



**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service  
27th Edition: March 18 – April 1, 2015**

**N=3,034 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with GfK KnowledgePanel<sup>h</sup>)  
Margin of Error: +/- 2.4% at the 95% level**

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply:

High school .....	7%
Trade/Vocational school .....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college .....	12%
4-year college or university .....	21%
Graduate school .....	4%
Business school or professional school.....	1%
Not enrolled in college/university, but taking at least one course .....	2%
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	53%

**[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college, ask Q2]**

2. In which year of college are you?

	<b>(n=634)</b>
First year student/Freshman .....	24%
Second year student/Sophomore.....	17%
Third year student/Junior .....	26%
Fourth year student/Senior .....	25%
Fifth year student or higher.....	8%

3. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes .....	68%
No.....	27%
Don't know .....	4%

**[If respondent was over 18 in 2012, ask Q4-Q5]**

The following are questions about voter registration and voting.

4. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 6th, 2012?

	<b>(n=2,452)</b>
I was registered .....	68%
I thought about registering, but didn't .....	4%
I tried to register, but was unable to.....	2%
I was not registered to vote on November 6, 2012.....	19%
Not sure .....	6%

5. Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 6th, 2012?

	<b>(n=2,452)</b>
I voted at a polling place.....	42%
I voted early .....	7%
I voted by absentee ballot .....	11%
I planned on voting, but wasn't able to.....	5%
I did not vote in this election.....	34%
I went to the polling place, but wasn't allowed to vote.....	1%

6. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

<b>NET: Democrat .....</b>	<b>37%</b>
Strong Democrat .....	17%
Not a very strong Democrat.....	19%
<b>NET: Republican .....</b>	<b>22%</b>
Strong Republican.....	10%
Not a very strong Republican .....	12%
<b>NET: Independent .....</b>	<b>40%</b>
Leans Democrat .....	9%
Leans Republican.....	7%
Does not lean either way.....	24%
Decline to answer.....	1%

7. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

<b>NET: Liberal .....</b>	<b>37%</b>
Liberal .....	25%
Moderate leaning Liberal .....	11%
Moderate .....	27%
<b>NET: Conservative.....</b>	<b>35%</b>
Moderate leaning Conservative .....	10%
Conservative .....	25%
Decline to answer.....	1%

**[If respondent was over 18 in 2012 and “Voted” in Q5, ask Q8]**

8. For whom did you vote for president in 2012?

	<b>(n=1,465)</b>
Barack Obama.....	53%
Mitt Romney .....	30%
Someone else .....	6%
Don’t remember .....	2%
Decline to answer.....	8%

9. How likely is it that you will vote in your state’s primary or caucus for president in 2016?

Definitely will be voting .....	36%
Probably will be voting.....	19%
50-50 .....	21%
Probably won’t be voting.....	13%
Definitely won’t be voting.....	11%

**[If “Independent” in Q6, and “Definitely will be voting,” “Probably will be voting” or “50-50” in Q9, ask Q10]**

10. Are you more likely to select a Democratic ballot for the primary or caucus, or a Republican ballot?

	<b>(n=789)</b>
Democratic ballot.....	47%
Republican ballot .....	46%
Decline to answer.....	7%

11. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

Yes .....	21%
No.....	79%
Decline to answer.....	*

12. All in all, do you think things in the nation are...?

Generally headed in the right direction.....	23%
Off on the wrong track.....	39%
Not sure what direction the country is headed in.....	37%
Decline to answer.....	*

13. All in all, do you think that the U.S. economy is...?

Generally headed in the right direction.....	29%
Off on the wrong track.....	37%
Not sure what direction the economy is headed in.....	34%
Decline to answer.....	*

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14. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you the most? (Open-ended question)

<b>NET: Economy .....</b>	<b>35%</b>
Economy - General .....	16%
Jobs .....	11%
Budget/Government spending .....	4%
Economic equality/Inequality .....	2%
Money issues/Financial stability .....	2%
Taxes .....	1%
<b>NET: Foreign Affairs.....</b>	<b>12%</b>
Foreign Affairs - General .....	3%
Terrorism.....	3%
War/Military .....	2%
ISIS/ISIL/Islamic State .....	2%
National Security .....	2%
Health care .....	9%
Education .....	6%
Equality/Equal rights .....	3%
Immigration.....	6%
Environment.....	3%
Racial issues.....	2%
Abortion .....	1%
President Obama/Lack of leadership .....	1%
Government/Political corruption .....	1%
Moral issues .....	1%
Loss of constitutional rights.....	1%
Too much government control.....	1%
Government aid programs.....	1%
Gun control/Second amendment rights.....	1%
Violence .....	1%
Political partisanship.....	1%
Other issues.....	10%
Don't know/No answer .....	7%

15. Thinking about the future – when your children are your age – which issue do you think will be of most concern? (Open-ended question)

<b>NET: Economy .....</b>	<b>36%</b>
Economy - General .....	17%
Jobs .....	8%
National Debt/Budget .....	4%
Money issues/Financial stability .....	3%
Social Security/Retirement .....	3%
Taxes .....	1%
<b>NET: Environment .....</b>	<b>11%</b>
Environment - General .....	7%
Global Warming .....	4%
<b>NET: Foreign Affairs .....</b>	<b>8%</b>
Foreign Affairs - General .....	1%
National Security .....	3%
Terrorism .....	2%
War/Military .....	2%
Education .....	9%
Health care .....	3%
Limited resources/Energy .....	3%
Immigration .....	2%
Government/Political corruption .....	2%
Loss of constitutional rights .....	2%
Equality/Equal rights .....	1%
Moral issues .....	1%
Violence .....	1%
Abortion .....	1%
Poverty .....	1%
Racial issues .....	1%
Other issues .....	13%
Don't know/No answer .....	10%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

16. Barack Obama as President.

Approve.....	50%
Disapprove .....	49%
Decline to answer.....	1%

17. The Democrats in Congress.

Approve.....	40%
Disapprove .....	58%
Decline to answer.....	2%

18. The Republicans in Congress.

Approve.....	23%
Disapprove .....	75%
Decline to answer.....	2%

19. Which party do you prefer win the 2016 campaign for president?

Democrat.....	55%
Republican .....	40%
Decline to answer.....	5%

Now thinking specifically about Barack Obama, do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling:

20. Climate change.

Approve.....	50%
Disapprove .....	48%
Decline to answer.....	2%

21. The economy.

Approve.....	47%
Disapprove .....	52%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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22.	Health care.	
	Approve.....	43%
	Disapprove .....	56%
	Decline to answer.....	1%
23.	The Islamic State / ISIS / ISIL.	
	Approve.....	39%
	Disapprove .....	59%
	Decline to answer.....	2%
24.	Race relations.	
	Approve.....	50%
	Disapprove .....	49%
	Decline to answer.....	1%

**[If “Republican” in Q6, or “Independent” AND “Lean Republican” in Q6, and “Definitely Will,” “Probably Will” or “50-50” vote in Republican presidential primary in Q9 and Q10, ask Q25. Note sample was randomly split, with roughly half of the respondents for this question shown the image AND name of each candidate, and half shown the image only.]**

25.	If the Republican primary for President were held today, which one of the following candidates would be your FIRST CHOICE?		
		<b><u>Image &amp; Name</u></b>	<b><u>Image Only</u></b>
	<b>(n=935)</b>	<b>(n=486)</b>	<b>(n=449)</b>
	Ben Carson .....	9%	10%
	Rand Paul .....	8%	8%
	Jeb Bush .....	7%	7%
	Mike Huckabee .....	6%	7%
	Scott Walker.....	5%	5%
	Sarah Palin .....	5%	5%
	Ted Cruz.....	4%	5%
	Chris Christie .....	4%	4%
	Marco Rubio .....	3%	2%
	Rick Perry .....	2%	3%
	Rick Santorum .....	2%	3%
	Carly Fiorina .....	2%	2%
	Bobby Jindal .....	1%	1%
	George Pataki.....	1%	1%
	Mike Pence.....	*	-
	Lindsey Graham.....	-	-
	Don't know .....	41%	36%
			47%



[If “Democrat” in Q6, or “Independent” AND “Lean Democrat” in Q6, and “Definitely Will,” “Probably Will” or “50-50” vote in Democratic presidential primary in Q9 and Q10, ask Q26 Note sample was randomly split, with roughly half of the respondents for this question shown the image AND name of each candidate, and half shown the image only.]

26. If the Democratic primary for President were held today, which one of the following candidates would be your FIRST CHOICE?

	<b>(n=1,289)</b>	<b>Image &amp; Name (n=620)</b>	<b>Image Only (n=669)</b>
Hillary Clinton .....	46%	47%	46%
Joe Biden.....	8%	8%	8%
Elizabeth Warren .....	8%	11%	5%
Martin O’Malley .....	3%	3%	3%
Bernie Sanders .....	2%	1%	2%
Jim Webb .....	1%	1%	*
Don’t know .....	32%	28%	35%

[For Q27 and Q28, the sample was split into half with approximately each half receiving one of the questions]

27. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on policy toward **Israel** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

	<b>(n=1,534)</b>
Definitely vote for them .....	41%
Consider someone else .....	49%
Definitely vote against them .....	8%
Decline to answer.....	3%

28. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on the use of **military force abroad** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

	<b>(n=1,500)</b>
Definitely vote for them .....	36%
Consider someone else .....	55%
Definitely vote against them .....	6%
Decline to answer.....	3%

**[For Q29 and Q30, the sample was split into half with approximately each half receiving one of the questions]**

29. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on **abortion** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

**(n=1,534)**

Definitely vote for them .....	29%
Consider someone else .....	52%
Definitely vote against them .....	17%
Decline to answer.....	2%

30. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on **same sex marriage** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

**(n=1,500)**

Definitely vote for them .....	31%
Consider someone else .....	44%
Definitely vote against them .....	21%
Decline to answer.....	3%

**[For Q31 and Q32, the sample was split into half with approximately each half receiving one of the questions]**

31. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on **tax policy** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

**(n=1,534)**

Definitely vote for them .....	25%
Consider someone else .....	63%
Definitely vote against them .....	11%
Decline to answer.....	2%

32. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on **oversight of big banks and Wall Street** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

**(n=1,500)**

Definitely vote for them .....	25%
Consider someone else .....	59%
Definitely vote against them .....	12%
Decline to answer.....	3%

33. If you agree with most every position for a presidential candidate – except their position on **immigration policy** – would you definitely still vote for them, would you consider someone else, or would you definitely vote against them?

Definitely vote for them .....	26%
Consider someone else .....	55%
Definitely vote against them .....	16%
Decline to answer.....	2%

On which of the following platforms do you have an account?

34. Facebook.

Yes .....	83%
No .....	17%
Decline to answer.....	*

35. Instagram.

Yes .....	44%
No .....	54%
Decline to answer.....	2%

36. Twitter.

Yes .....	39%
No .....	58%
Decline to answer.....	3%

37. Pinterest.

Yes .....	34%
No .....	63%
Decline to answer.....	3%

38. Snapchat.

Yes .....	33%
No .....	65%
Decline to answer.....	3%

39. Tumblr.

Yes .....	15%
No .....	82%
Decline to answer.....	3%

Next, we are interested in learning more about some of the activities that young people participate in when they are not in school or work.

40. Generally, do you feel like you have enough time to be involved in activities other than schoolwork or a job?

Yes, have enough time .....	54%
No, do not have enough time .....	46%

Have you participated in any of the following activities in the past 12 months?

41. Volunteered for community service?

Yes .....	34%
No .....	66%

**[If “Yes” in Q41, ask Q42]**

42. How often did you participate in this activity?

	<b>(n=1,027)</b>
Weekly .....	16%
A few times a month .....	25%
About once a month .....	25%
Less than once a month .....	33%
Decline to answer.....	1%

43. Have you participated in a government, political, or issue-related organization?

Yes .....	7%
No .....	93%
Decline to answer.....	*

[If “Yes” in Q43, ask Q44]

44. How often did you participate in this activity?

	<b>(n=202)</b>
Weekly .....	12%
A few times a month .....	19%
About once a month .....	24%
Less than once a month .....	44%
Decline to answer.....	1%

We would now like to ask you some questions about your participation in various activities. Have you ever done any of the following?

45. Signed an online petition?

Yes .....	36%
No .....	64%

46. Written an e-mail or letter advocating for a political position or opinion?

Yes .....	13%
No .....	87%

47. Attended a political rally or demonstration?

Yes .....	11%
No .....	89%

48. Contributed to an online discussion advocating for a political position or opinion?

Yes .....	14%
No .....	86%

49. Donated money to a political campaign or cause?

Yes .....	9%
No .....	91%

50. Volunteered on a political campaign for a candidate or an issue?

Yes .....	6%
No .....	94%

**[If “Yes” in Q34, ask Q51-Q53]**

51. Liked a political issue on Facebook?

	<b>(n=2,513)</b>
Yes .....	30%
No .....	70%

52. Liked a political candidate on Facebook?

	<b>(n=2,513)</b>
Yes .....	24%
No .....	76%

53. Used your Facebook status to advocate for a political position?

	<b>(n=2,513)</b>
Yes .....	19%
No .....	81%

**[If “Yes” in Q35, ask Q54]**

54. Used Twitter to advocate for a political position?

	<b>(n=1,194)</b>
Yes .....	16%
No .....	84%

Switching gears now, below is a short list of institutions. How often do you trust each of them to do the right thing?

55. The President.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>36%</b>
All of the time .....	7%
Most of the time .....	30%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>63%</b>
Some of the time .....	43%
Never .....	21%
Decline to answer .....	*

## 56. The United States military.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>53%</b>
All of the time .....	13%
Most of the time .....	40%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>46%</b>
Some of the time .....	35%
Never .....	12%
Decline to answer .....	*

## 57. The Congress.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>18%</b>
All of the time .....	2%
Most of the time .....	15%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>82%</b>
Some of the time .....	58%
Never .....	24%
Decline to answer .....	*

## 58. The Supreme Court.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>42%</b>
All of the time .....	7%
Most of the time .....	35%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>58%</b>
Some of the time .....	43%
Never .....	15%
Decline to answer .....	*

## 59. The federal government.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>26%</b>
All of the time .....	3%
Most of the time .....	22%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>74%</b>
Some of the time .....	54%
Never .....	20%
Decline to answer .....	*

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60. The United Nations.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>37%</b>
All of the time .....	7%
Most of the time .....	30%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>62%</b>
Some of the time .....	45%
Never .....	18%
Decline to answer .....	1%

**[Split Sample]**

61. A. Your state government.

**(n=1,524)**

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>30%</b>
All of the time .....	3%
Most of the time .....	27%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>69%</b>
Some of the time .....	52%
Never .....	18%
Decline to answer .....	*

B. Your local government.

**(n=1,510)**

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>33%</b>
All of the time .....	3%
Most of the time .....	30%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>67%</b>
Some of the time .....	50%
Never .....	16%
Decline to answer .....	1%



62. Wall Street.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>14%</b>
All of the time .....	2%
Most of the time .....	12%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>86%</b>
Some of the time .....	48%
Never .....	37%
Decline to answer .....	*

63. The media.

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>12%</b>
All of the time .....	2%
Most of the time .....	10%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>88%</b>
Some of the time .....	49%
Never .....	39%
Decline to answer .....	1%

**[Split Sample]**

64. A. Scientists.

(n=1,524)

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>56%</b>
All of the time .....	12%
Most of the time .....	44%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>44%</b>
Some of the time .....	34%
Never .....	10%
Decline to answer .....	*

B. Your local police department. (n=1,510)

<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>49%</b>
All of the time .....	7%
Most of the time .....	42%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>50%</b>
Some of the time .....	37%
Never .....	14%
Decline to answer .....	*

Below is a list of statements about politics and public service. Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

65. I feel like I need more practical information about politics before I get involved.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>47%</b>
Strongly agree .....	17%
Somewhat agree .....	31%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	35%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>17%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	11%
Strongly disagree .....	6%
Decline to answer.....	1%

66. Elected officials seem to be motivated by selfish reasons.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>60%</b>
Strongly agree .....	26%
Somewhat agree .....	33%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	30%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>9%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	6%
Strongly disagree .....	3%
Decline to answer.....	1%

67. Politics is not relevant to my life right now.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>24%</b>
Strongly agree .....	7%
Somewhat agree .....	16%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	36%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>39%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	22%
Strongly disagree .....	17%
Decline to answer.....	1%

68. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>29%</b>
Strongly agree .....	8%
Somewhat agree .....	21%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	44%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>27%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	19%
Strongly disagree .....	8%
Decline to answer.....	1%

69. It really doesn't matter to me who the President is.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>14%</b>
Strongly agree .....	4%
Somewhat agree .....	10%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	26%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>59%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	24%
Strongly disagree .....	34%
Decline to answer.....	1%

70. People like me don't have any say about what the government does.

**NET: Agree..... 39%**

Strongly agree ..... 13%

Somewhat agree ..... 26%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 33%

**NET: Disagree ..... 27%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 17%

Strongly disagree ..... 10%

Decline to answer..... 1%

71. Running for office is an honorable thing to do.

**NET: Agree..... 30%**

Strongly agree ..... 7%

Somewhat agree ..... 23%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 47%

**NET: Disagree ..... 21%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 14%

Strongly disagree ..... 7%

Decline to answer..... 1%

72. Community service is an honorable thing to do.

**NET: Agree..... 68%**

Strongly agree ..... 42%

Somewhat agree ..... 26%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 24%

**NET: Disagree ..... 7%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 3%

Strongly disagree ..... 4%

Decline to answer..... 1%

73. Politics has become too partisan.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>50%</b>
Strongly agree .....	26%
Somewhat agree .....	24%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	41%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>8%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	5%
Strongly disagree .....	4%
Decline to answer.....	1%

74. The idea of working in some form of public service is appealing to me.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>28%</b>
Strongly agree .....	8%
Somewhat agree .....	20%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	38%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>33%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	18%
Strongly disagree .....	14%
Decline to answer.....	1%

75. I don't believe my vote will make a real difference.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>35%</b>
Strongly agree .....	12%
Somewhat agree .....	24%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	29%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>34%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	21%
Strongly disagree .....	14%
Decline to answer.....	1%

76. The results of my previous involvement in politics have left me disappointed.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>18%</b>
Strongly agree .....	5%
Somewhat agree .....	13%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	57%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>23%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	14%
Strongly disagree .....	10%
Decline to answer.....	1%

77. Politics today are no longer able to meet the challenges our country is facing.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>45%</b>
Strongly agree .....	15%
Somewhat agree .....	30%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	37%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>16%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	12%
Strongly disagree .....	4%
Decline to answer.....	1%

78. Elected officials don't seem to have the same priorities I have.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>54%</b>
Strongly agree .....	20%
Somewhat agree .....	33%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	34%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>12%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	9%
Strongly disagree .....	3%
Decline to answer.....	1%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

79. Cutting taxes is an effective way to increase economic growth.

<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>40%</b>
Strongly agree .....	11%
Somewhat agree .....	29%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	39%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>20%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	13%
Strongly disagree .....	7%
Decline to answer.....	1%

80. Our country's goal in trade policy should be to eliminate all barriers to trade and employment so that we have a truly global economy.

<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>25%</b>
Strongly agree .....	6%
Somewhat agree .....	20%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	50%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>23%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	17%
Strongly disagree .....	6%
Decline to answer.....	1%

81. Basic health insurance is a right for all people, and if someone has no means of paying for it, the government should provide it.

<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>45%</b>
Strongly agree .....	22%
Somewhat agree .....	23%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	31%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>23%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	12%
Strongly disagree .....	11%
Decline to answer.....	1%

82. Qualified minorities should be given special preference in hiring and education.

**NET: Agree..... 17%**

Strongly agree ..... 5%

Somewhat agree ..... 12%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 37%

**NET: Disagree ..... 44%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 19%

Strongly disagree ..... 25%

Decline to answer..... 1%

83. Religious values should play a more important role in government.

**NET: Agree..... 20%**

Strongly agree ..... 8%

Somewhat agree ..... 12%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 36%

**NET: Disagree ..... 43%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 14%

Strongly disagree ..... 29%

Decline to answer..... 1%

84. In today's world, it is sometimes necessary to attack potentially hostile countries, rather than waiting until we are attacked to respond.

**NET: Agree..... 23%**

Strongly agree ..... 7%

Somewhat agree ..... 16%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 41%

**NET: Disagree ..... 34%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 20%

Strongly disagree ..... 14%

Decline to answer..... 1%



85. Government should do more to curb climate change, even at the expense of economic growth.

**NET: Agree..... 32%**

Strongly agree ..... 12%

Somewhat agree ..... 20%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 44%

**NET: Disagree ..... 23%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 12%

Strongly disagree ..... 11%

Decline to answer..... 1%

86. Homosexual relationships are morally wrong.

**NET: Agree..... 26%**

Strongly agree ..... 18%

Somewhat agree ..... 8%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 27%

**NET: Disagree ..... 46%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 9%

Strongly disagree ..... 37%

Decline to answer..... 1%

87. If parents had more freedom to choose where they could send their children to school, the education system in this country would be better.

**NET: Agree..... 40%**

Strongly agree ..... 15%

Somewhat agree ..... 25%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 36%

**NET: Disagree ..... 23%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 15%

Strongly disagree ..... 7%

Decline to answer..... 1%

88. I am concerned about the moral direction of the country.

**NET: Agree..... 52%**

Strongly agree ..... 24%

Somewhat agree ..... 28%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 31%

**NET: Disagree ..... 16%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 10%

Strongly disagree ..... 6%

Decline to answer..... 1%

89. Recent immigration into this country has done more good than harm.

**NET: Agree..... 26%**

Strongly agree ..... 9%

Somewhat agree ..... 17%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 40%

**NET: Disagree ..... 33%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 17%

Strongly disagree ..... 16%

Decline to answer..... 1%

90. The government should spend more to reduce poverty.

**NET: Agree..... 40%**

Strongly agree ..... 15%

Somewhat agree ..... 26%

Neither agree nor disagree ..... 35%

**NET: Disagree ..... 24%**

Somewhat disagree ..... 14%

Strongly disagree ..... 10%

Decline to answer..... 1%

91. Government spending is an effective way to increase economic growth.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>22%</b>
Strongly agree .....	5%
Somewhat agree .....	17%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	46%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>31%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	17%
Strongly disagree .....	14%
Decline to answer.....	1%

92. Basic necessities, such as food and shelter, are a right that the government should provide to those unable to afford them.

<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>43%</b>
Strongly agree .....	18%
Somewhat agree .....	26%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	34%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>21%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	12%
Strongly disagree .....	10%
Decline to answer.....	1%

**[If graduated high school, ask Q93]**

93. As you may know, President Obama recently proposed a plan to offer free tuition at community colleges for students who attend at least half-time and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better. If this was available when you were making the decision, would you have:

	<b>(n=826)</b>
Attended community college .....	58%
Not attended community college .....	40%
Decline to answer.....	2%

94. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of global warming? (Credit: CNN/ORC)

Global warming is a proven fact and is mostly caused by emissions from cars and industrial facilities such as power plants and factories. .... 55%

Global warming is a proven fact and is mostly caused by natural changes that have nothing to do with emissions from cars and industrial facilities..... 20%

Global warming is a theory that has not yet been proven. .... 23%

Decline to answer..... 2%

95. There is a proposal to build the Keystone XL pipeline to carry Canadian crude oil through the middle of the United States to refineries on the Gulf Coast.

Supporters of the pipeline cite the benefits of job creation and the improvement of U.S. energy security.

Opponents note that the pipeline is potentially a threat to the environment due to oil spills and greenhouse gas emissions.

Based on what you know at this time, do you support or oppose the Keystone XL pipeline?

**NET: Support** ..... **50%**

Strongly support..... 13%

Somewhat support..... 37%

**NET: Oppose** ..... **48%**

Somewhat oppose ..... 31%

Strongly oppose ..... 18%

Decline to answer..... 2%

96. Hydraulic fracturing or ‘fracking’ is a process used to more easily extract natural gas and oil by injecting a highly pressurized mixture of water, sand and chemicals into the ground.

Supporters say that using this technique on American natural gas deposits can boost the country’s energy independence, can lower energy costs and create jobs.

Opponents say that the technique can contaminate drinking water and air, can cause small earthquakes and contribute to climate change.

Based on what you know at this time, do you support or oppose the use of fracking in America?

<b>NET: Support</b> .....	<b>40%</b>
Strongly support.....	9%
Somewhat support.....	31%
<b>NET: Oppose</b> .....	<b>58%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	35%
Strongly oppose .....	23%
Decline to answer.....	2%

97. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?

The United States should take action to address climate change, regardless of whether or not other nations have agreed to it..... 67%

The United States should only take action to address climate change if most other nations agree to take action as well..... 31%

Decline to answer..... 2%

98. The unemployment rate in the US has dropped by 3.5 points over the past four years from 9.0% to 5.5%. Do you believe that President Obama deserves:

All of the credit for this change .....	8%
Most of the credit .....	24%
Some of the credit .....	45%
None of the credit .....	22%
Decline to answer.....	1%

99. In 10 years, do you think that the United States' economic standing in the world will be better than it is today, worse than it is today, or about the same as it is today?

Better .....	21%
Worse .....	24%
About the same .....	35%
Not sure.....	20%
Decline to answer.....	1%

100. Do you support or oppose the US policy to never pay a ransom for the release of American hostages to terrorist organizations?

<b>NET: Support.....</b>	<b>57%</b>
Strongly support.....	21%
Somewhat support.....	35%
<b>NET: Oppose.....</b>	<b>41%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	30%
Strongly oppose .....	10%
Decline to answer.....	2%

101. Generally speaking, are you more concerned about cyber attacks or are you more concerned about physical attacks on America?

Physical attacks.....	48%
Cyber attacks.....	33%
Neither.....	18%
Decline to answer.....	1%

102. Do you support or oppose the United States sending ground troops to participate in a military campaign against the Islamic State (IS/ISIS/ISIL)?

<b>NET: Support.....</b>	<b>57%</b>
Strongly support.....	21%
Somewhat support.....	36%
<b>NET: Oppose.....</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	28%
Strongly oppose .....	12%
Decline to answer.....	3%

103. How confident are you in the US judicial system’s ability to fairly judge people without bias for race and ethnicity?

A lot of confidence.....	9%
Some confidence.....	40%
Not much confidence.....	35%
No confidence.....	14%
Decline to answer.....	2%

104. Recent police killings of black men, including incidents in Ferguson, Missouri and New York City, sparked national protests of police treatment of Black Americans that centered around the slogan #BlackLivesMatter.

Do you support or oppose these protests?

<b>NET: Support.....</b>	<b>49%</b>
Strongly support.....	18%
Somewhat support.....	31%
<b>NET: Oppose.....</b>	<b>49%</b>
Somewhat oppose.....	25%
Strongly oppose.....	24%
Decline to answer.....	2%

105. How effective do you believe that the #BlackLivesMatter protests will be in making meaningful change?

<b>NET: Effective.....</b>	<b>39%</b>
Very effective.....	6%
Somewhat effective.....	32%
<b>NET: Not Effective.....</b>	<b>59%</b>
Not very effective.....	37%
Not at all effective.....	21%
Decline to answer.....	2%

As you may know, a series of policy changes have been proposed to reduce racial inequalities in the criminal justice system. For each of the following proposed policies, please indicate how effective you think it will be in reducing racial inequalities in the criminal justice system.

106. Requiring police officers to wear body cameras while they are on patrol.

<b>NET: Effective.....</b>	<b>80%</b>
Very effective.....	37%
Somewhat effective.....	43%
<b>NET: Not Effective.....</b>	<b>19%</b>
Not very effective .....	14%
Not at all effective.....	5%
Decline to answer.....	1%

107. Eliminating mandatory minimum sentences for people convicted of possessing or selling drugs.

<b>NET: Effective.....</b>	<b>49%</b>
Very effective.....	15%
Somewhat effective.....	34%
<b>NET: Not Effective.....</b>	<b>49%</b>
Not very effective .....	33%
Not at all effective.....	17%
Decline to answer.....	2%

108. Instituting practices in police departments to have their racial demographics reflect the demographics of their communities.

<b>NET: Effective.....</b>	<b>60%</b>
Very effective.....	15%
Somewhat effective.....	45%
<b>NET: Not Effective.....</b>	<b>38%</b>
Not very effective .....	28%
Not at all effective.....	10%
Decline to answer.....	2%



109. Have you, a close friend or family member ever been a victim of sexual assault?\*

I've been a victim.....	9%
A close friend or family member has been a victim.....	23%
None of my friends have been a victim .....	69%
Decline to answer.....	1%

\*Please note multiple responses were allowed, and therefore the sum of percentages does not add up to 100%.

**[If "I've been a victim" in Q109, ask Q110 and Q111]**

110. Did the assault occur on a college or university campus?

	<b>(n=280)</b>
Yes .....	9%
No.....	91%
Decline to answer.....	-

111. Did you report the assault to any of the following authorities?\*

	<b>(n=280)</b>
Family or friend .....	48%
Police.....	20%
College or university official .....	2%
Other .....	5%
Did not report.....	42%
Decline to answer.....	*

\*Please note multiple responses were allowed, and therefore the sum of percentages does not add up to 100%.

**[If reported in Q111, ask Q112]**

112. Were you satisfied with the response once you reported it?

	<b>(n=161)</b>
Yes .....	38%
No.....	62%

113. Do you approve or disapprove of the current US policy that requires that all children must be vaccinated before entering public school?
- |                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Approve.....           | 84% |
| Disapprove .....       | 15% |
| Decline to answer..... | 1%  |
114. Do you think that the use of online dating technology makes it:
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| Easier to find a long-term romantic relationship.....                    | 23% |
| Harder to find a long-term romantic relationship.....                    | 13% |
| Neither easier nor harder to find a long-term romantic relationship..... | 63% |
| Decline to answer.....   | 2%  |
115. Have you ever met someone online or on a dating app?
- |                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, a longtime romantic partner..... | 11% |
| Yes, for one or a few dates.....      | 14% |
| Yes, a hook up.....                   | 7%  |
| No.....                               | 73% |
| Decline to answer.....                | 1%  |
116. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view?
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| The United States should let other countries and the United Nations take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts..... | 61% |
| The United States should take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts.....  | 35% |
| Decline to answer.....   | 3%  |
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117. How would you rate your personal financial situation these days?

Very good .....	9%
Fairly good .....	56%
Fairly bad .....	26%
Very bad.....	9%
Decline to answer .....	1%

118. In general, when I am my parent's age, I believe that I will be...?

Better off financially than they are now .....	41%
About the same as they are now .....	33%
Worse off financially than they are now .....	13%
Not sure.....	12%
Decline to answer .....	1%

**[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college in Q1, ask Q119]**

119. Based on the current state of the economy, how easy or difficult do you think it will be for students in your class to find a permanent job after graduation?

	<b>(n=634)</b>
Very easy .....	3%
Somewhat easy .....	23%
Somewhat difficult .....	61%
Very difficult.....	12%
Decline to answer .....	*

120. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

Catholic .....	22%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian .....	14%
Protestant.....	12%
LDS/Mormon.....	2%
Jewish.....	2%
Muslim .....	1%
Another religion.....	9%
No religious preference.....	25%
Not sure.....	4%
Decline to answer.....	10%

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**[If NOT “No religious preference” or “Decline to answer” in 120, ask Q121]**

121. How important is religion in your own life?

	<b>(n=1,967)</b>
Very important .....	44%
Somewhat important .....	35%
Not very important .....	18%
Not sure.....	3%
Decline to answer.....	*

**[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q120 ask Q122]**

122. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian?

	<b>(n=1,823)</b>
Yes .....	33%
No.....	49%
Not sure.....	14%
Decline to answer.....	4%

123. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time?

Cell phone .....	90%
Landline phone service .....	17%
VOIP phone service .....	4%
None of these .....	4%

**[If currently enrolled in a college, ask Q124-Q128]**

124. Is your college/university...?

	<b>(n=634)</b>
Public .....	70%
Private .....	29%
Decline to answer.....	1%

125. Is the college/university that you currently attend...?

**(n=634)**

In an urban or city area .....	55%
In a suburban area next to a city .....	26%
In small town or rural area .....	18%
Decline to answer.....	*

126. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine.

**(n=634)**

Less than 1,000 .....	6%
1,000 - 4,999 .....	23%
5,000 - 9,999 .....	28%
10,000 - 19,999 .....	20%
20,000 or more .....	21%
Decline to answer.....	1%

127. Where do you live while attending college?

**(n=634)**

In an on-campus dormitory .....	31%
In fraternity/sorority housing .....	1%
In a campus-owned apartment .....	8%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .....	27%
At home, with my parents .....	29%
Somewhere else .....	2%
Decline to answer.....	2%

128. Are you a...?

**(n=634)**

Full-time student .....	92%
Part-time student .....	8%
Decline to answer.....	1%

129. What is your gender?

Male .....	50%
Female.....	50%

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## 130. What is your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic .....	57%
Black, Non-Hispanic .....	13%
Hispanic .....	21%
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	7%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic .....	2%

## 131. What is your current education level?

Less than high school.....	13%
High school .....	27%
Some college.....	39%
Bachelor or higher.....	21%

132. The next question is about the total income of YOUR HOUSEHOLD for the PAST 12 MONTHS. Please include your income PLUS the income of all members living in your household (including cohabiting partners and armed forces members living at home). Please count income BEFORE TAXES and from all sources (such as wages, salaries, tips, net income from a business, interest, dividends, child support, alimony, and Social Security, public assistance, pensions, or retirement benefits).

Less than \$5,000 .....	4%
\$5,000 - \$7,499 .....	3%
\$7,500 - \$9,999 .....	2%
\$10,000 - \$12,499 .....	2%
\$12,500 - \$14,999 .....	2%
\$15,000 - \$19,999 .....	2%
\$20,000 - \$24,999 .....	3%
\$25,000 - \$29,999 .....	6%
\$30,000 - \$34,999 .....	5%
\$35,000 - \$39,999 .....	5%
\$40,000 - \$49,999 .....	8%
\$50,000 - \$59,999 .....	9%
\$60,000 - \$74,999 .....	10%
\$75,000 - \$84,999 .....	10%
\$85,000 - \$99,999 .....	9%
\$100,000 - \$124,999 .....	10%
\$125,000 - \$149,000 .....	4%
\$150,000 - \$174,999 .....	3%
\$175,000 or more .....	3%

133. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner?

Married.....	18%
Widowed.....	*
Divorced.....	1%
Separated.....	1%
Never married.....	66%
Living with partner.....	13%

134. Age:

18.....	8%
19.....	9%
20.....	6%
21.....	7%
22.....	8%
23.....	9%
24.....	10%
25.....	8%
26.....	8%
27.....	9%
28.....	9%
29.....	8%

135. Are you the head of your household?

Yes.....	40%
No.....	60%

136. Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household at least 50% of the time? Please remember to include babies, or small children, include unrelated individuals (such as roommates), and also include those now away traveling or in a hospital.

1.....	9%
2.....	22%
3.....	26%
4.....	23%
5.....	11%
6.....	5%
7.....	2%
8.....	1%
9.....	*
10+.....	*

137. How many members are there in each age group in your household? (Average number)

0 – 12 months old .....	0.08
2 – 5 years old .....	0.16
6 – 12 years old .....	0.19
13 – 17 years old .....	0.24
18 years or older .....	2.72

138. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

<b>NET: Working.....</b>	<b>62%</b>
As a paid employee .....	57%
Self-employed .....	4%

<b>NET: Not Working .....</b>	<b>38%</b>
On temporary layoff from a job .....	1%
Looking for work .....	18%
Disabled .....	2%
Retired .....	*
Other .....	18%

139. Are your living quarters...?

Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household .....	57%
Rented for cash .....	39%
Occupied without payment of cash rent .....	4%

140. Which best describes the building where you live?

A one-family house detached from any other house .....	61%
A one-family house attached to one or more houses .....	10%
A building with two or more apartments .....	25%
A mobile home .....	4%
Boat, RV, van, etc. ....	*



141.	Do you have Internet access in your home?	
	Yes .....	96%
	No.....	4%
142.	What region do you live in?	
	Northeast .....	18%
	Midwest .....	21%
	South .....	36%
	West .....	24%
143.	Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?	
	Non-metro (rural).....	14%
	Metro.....	86%
144.	What region do you live in? (Based on state of residence)	
	New England .....	5%
	Mid-Atlantic .....	14%
	East-North Central .....	15%
	West-North Central.....	7%
	South Atlantic .....	20%
	East-South Central .....	5%
	West-South Central .....	11%
	Mountain .....	6%
	Pacific .....	19%

<sup>1</sup>A complete Field Report from GfK Knowledge Networks) is available upon request. Included in the report are details on cooperation rates, KN methodology, survey administration, survey sampling and sample weighting.

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