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Vaccine Mandate by Political Party

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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 over time.

APPC1

APPC1. Consider the following statements referring to different kinds of laws that states may put into place about vaccines. For each one, please indicate whether you would strongly support, somewhat support, neither support nor oppose, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose such a law.

A. It should be mandatory for parents to vaccinate their children against preventable diseases such as measles, mumps, and rubella.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Refused
01/05/25 (B)	538	15	7	8	12	73	28	45	0
05/13/19 (A)	2344	12	5	7	11	77	21	56	1

B. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should prohibit unvaccinated children from attending school, either public or private, in an effort to protect children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Refused
01/05/25 (B)	538	28 ^a	16 ^a	12 ^a	20	52 ^a	28	24 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	2344	13 ^b	6 ^b	8 ^b	16	71 ^b	23	47 ^b	1

C. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should allow parents to choose not to vaccinate their children for medical reasons.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Refused
01/05/25 (B)	538	22 ^a	10 ^a	13	15	63 ^a	35 ^a	28 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	2344	46 ^b	28 ^b	18	18	36 ^b	22 ^b	14 ^b	e

D. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should allow parents to choose not to vaccinate their children for religious reasons.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Refused
01/05/25 (B)	538	41 ^a	22 ^a	20	20	39 ^a	24 ^a	15 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	2344	63 ^b	43 ^b	20	17	20 ^b	12 ^b	8 ^b	1

E. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should allow parents to choose not to vaccinate their children for personal or philosophical reasons.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Refused
01/05/25 (B)	538	49 ^a	28 ^a	21	16	35 ^a	20 ^a	15 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	2344	69 ^b	52 ^b	17	14	17 ^b	11 ^b	7 ^b	e

F. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should set aside public funds for free or discounted access to the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines for all children.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Strongly Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Somewhat Support	Strongly Support	Refused
01/05/25 (B)	538	6	4	2	10	84	22	62 ^a	e
05/13/19 (A)	2344	6	3	3	12	81	26	55 ^b	e

APPC2

APPC2. Which statement comes closer to your views about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), even if neither is exactly right?

DATE	N	Parents should be able to decide whether or not to vaccinate their children who attend public schools	Healthy children should be required to be vaccinated in order to attend public schools	Not Sure	Refused
01/05/25 (D)	538	21	66	13	e
08/08/23 (C)	1482	22	63 ^b	15	0
06/06/23 (B)	1586	20	67 ^{ca}	13	0
01/16/23 (A)	1641	22	63 ^b	15	0

Survey Methodology

The data come from survey questions the Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC) placed on SSRS's nationally representative opinion panel of 1,077 U.S. adults conducted from January 3 through January 5, 2025. [SSRS](#) is an independent market research company. Only a randomly assigned half-sample of 538 respondents were asked these questions in the same manner as the previous surveys. The margin of sampling error (MOE) is ± 5.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for the $n=538$ sample. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Combined subcategories may not add to totals in the topline and text due to rounding. The policy items APPC1A-E were compared to a multi-wave national probability panel conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center by NORC from April 18, 2019 through May 13, 2019 (Wave 5) among 2,344 U.S. adults. The margin of sampling error (MOE) is ± 2.82 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Item APPC2 from the January 2025 data was compared to the APPC panel surveys conducted August 9-15, 2023 ($n=1,482$, MoE ± 3.5 pp), May 31-June 6, 2023 ($n=1,586$, MoE ± 3.3 pp), and January 10-16, 2023, ($n=1,641$ MoE ± 3.2 pp).

Political Party Identification

The item used to determine party identification was quite similar in all three datasets.

- APPC-SSRS survey (2025): Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else? (randomly ordered Democrat and Republican)
- APPC panel surveys (2023): Do you consider yourself...a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, a supporter of some other party, or none of these? (randomly ordered Democrat and Republican)
- APPC-NORC survey (2019): Generally speaking do you think of yourself as...a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else? (randomly ordered Democrat, Republican, Independent)

The aggregated Independent/Other category includes all those who did not self-describe as Democrat or Republican, except those who refused the question or said don't know. The following tables present the same data by party identification. Given the reduced sample sizes when reporting by each level of party identification, only net support (strongly and somewhat support) and net oppose (strongly and somewhat oppose) are reported to increase the reliability of the estimates. Superscript letters indicate statistically significant differences within political party over time. Differences by party identification are not reported for item APPC2 because there were no differences within political party over time for that item.

APPC1 by Party Identification

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Total					
01/05/25 (B)	538	15	12	73	0
05/13/19 (A)	2344	12	11	77	e
Republican					
01/05/25 (B)	162	24 ^a	15	62 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	564	13 ^b	9	77 ^b	e
Democrat					
01/05/25 (B)	157	8	6	86	0
05/13/19 (A)	890	7	10	83	0
Independent/Other					
01/05/25 (B)	209	13	14	72	0
05/13/19 (A)	881	17	13	70	e

B. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should prohibit unvaccinated children from attending school, either public or private, in an effort to protect children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons.

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Total					
01/05/25 (B)	538	28 ^a	20	52 ^a	0 ^a
05/13/19 (A)	2344	13 ^b	16	71 ^b	e ^b
Republican					
01/05/25 (B)	162	37 ^a	17	46 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	564	15 ^b	14	70 ^b	e
Democrat					
01/05/25 (B)	157	20 ^a	17	62 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	890	8 ^b	15	77 ^b	e
Independent/Other					
01/05/25 (B)	209	27 ^a	23	50 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	881	17 ^b	18	64 ^b	e

C. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should allow parents to choose not to vaccinate their children for medical reasons.

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Total					
01/05/25 (B)	538	22 ^a	15	63 ^a	0 ^a
05/13/19 (A)	2344	46 ^b	18	36 ^b	e ^b
Republican					
01/05/25 (B)	162	20 ^a	12	69 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	564	47 ^b	15	38 ^b	e
Democrat					
01/05/25 (B)	157	32 ^a	15	53 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	890	51 ^b	18	31 ^b	e
Independent/Other					
01/05/25 (B)	209	17 ^a	17	66 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	881	41 ^b	20	38 ^b	e

D. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should allow parents to choose not to vaccinate their children for religious reasons.

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Total					
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05/13/19 (A)	2344	63 ^b	17	20 ^b	e ^b
Republican					
01/05/25 (B)	162	29 ^a	19	52 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	564	62 ^b	13	24 ^b	e
Democrat					
01/05/25 (B)	157	64	16	21	0
05/13/19 (A)	890	68	17	14	e
Independent/Other					
01/05/25 (B)	209	34 ^a	24	42 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	881	58 ^b	20	22 ^b	e

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Total					
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05/13/19 (A)	2344	69 ^b	14	17 ^b	e ^b
Republican					
01/05/25 (B)	162	41 ^a	15	44 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	564	71 ^b	11	16 ^b	e
Democrat					
01/05/25 (B)	157	67	10	22 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	890	75	13	12 ^b	e
Independent/Other					
01/05/25 (B)	209	42 ^a	21	38 ^a	0
05/13/19 (A)	881	61 ^b	17	22 ^b	e

F. [INSERT STATE RESIDENCE OR The state I live in] should set aside public funds for free or discounted access to the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines for all children.

DATE	N	OPPOSE (NET)	Neither Support/ Oppose	SUPPORT (NET)	Refused
Total					
01/05/25 (B)	538	6	10	84	e
05/13/19 (A)	2344	6	12	81	e
Republican					
01/05/25 (B)	162	10	12	78	0
05/13/19 (A)	564	9	14	76	e
Democrat					
01/05/25 (B)	157	2	6	91	e
05/13/19 (A)	890	4	10	86	e
Independent/Other					
01/05/25 (B)	209	5	13	82	0
05/13/19 (A)	881	7	13	80	e