

Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania

ASAPH W28 Government vs Non-Government Organizations Comparison Items

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1 Overview

These studies were conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web and telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted among a nationally representative probability sample drawn from SSRS's Opinion panel. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. Summaries of the sample size, field dates, and estimated design effects (Deff) of the particular waves can be found in the table below.

ASAPH panelists are quarantined from other survey panel membership to avoid being affected by the content of other surveys. Data used in Wave 11, however, contains 19 respondents who self-reported membership in other opinion panels. Diagnostics revealed no significant differences in the responses of these 19 panelists and the results presented in this report are unaffected by their exclusion.

Wave	n	MOE	Deff	Fielded	Closed	Survey	RR	N
a-1	1941	2.9	1.76	2021-03-30	2021-04-19	ASAPH 1	56%	3480
b-2	1719	3.2	1.83	2021-06-09	2021-06-22	ASAPH 2	89%	1941
c-3	1669	3.2	1.83	2021-08-16	2021-09-05	ASAPH 3	86%	1940
d-4	1672	3.3	1.86	2021-11-03	2021-11-09	ASAPH 4	86%	1940
e-5	1656	3.3	1.86	2022-01-11	2022-01-17	ASAPH 5	85%	1937
f-6	1638	3.3	1.87	2022-03-29	2022-04-04	ASAPH 6	85%	1932
g-7	1580	3.2	1.82	2022-07-12	2022-07-18	ASAPH 7	82%	1928
h-8	1584	3.4	1.86	2022-08-02	2022-08-08	CIVICS 1	83%	1907
i-9	1621	3.3	1.87	2022-08-16	2022-08-23	ASAPH 8	85%	1907
j-10	1646	3.2	1.80	2022-10-11	2022-10-18	ASAPH 9	86%	1905
k-11	1641	3.2	1.77	2023-01-10	2023-01-16	ASAPH 10	82%	2029
l-12	1638	3.2	1.75	2023-02-22	2023-02-28	ASK 2023	81%	2025
m-13	1622	3.2	1.76	2023-03-23	2023-03-29	BINGE	80%	2024
n-14	1586	3.3	1.83	2023-05-31	2023-06-06	ASAPH 11	79%	1997
o-15	1482	3.5	1.88	2023-08-09	2023-08-15	ASAPH 12	75%	1979
p-16	1559	3.4	1.91	2023-10-05	2023-10-12	ASAPH 13	79%	1976
q-17	1538	3.3	1.73	2023-11-14	2023-11-20	CLIMATE	78%	1975
r-18	1555	3.4	1.89	2024-02-06	2024-02-12	ASK 2024	79%	1963
s-19	1522	3.5	1.89	2024-04-18	2024-04-25	ASAPH 19	78%	1962
t-20	1496	3.6	1.96	2024-07-11	2024-07-18	ASAPH 20	76%	1961
u-21	1744*	3.5	2.26	2024-09-13	2024-09-30	ASAPH 21	67%	2616
v-22	1771	3.3	2.02	2024-11-14	2024-11-24	ASAPH 22	68%	2589
w-23	1716	3.4	2.02	2025-01-30	2025-02-10	ASAPH 23	67%	2578
x-24	1653	3.4	2.04	2025-04-15	2025-04-28	ASAPH 24	64%	2568
y-25	1699	3.5	2.13	2025-08-05	2025-08-18	ASAPH 25	67%	2550
z-26	1637	3.5	2.05	2025-11-17	2025-12-01	ASAPH 26	65%	2529
A-27	1604	3.5	2.03	2025-12-08	2025-12-22	ASAPH 27	64%	2509
B-28	1650	3.5	2.05	2026-02-03	2026-02-17	ASAPH 28	66%	2498

* To account for attrition, a small replenishment sample was recruited prior to W21 using a random probability sampling design. This replenishment added 360 respondents to the sample.

2 Topline

The remaining portion of this document provides the topline results reported in the release. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Combined subcategories may not add to totals in topline and text due to rounding. A lowercase e stands in for values that round to 0, but are not exactly 0. Aggregated NET categories are highlighted in grey. Superscript letters indicate statistically significant differences with the corresponding wave.

AA14.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Career scientists at federal health agencies like the CDC, NIH, and FDA

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	33	9	25	67	49	18	0	e

AA15.

AA15. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Leaders at federal health agencies like the CDC, NIH, and FDA (overseen by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	57	23	33	43	38	5	0	0

AA8ALL.

AA8A/AA8. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Robert F. Kennedy Jr. [added Aug 2025.; Secretary of Health and Human Services; collapsed across half-samples in Aug 2025]

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	62	38	24	38	29	9	e	e
(A) 12/22/25	1604	63	43 ^y	20	37	29	8	0	e
(z) 12/01/25	1637	62	41	21	38	29	9	0	e
(y) 08/18/25	1699	60	37 ^A	23	39	30	10	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	1716	62	38	23	38	27	11	e	e

AA10ALL.

AA10A/AA10. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Dr. Mehmet Oz [added Feb 2026:, Administrator of the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)]

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	58 ^{wx}	28 ^{wx}	30	42 ^{wx}	35 ^{wx}	7 ^w	0 ^{wx}	0
(x) 04/28/25	1653	66 ^B	39 ^{wB}	27 ^w	33 ^B	26 ^B	7 ^w	1 ^B	e
(w) 02/10/25	1716	67 ^B	34 ^{xB}	33 ^x	32 ^B	28 ^B	4 ^{xB}	1 ^B	e

AA5.

AA5. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following provided [before Aug 2025: are providing] the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Dr. Anthony Fauci, former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	46 ^P	26 ^P	20	54 ^P	29	25 ^x	0	0
(A) 12/22/25	1604	42	23	19	58	32 ^{wx}	26	0	0
(z) 12/01/25	1637	42	23	19	57	32 ^{wx}	25 ^x	0	e
(y) 08/18/25	1699	43	23	20	57	31	26	0	e
(x) 04/28/25	1653	43	23	20	57	27 ^{pZA}	30 ^{zB}	e	0
(w) 02/10/25	1716	45 ^P	25 ^P	20	55 ^P	27 ^{pZA}	27	e	e
(p) 10/12/23	1559	39 ^{wB}	20 ^{wB}	20	60 ^{wB}	32 ^{wx}	28	e	0

AA13.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – The American Heart Association (AHA)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	18	4	14	82	51	31	0	e

AA12.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	23	5	18	77	51	26	0	e

AA11.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – The American Medical Association (AMA)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	27	5	21	73	49	24	e	e

AA1.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	40 ^{nprstuw} x	11 ^{prt}	29 ^{nprstuw}	60 ^{nprstuw} x	47	13 ^{nprstuw} x	0	0
(A) 12/22/25	1604	39 ^{nprstuw} x	11 ^{prt}	29 ^{nprstuw}	61 ^{nprstuw} x	46	15 ^{nprstuw} x	0	0
(z) 12/01/25	1637	39 ^{nprstuw} x	11 ^{prt} u	28 ^{nprstuw}	61 ^{nprstuw} x	45	16 ^{nprstuw} x	0	0
(y) 08/18/25	1699	36 ^{nprstu}	9	27 ^{nprstuw}	64 ^{nprstu}	48 ^u	16 ^{nprstuw} x	0	e
(x) 04/28/25	1653	34 ^{nprstuz} AB	9	25 ^{nprstu}	66 ^{nprstuz} AB	45	21 ^{nprstuz} AB	0	0
(w) 02/10/25	1716	33 ^{nprstuz} AB	12 ^{prt} u	21 ^{nrsyz} AB	67 ^{nprstuz} AB	44	23 ^{nprstuz} AB	0	0
(u) 09/30/24	1744	28 ^{nwx} yzAB	8 ^{wz}	20 ^{nxyz} AB	72 ^{nwx} yzAB	43 ^y	29 ^{wxyz} AB	0	e
(t) 07/18/24	1496	25 ^{wxyz} AB	7 ^{wz} AB	18 ^x yzAB	75 ^{wxyz} AB	45	29 ^{wxyz} AB	0	0
(s) 04/25/24	1522	26 ^{wxyz} AB	9	17 ^{wxyz} AB	73 ^{wxyz} AB	46	27 ^{wxyz} AB	e	0
(r) 02/12/24	1555	24 ^{wxyz} AB	7 ^{wz} AB	17 ^{wxyz} AB	76 ^{wxyz} AB	45	31 ^{wxyz} AB	0	0
(p) 10/12/23	1559	27 ^{wxyz} AB	8 ^{wz} AB	19 ^{nxyz} AB	73 ^{wxyz} AB	43	30 ^{wxyz} AB	0	e
(n) 06/06/23	1586	24 ^{uwxyz} AB	9	15 ^{puwxyz} AB	76 ^{uwxyz} AB	45	31 ^{wxyz} AB	0	0

AA4.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – The National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	38 ^{nprstuw}	11 ^{prtux}	27 ^{nprstuw}	62 ^{nprstuw}	50 ^w	12 ^{nprstuw}	0	e
(A) 12/22/25	1604	38 ^{nprstuw}	10 ^{ru}	28 ^{nprstuw}	62 ^{nprstuw}	48	14 ^{nprstuw}	0	0
(z) 12/01/25	1637	38 ^{nprstuw}	8	30 ^{nprstuw}	62 ^{nprstuw}	47	14 ^{nprstuw}	e	e
(y) 08/18/25	1699	38 ^{nprstuw}	10 ^{ru}	29 ^{nprstuw}	62 ^{nprstuw}	48	14 ^{nprstuw}	0	0
(x) 04/28/25	1653	32 ^{nprstuyzAB}	8 ^B	23 ^{nprstyzA}	68 ^{nprstuyzAB}	47	21 ^{nprstuyzAB}	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	1716	33 ^{nprstuyzAB}	11 ^{rtu}	22 ^{nstyzAB}	67 ^{nprstuyzAB}	44 ^B	23 ^{nprtyzAB}	0	e
(u) 09/30/24	1744	26 ^{wxyzAB}	6 ^{wyAB}	20 ^{nyzAB}	74 ^{wxyzAB}	47	27 ^{wxyzAB}	e	e
(t) 07/18/24	1496	24 ^{wxyzAB}	7 ^{wB}	16 ^{wxyzAB}	76 ^{wxyzAB}	47	29 ^{wxyzAB}	0	e
(s) 04/25/24	1522	26 ^{wxyzAB}	9	18 ^{wxyzAB}	73 ^{wxyzAB}	47	26 ^{wxyzAB}	e	0
(r) 02/12/24	1555	25 ^{wxyzAB}	6 ^{wyAB}	19 ^{wxyzAB}	75 ^{wxyzAB}	46	29 ^{wxyzAB}	e	0
(p) 10/12/23	1559	26 ^{wxyzAB}	7 ^{wB}	19 ^{wxyzAB}	74 ^{wxyzAB}	45	29 ^{wxyzAB}	0	0
(n) 06/06/23	1586	24 ^{wxyzAB}	8	15 ^{uwxyzAB}	76 ^{wxyzAB}	46	30 ^{wxyzAB}	e	e

AA2.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	38 ^{nprstuw}	10 ^{nprstu}	28 ^{nprstuw}	62 ^{nprstuw}	49	13 ^{nprstuw}	0	e
(A) 12/22/25	1604	39 ^{nprstuw}	10 ^{nprstu}	29 ^{nprstuw}	61 ^{nprstuw}	47	14 ^{nprstuw}	0	0
(z) 12/01/25	1637	38 ^{nprstuw}	8	29 ^{nprstuw}	62 ^{nprstuw}	48	14 ^{nprstuw}	0	0
(y) 08/18/25	1699	37 ^{nprstu}	9	28 ^{nprstuw}	63 ^{nprstu}	50	13 ^{nprstuw}	0	e
(x) 04/28/25	1653	33 ^{nprstuAB}	8 ^w	26 ^{nprtuw}	67 ^{nprstuAB}	49	17 ^{nprstuyB}	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	1716	33 ^{nprstuzAB}	11 ^{nprstux}	21 ^{nxyzAB}	67 ^{nprstuzAB}	49	18 ^{nprstuyzAB}	e	e
(u) 09/30/24	1744	27 ^{wxyzAB}	7 ^{wAB}	21 ^{xzyzAB}	73 ^{wxyzAB}	49	23 ^{wxyzAB}	0	0
(t) 07/18/24	1496	25 ^{wxyzAB}	7 ^{wAB}	19 ^{xzyzAB}	75 ^{wxyzAB}	51	24 ^{wxyzAB}	0	0
(s) 04/25/24	1522	28 ^{nxyzAB}	7 ^{wAB}	21 ^{nyzAB}	72 ^{nxyzAB}	48	23 ^{wxyzAB}	e	0
(r) 02/12/24	1555	26 ^{wxyzAB}	6 ^{wAB}	20 ^{xzyzAB}	74 ^{wxyzAB}	49	25 ^{wxyzAB}	0	0
(p) 10/12/23	1559	27 ^{wxyzAB}	8 ^{wB}	19 ^{xzyzAB}	73 ^{wxyzAB}	49	25 ^{wxyzAB}	0	0
(n) 06/06/23	1586	23 ^{swxyzAB}	6 ^{wAB}	17 ^{swxyzAB}	76 ^{swxyzAB}	51	26 ^{wxyzAB}	0	e

AACDC1.

In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) is providing the public with trustworthy information about...? – The safety and effectiveness of vaccines

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	41	15	26	59	42	16	0	0

ACOM1.

If the (American Medical Association (AMA)) and the (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) disagree on the safety of a vaccine, would you be more likely to accept the recommendation of the (AMA), the (CDC), neither, or are you not sure?

Wave	N	American Medical Association (AMA)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Neither	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	34	15	17	34	e

ACOM3.

If the (American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)) and the (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)) disagree on whether newborns should be given a hepatitis B vaccine, would you be more likely to accept the recommendation of the (AAP), the (CDC),...?

Wave	N	American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Neither	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	42	11	16	32	0

ALCOHOL2.

Which of the following organizations do you trust the most when it comes to information about safe alcohol use?

Wave	N	CDC (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)	AMA (The American Medical Association)	NIAAA (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism)	National Alcohol Beverage Control Association	Distilled Spirits Council of the United States	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	9	32	14	4	1	40	e

ACOM4.

If the (National Academy of Sciences (NAS)) and the (Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)) disagree on the causes of climate change, would you be more likely to accept the conclusion of the (NAS), the (EPA), neither, or are you not sure?

Wave	N	National Academy of Sciences (NAS)	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Neither	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	30	14	20	36	e

CLM67A.

How confident, if at all, are you that each of the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning the effects of climate change on public health? – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(B) 02/17/26	1650	47 ^{qstA}	15 ^{qst}	32 ^{qst}	53 ^{qstA}	41 ^{qA}	12 ^{qst}	0	0
(A) 12/22/25	1604	42 ^{qstB}	14 ^{qst}	29 ^{qst}	58 ^{qstB}	46 ^B	12 ^{qst}	0	0
(y) 08/18/25	1699	43 ^{qst}	13 ^{qst}	30 ^{qst}	57 ^{qst}	42 ^q	15 ^{qst}	0	e
(t) 07/18/24	1496	30 ^{yAB}	8 ^{yAB}	22 ^{yAB}	70 ^{yAB}	43	27 ^{yAB}	0	0
(s) 04/25/24	1522	32 ^{yAB}	9 ^{yAB}	23 ^{yAB}	68 ^{yAB}	45	24 ^{yAB}	0	0
(q) 11/20/23	767	27 ^{yAB}	8 ^{yAB}	19 ^{yAB}	73 ^{yAB}	48 ^{yB}	24 ^{yAB}	0	0

AA3.

AA3. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Your doctor, nurse, or other primary health care provider [collapsed across half-samples in Apr & Aug 2025]

Group	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	I have no primary health care provider	Not sure	Refused
(a) Feb 17, 2026	1650	9 ^{cgk}	2 ^{cf}	7 ^{gk}	86 ^{9k}	40 ^h	46 ^h	5	0	e
(b) Dec 22, 2025	1604	8	3 ^{cdffh}	6	87 ^k	42 ^h	45 ^h	5	0	0
(c) Dec 1, 2025	1637	7 ^a	1 ^{ab}	6	89	41 ^h	48 ^h	5	0	0
(d) Apr & Aug 2025	1674	8	1 ^b	7 ^g	88	44	45 ^{hk}	4	0	e
(e) Feb 2025	1716	7	1	6	88	42 ^h	46 ^h	5	0	0
(f) Sep 2024	1744	7	1 ^{abi}	6	88	42 ^h	46 ^h	5	0	e
(g) Jul 2024	1496	6 ^a	1	4 ^{adj}	89 ^a	44	46 ^h	5	0	e
(h) Apr 2024	1522	7	1 ^b	6	87	48 ^{abcdefgijk}	40 ^{abcdefgijk}	6	0	0
(i) Feb 2024	1555	8	2 ^f	6	88	41 ^h	47 ^h	5	0	0
(j) Oct 2023	1559	8	1	7 ^g	87	40 ^h	47 ^h	5	0	0
(k) Jun 2023	1586	6 ^a	1	5 ^a	90 ^{ab}	40 ^h	50 ^{dh}	4	0	0