

Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania

Omnibus SSRS - CDC Vaccine Safety Items

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1 Overview

This study was conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web 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. The sample size for this study was 1006. The study was fielded from November 21, 2025 to November 24, 2025 among English-speaking internet panelists. The estimated design effect (Deff) is 1.21.

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 between political parties.

Political party identification was measured with the item: "Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?" The question wording randomly ordered "Republican" and "Democrat" for each participant, aligned with the order of response options. The weighted proportion of Republicans in the sample was 32%; Democrats was 29%. The 30% of participants who chose "An Independent" and 9% who chose "Something else" are grouped below into a single "Independent" category.

APPC4.

APPC4. If the AMA and the 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?

Group	N	American Medical Association (AMA)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Neither	Not sure
Omnibus 11/24/25	1006	35	16	21	27

APPC4.

[subgroups by political party]

Group	N	American Medical Association (AMA)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Neither	Not sure
(a) Republican	342	31 ^b	13	32 ^{bc}	25
(b) Democrat	298	43 ^{ac}	18	8 ^{ac}	30
(c) Independent	366	31 ^b	18	23 ^{ab}	28

APPC4.

[subgroups by age]

Group	N	American Medical Association (AMA)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	Neither	Not sure
(a) 18–29	157	19 ^{bcd}	24 ^{cd}	20	37 ^{bd}
(b) 30–49	349	32 ^{ad}	18	25 ^d	26 ^a
(c) 50–64	229	36 ^{ad}	12 ^a	24 ^d	28
(d) 65+	270	50 ^{abc}	13 ^a	15 ^{bc}	22 ^a

APPC2.

APPC2. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the CDC is providing the public with trustworthy information about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines?

Group	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Refused Web Blank
Omnibus 11/24/25	1006	48	21	27	52	36	16	e

APPC2.

[subgroups by political party]

Group	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Refused Web Blank
(a) Republican	342	51	19	32 ^b	49	38	11 ^b	0
(b) Democrat	298	44	24	20 ^{ac}	56	32	24 ^{ac}	e
(c) Independent	366	47	19	29 ^b	53	38	15 ^b	0

APPC2.

[subgroups by age]

Group	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Refused Web Blank
(a) 18–29	157	41 ^d	13 ^d	28	59 ^d	43 ^d	15	0
(b) 30–49	349	48	20 ^d	29	52	37	15	0
(c) 50–64	229	46	20	26	53	36	18	e
(d) 65+	270	53 ^a	28 ^{ab}	25	47 ^a	29 ^a	18	0

APPC6.

APPC6. Which comes closer to your view, "Studies have shown that there is no link between receiving vaccines and developing autism." or "The claim that "vaccines do not cause autism" is not an evidence–based claim because studies have not ruled out the possibility that infant vaccines cause autism."

Group	N	View: No vaccine–autism link	View: Vaccine–autism link not ruled out	Not sure	Refused
Omnibus 11/24/25	1006	52	30	18	e

APPC6.

[subgroups by political party]

Group	N	View: No vaccine–autism link	View: Vaccine–autism link not ruled out	Not sure	Refused
(a) Republican	342	33 ^{bc}	48 ^{bc}	19 ^b	0
(b) Democrat	298	74 ^{ac}	14 ^{ac}	12 ^{ac}	0
(c) Independent	366	52 ^{ab}	27 ^{ab}	21 ^b	e

APPC6.

[subgroups by age]

Group	N	View: No vaccine-autism link	View: Vaccine-autism link not ruled out	Not sure	Refused
(a) 18-29	157	68 ^{bcd}	24	8 ^{bcd}	0
(b) 30-49	349	48 ^a	31	21 ^a	0
(c) 50-64	229	44 ^{ad}	33	23 ^{ad}	1
(d) 65+	270	55 ^{ac}	30	15 ^{ac}	0

APPC7.

APPC7. Which of these statements are currently on the CDC website? "Studies have shown that there is no link between receiving vaccines and developing autism." or "The claim that "vaccines do not cause autism" is not an evidence-based claim because studies have not ruled out the possibility that infant vaccines cause autism."

Group	N	CDC Website: No vaccine-autism link	CDC Website: Vaccine-autism link not ruled out	CDC Website: Both	CDC Website: Neither	Not sure
Omnibus 11/24/25	1006	19	20	7	4	50

APPC7.

[subgroups by political party]

Group	N	CDC Website: No vaccine-autism link	CDC Website: Vaccine-autism link not ruled out	CDC Website: Both	CDC Website: Neither	Not sure
(a) Republican	342	16 ^b	18	6	3	57 ^b
(b) Democrat	298	24 ^a	24	7	2 ^c	43 ^a
(c) Independent	366	18	20	7	6 ^b	50

APPC7.

[subgroups by age]

Group	N	CDC Website: No vaccine-autism link	CDC Website: Vaccine-autism link not ruled out	CDC Website: Both	CDC Website: Neither	Not sure
(a) 18-29	157	20	19	6	5	50
(b) 30-49	349	20 ^c	19	8	4	48 ^c
(c) 50-64	229	13 ^{bd}	20	5	3	59 ^{bd}
(d) 65+	270	22 ^c	25	6	3	44 ^c

APPC1.

APPC1. Children who ARE fully vaccinated are more likely, less likely, or about as likely to show signs of autism as children who ARE NOT fully vaccinated, or are you not sure?

Group	N	More likely	Less likely	About as likely	Not sure
Omnibus 11/24/25	1006	12	12	47	29

APPC1.

[subgroups by political party]

Group	N	More likely	Less likely	About as likely	Not sure
(a) Republican	342	23 ^{bc}	7 ^b	38 ^{bc}	32 ^b
(b) Democrat	298	4 ^{ac}	20 ^{ac}	57 ^{ac}	19 ^{ac}
(c) Independent	366	9 ^{ab}	11 ^b	47 ^{ab}	33 ^b

APPC1.

[subgroups by age]

Group	N	More likely	Less likely	About as likely	Not sure
(a) 18-29	157	11	13	52 ^c	24
(b) 30-49	349	11	11	48	31
(c) 50-64	229	16	13	41 ^a	30
(d) 65+	270	10	13	49	29