%	1%
Region	Northeast	42%	4%	51%	2%
	Midwest	31%	8%	59%	2%
	South	38%	4%	57%	1%
	West	47%	3%	49%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	3%	61%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	44%	4%	51%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	40%	4%	55%	2%
	College graduate	39%	5%	54%	2%
Race/Ethnicity	White	42%	4%	52%	2%
	Non-white	37%	4%	58%	0%
Race/Ethnicity	Latino	35%	6%	58%	0%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	40%	3%	55%	2%
Gender - Race - Education	White - College Graduate	44%	6%	49%	2%
	Men - White - Not College Graduate	42%	2%	54%	2%
	Men - White - College Graduate	36%	6%	57%	1%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	38%	4%	55%	3%
	Women - White - College Graduate	50%	6%	42%	2%
Age	Under 45	40%	5%	54%	1%
	45 or older	39%	3%	55%	3%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-39)	37%	6%	55%	1%
	Gen X (40-55)	45%	3%	51%	1%
	Baby Boomers (56-74)	40%	3%	55%	2%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 74)	32%	3%	59%	7%
Gender	Men	38%	5%	56%	1%
	Women	41%	3%	53%	2%
White Evangelical Christians		43%	1%	54%	2%
2020 Support	Biden	37%	5%	56%	1%
	Trump	43%	3%	52%	2%
Area Description	Big city	35%	6%	58%	1%
	Small city	38%	5%	56%	1%
	Suburban	46%	3%	49%	2%
	Small town	38%	4%	56%	3%
	Rural	40%	4%	54%	2%
Small city/Suburban Men		40%	4%	56%	0%
Small city/Suburban Women		46%	3%	48%	2%

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USCPDES1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables December 11th through December 13th, 2021

National Adults

When it comes to the events on January 6th, when a crowd entered the Capitol Building in Washington, DC, and disrupted the election certification process, which of the following best reflects your thoughts:

		It was an insurrection and a threat to democracy	It was a political protest protected under the first amendment	It was an unfortunate event, but in the past, so no need to worry about it anymore	Vol: None of these	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		49%	25%	19%	3%	4%
National Registered Voters		49%	25%	20%	3%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	89%	2%	6%	1%	1%
	Republican	10%	45%	35%	5%	5%
	Independent	43%	30%	20%	3%	4%
Region	Northeast	61%	16%	18%	4%	1%
	Midwest	44%	25%	26%	1%	4%
	South	47%	28%	18%	2%	5%
	West	50%	28%	16%	4%	3%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	27%	21%	2%	7%
	\$50,000 or more	54%	23%	19%	2%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	39%	33%	20%	3%	5%
	College graduate	66%	13%	18%	2%	1%
Race/Ethnicity	White	49%	25%	19%	3%	5%
	Non-white	52%	25%	19%	2%	2%
Race/Ethnicity	Latino	42%	33%	24%	1%	0%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	39%	33%	19%	3%	7%
	White - College Graduate	63%	13%	19%	3%	1%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	41%	31%	22%	2%	3%
	Men - White - College Graduate	58%	16%	23%	2%	1%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	37%	34%	15%	3%	11%
	Women - White - College Graduate	68%	11%	17%	3%	2%
Age	Under 45	56%	22%	17%	2%	3%
	45 or older	44%	28%	21%	3%	4%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-39)	59%	19%	16%	2%	4%
	Gen X (40-55)	39%	33%	24%	1%	2%
	Baby Boomers (56-74)	48%	28%	18%	4%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 74)	49%	19%	21%	4%	7%
Gender	Men	45%	26%	23%	3%	2%
	Women	53%	24%	15%	2%	5%
White Evangelical Christians		25%	36%	28%	3%	8%
2020 Support	Biden	95%	0%	4%	1%	0%
	Trump	8%	49%	34%	5%	4%
Area Description	Big city	61%	21%	15%	1%	3%
	Small city	51%	26%	18%	2%	3%
	Suburban	56%	20%	20%	3%	1%
	Small town	43%	26%	24%	3%	4%
	Rural	31%	36%	20%	5%	8%
Small city/Suburban Men		49%	23%	23%	3%	1%
Small city/Suburban Women		59%	23%	15%	2%	3%

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USCPSCC1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables December 11th through December 13th, 2021

		National Adults		
		A Select Congressional Committee is holding hearings to investigate the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th. Based on what you have seen or heard, which comes closer to your view:		
		The investigation is appropriate to find out what happened on January 6th	The investigation is a witch hunt	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		62%	35%	4%
National Registered Voters		61%	35%	3%
Party Identification	Democrat	93%	5%	2%
	Republican	29%	68%	4%
	Independent	58%	38%	5%
Region	Northeast	68%	30%	2%
	Midwest	49%	44%	7%
	South	62%	36%	3%
	West	67%	29%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	62%	33%	5%
	\$50,000 or more	62%	36%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	54%	41%	5%
	College graduate	73%	26%	1%
Race/Ethnicity	White	61%	35%	3%
	Non-white	65%	31%	4%
Race/Ethnicity	Latino	56%	42%	2%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	54%	41%	5%
	White - College Graduate	72%	27%	1%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	51%	48%	2%
	Men - White - College Graduate	66%	32%	1%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	56%	36%	8%
	Women - White - College Graduate	76%	23%	1%
Age	Under 45	71%	25%	3%
	45 or older	54%	42%	4%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-39)	73%	23%	3%
	Gen X (40-55)	53%	44%	3%
	Baby Boomers (56-74)	55%	41%	4%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 74)	59%	35%	6%
Gender	Men	55%	41%	3%
	Women	67%	29%	4%
White Evangelical Christians		41%	54%	5%
2020 Support	Biden	97%	3%	1%
	Trump	25%	70%	5%
Area Description	Big city	76%	22%	2%
	Small city	56%	38%	6%
	Suburban	65%	32%	3%
	Small town	57%	39%	4%
	Rural	47%	49%	4%
Small city/Suburban Men		58%	38%	4%
Small city/Suburban Women		65%	31%	5%

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USCPDTBL1R. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables December 11th through December 13th, 2021

		National Adults		
		How much do you think former President Trump is to blame for what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th: A great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all?		
		A great deal/A good amount	Not very much/Not at all	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		53%	45%	1%
National Registered Voters		54%	45%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	94%	5%	0%
	Republican	14%	84%	2%
	Independent	48%	52%	0%
Region	Northeast	65%	34%	1%
	Midwest	40%	59%	1%
	South	55%	44%	2%
	West	55%	45%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	50%	48%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	56%	43%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	44%	55%	2%
	College graduate	68%	31%	0%
Race/Ethnicity	White	51%	47%	2%
	Non-white	58%	41%	0%
Race/Ethnicity	Latino	52%	48%	0%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	40%	58%	3%
Gender - Race - Education	White - College Graduate	68%	32%	0%
	Men - White - Not College Graduate	37%	61%	2%
	Men - White - College Graduate	62%	38%	0%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	42%	54%	3%
	Women - White - College Graduate	72%	28%	0%
Age	Under 45	60%	39%	1%
	45 or older	48%	50%	1%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-39)	63%	36%	1%
	Gen X (40-55)	42%	57%	1%
	Baby Boomers (56-74)	51%	48%	1%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 74)	56%	40%	4%
Gender	Men	48%	51%	1%
	Women	58%	40%	2%
White Evangelical Christians		30%	69%	1%
2020 Support	Biden	96%	4%	0%
	Trump	12%	87%	1%
Area Description	Big city	68%	31%	0%
	Small city	53%	44%	3%
	Suburban	58%	42%	0%
	Small town	44%	54%	2%
	Rural	37%	61%	1%
Small city/Suburban Men		51%	49%	0%
Small city/Suburban Women		61%	37%	3%

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USCPDTBL1RTRND. Marist Poll National Trend

National Adults			
How much do you think former President Trump is to blame for what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th: A great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all?			
	A great deal/A good amount	Not very much/Not at all	Vol. Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2022	53%	45%	1%
January 15th, 2021*	58%	40%	2%
January 8th, 2021*	63%	35%	2%

Marist Poll National Adults

*Previous question wording: How much do you think President Trump is to blame for what happened at the U.S. Capitol: A great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all?

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		National Adults				
		How much do you think former President Trump is to blame for what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th: A great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all?				
		A great deal	A good amount	Not very much	Not at all	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		43%	11%	19%	27%	1%
National Registered Voters		43%	11%	18%	27%	1%
Party Identification	Democrat	88%	6%	2%	4%	0%
	Republican	3%	11%	26%	58%	2%
	Independent	32%	16%	28%	23%	0%
Region	Northeast	55%	9%	15%	19%	1%
	Midwest	32%	8%	30%	29%	1%
	South	42%	12%	14%	30%	2%
	West	44%	11%	18%	26%	1%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	42%	8%	20%	28%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	43%	13%	18%	25%	1%
Education	Not college graduate	34%	9%	21%	33%	2%
	College graduate	55%	13%	14%	17%	0%
Race/Ethnicity	White	42%	9%	19%	28%	2%
	Non-white	45%	13%	17%	24%	0%
Race/Ethnicity	Latino	40%	12%	11%	36%	0%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	33%	6%	22%	36%	3%
	White - College Graduate	54%	14%	16%	16%	0%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	31%	6%	23%	39%	2%
	Men - White - College Graduate	48%	13%	18%	20%	0%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	36%	7%	21%	34%	3%
	Women - White - College Graduate	58%	15%	15%	13%	0%
Age	Under 45	44%	16%	16%	23%	1%
	45 or older	42%	6%	20%	30%	1%
Generation	Gen Z/Millennials (18-39)	47%	16%	14%	22%	1%
	Gen X (40-55)	32%	10%	27%	30%	1%
	Baby Boomers (56-74)	45%	6%	19%	30%	1%
	Silent-Greatest (Over 74)	48%	8%	15%	25%	4%
Gender	Men	36%	12%	20%	31%	1%
	Women	49%	9%	17%	23%	2%
White Evangelical Christians		19%	11%	28%	41%	1%
2020 Support	Biden	87%	9%	2%	2%	0%
	Trump	2%	9%	32%	55%	1%
Area Description	Big city	58%	11%	15%	16%	0%
	Small city	39%	14%	21%	23%	3%
	Suburban	44%	14%	16%	26%	0%
	Small town	39%	5%	23%	31%	2%
	Rural	28%	10%	19%	42%	1%
Small city/Suburban Men		33%	18%	19%	29%	0%
Small city/Suburban Women		51%	10%	17%	20%	3%

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USCPDTBL1TRND. Marist Poll National Trend

National Adults					
How much do you think former President Trump is to blame for what happened at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th: A great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all?					
	A great deal	A good amount	Not very much	Not at all	Vol. Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
January 2022	43%	11%	19%	27%	1%
January 15th, 2021	45%	13%	16%	24%	2%
January 8th, 2021	51%	13%	10%	25%	2%

Marist Poll National Adults

*Previous question wording: How much do you think President Trump is to blame for what happened at the U.S. Capitol: A great deal, a good amount, not very much, or not at all?