



**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service
29th Edition: March 18 – April 3, 2016**

**N=3,183 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with GfK KnowledgePanel^h)
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.....	5%
Trade/Vocational school.....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college	11%
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	56%

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

2. In which year of college are you?

	(n=664)
First year student/Freshman	19%
Second year student/Sophomore	23%
Third year student/Junior.....	25%
Fourth year student/Senior	24%
Fifth year student or higher	8%
Refused	1%

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

Yes	69%
No	25%
Don't know	5%
Refused	1%

[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?

	(n=2,408)
I was registered.....	66%
I thought about registering, but didn't.....	5%
I tried to register, but was unable to	1%
I was not registered to vote on November 6, 2012	20%
Not sure	7%
Refused	1%

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

	(n=2,408)
I voted at a polling place	41%
I voted early	6%
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%
Decline to answer	2%

[If respondent was over 18 in 2012 and "Voted" in Q5, ask Q6]

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

	(n=1,401)
Barack Obama	59%
Mitt Romney.....	28%
Someone else	5%
Don't remember.....	2%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Democrat..... 40%

Strong Democrat..... 19%

Not a very strong Democrat 20%

NET: Republican 22%

Strong Republican 10%

Not a very strong Republican 12%

NET: Independent 36%

Leans Democrat..... 8%

Leans Republican 6%

Does not lean either way 22%

Decline to answer 2%

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

NET: Liberal..... 38%

Liberal..... 28%

Moderate leaning Liberal 11%

Moderate..... 27%

NET: Conservative 32%

Conservative 23%

Moderate leaning Conservative 9%

Decline to answer 2%

9. How likely is it that you will vote in the general election for President in November?

Definitely will be voting..... 50%

Probably will be voting 14%

50-50..... 15%

Probably won't be voting 9%

Definitely won't be voting..... 11%

Decline to answer 1%

[If Q9 = “Definitely will be voting,” Probably will be voting or “50-50,” ask Q10]

10. How do you plan to vote in the November election?

(n=2,501)

At a polling place.....	64%
By absentee ballot.....	16%
Don't know	11%
At a place set up for early voting.....	8%

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

Yes.....	28%
No	71%

Decline to answer	*
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12. Would you say most of your friends are politically engaged, or not?

Yes.....	26%
No	72%

Decline to answer	2%
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13. Overall, how closely do you follow news about national politics?

Net: Closely	52%
Very closely.....	10%
Somewhat closely	42%

Net: Not Closely	46%
Not very closely.....	31%
Not at all closely	15%

Decline to answer	2%
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14. How closely are you following the 2016 presidential race?

Net: Closely 60%

Very closely 18%

Somewhat closely 42%

Net: Not Closely 38%

Not very closely 25%

Not at all closely 13%

Decline to answer 1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 15%

Off on the wrong track 47%

Not sure what direction the country is
headed in 36%

Decline to answer 1%

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

NET: Economy.....	27%
Economy - General	14%
Jobs	5%
Budget/Government spending	3%
Economic equality/Inequality	2%
Money issues/Financial stability	2%
Taxes.....	1%
NET: Foreign Affairs	13%
Terrorism	5%
Foreign Affairs - General	2%
War/Military	2%
ISIS/ISIL/Islamic State.....	2%
National Security	2%
Election.....	7%
Health care.....	6%
Education.....	4%
Equality/Equal rights	2%
Immigration	8%
Environment	3%
Racial issues	3%
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	6%
Don't know/No answer.....	5%

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

17. Barack Obama as President.

Approve	55%
Disapprove.....	42%
Decline to answer	3%

18. The Democrats in Congress.

Approve	44%
Disapprove.....	53%
Decline to answer	4%

19. The Republicans in Congress.

Approve	21%
Disapprove.....	76%
Decline to answer	3%

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

Democrat	61%
Republican.....	33%
Decline to answer	6%

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

21. Climate change.

Approve	56%
Disapprove.....	41%
Decline to answer	4%

22. The economy.

Approve	53%
Disapprove.....	44%
Decline to answer	4%

23.	Health care.	
	Approve	46%
	Disapprove.....	51%
	Decline to answer	3%
24.	The Islamic State / ISIS / ISIL.	
	Approve	43%
	Disapprove.....	53%
	Decline to answer	4%
25.	Race relations.	
	Approve	52%
	Disapprove.....	44%
	Decline to answer	3%

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following individuals?

26.	Hillary Clinton.	
	Net: Favorable	37%
	Very favorable	12%
	Somewhat favorable	24%
	Net: Unfavorable	53%
	Somewhat unfavorable	20%
	Very unfavorable	33%
	Don't have enough information to rate	7%
	Never heard of	1%
	Decline to answer	2%
	Net: Name ID	90%

27. Bernie Sanders.

Net: Favorable 54%

Very favorable 28%

Somewhat favorable 26%

Net: Unfavorable 31%

Somewhat unfavorable 13%

Very unfavorable 18%

Don't have enough information to rate 10%

Never heard of 2%

Decline to answer 2%

Net: Name ID 85%

28. Donald Trump.

Net: Favorable 17%

Very favorable 6%

Somewhat favorable 11%

Net: Unfavorable 74%

Somewhat unfavorable 13%

Very unfavorable 61%

Don't have enough information to rate 6%

Never heard of 1%

Decline to answer 2%

Net: Name ID 91%

29. Ted Cruz.

Net: Favorable 23%

Very favorable 6%

Somewhat favorable 17%

Net: Unfavorable 52%

Somewhat unfavorable 21%

Very unfavorable 31%

Don't have enough information to rate 18%

Never heard of 4%

Decline to answer 2%

Net: Name ID 75%

30. John Kasich.

Net: Favorable 24%

Very favorable 4%

Somewhat favorable 20%

Net: Unfavorable 33%

Somewhat unfavorable 18%

Very unfavorable 15%

Don't have enough information to rate 26%

Never heard of 14%

Decline to answer 3%

Net: Name ID 57%

31. If the election for President were held today and the candidates were [ROTATE] Hillary Clinton, the Democrat, and Donald Trump, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Hillary Clinton 52%

Donald Trump 22%

Don't know 24%

Decline to answer 2%

[If Q31 = “Hillary Clinton,” Ask Q32]

32. How enthusiastic are you about supporting this candidate (Hillary Clinton).

	(n=1,179)
Net: Enthusiastic	60%
Very enthusiastic	22%
Somewhat enthusiastic	38%
Net: Not Enthusiastic	40%
Not very enthusiastic	27%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%
Decline to answer	*

[If Q31 = “Donald Trump,” Ask Q33]

33. How enthusiastic are you about supporting this candidate (Donald Trump).

	(n=507)
Net: Enthusiastic	51%
Very enthusiastic	17%
Somewhat enthusiastic	34%
Net: Not Enthusiastic	49%
Not very enthusiastic	36%
Not at all enthusiastic	13%
Decline to answer	-

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

34. Facebook.
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 81% |
| No | 17% |
| Decline to answer | * |
35. Instagram.
- | | |
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| Yes | 49% |
| No | 48% |
| Decline to answer | 2% |
36. Snapchat.
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 43% |
| No | 55% |
| Decline to answer | 3% |
37. Twitter.
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 40% |
| No | 57% |
| Decline to answer | 3% |
38. Pinterest.
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 36% |
| No | 61% |
| Decline to answer | 3% |
39. LinkedIn.
- | | |
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| Yes | 26% |
| No | 71% |
| Decline to answer | 3% |
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40. Tumblr.

Yes	14%
No	83%
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.

41. 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.....	44%
Declined to answer	2%

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

42. Volunteered for community service?

Yes	32%
No	66%
Declined to answer	2%

[If “Yes” in Q42, ask Q43]

43. How often did you participate in this activity?

	(n=1,022)
Weekly	17%
A few times a month	23%
About once a month	23%
Less than once a month	37%
Decline to answer	1%

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

Yes	7%
No	91%
Decline to answer	2%

[If “Yes” in Q44, ask Q45]

45. How often did you participate in this activity?

	(n=236)
Weekly	14%
A few times a month	21%
About once a month	24%
Less than once a month	41%
Decline to answer	*

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

46. Signed an online petition?

Yes	33%
No	65%
Decline to answer	2%

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

Yes	10%
No	88%
Decline to answer	2%

48. Attended a political rally or demonstration?

Yes	10%
No	88%
Decline to answer	2%

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

Yes	14%
No	84%
Decline to answer	2%

50. Donated money to a political campaign or cause?

Yes 9%
 No 89%
 Decline to answer 2%

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

Yes 7%
 No 91%
 Decline to answer 2%

[If “Yes” in Q34, ask Q52-Q54]

52. Liked a political issue on Facebook?

(n=2,577)

Yes 37%
 No 63%
 Decline to answer 1%

53. Liked a political candidate on Facebook?

(n=2,577)

Yes 29%
 No 71%
 Decline to answer *

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

(n=2,577)

Yes 22%
 No 77%
 Decline to answer 1%

[If “Yes” in Q37, ask Q55]

55. Used Twitter to advocate for a political position?

	(n=1,271)
Yes	15%
No	85%
Decline to answer	1%

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

56. The President.

NET: All/Most.....	40%
All of the time	7%
Most of the time	33%
NET: Sometimes/Never.....	58%
Some of the time	41%
Never	17%
Decline to answer	3%

57. The United States military.

NET: All/Most.....	51%
All of the time	13%
Most of the time	38%
NET: Sometimes/Never.....	47%
Some of the time	36%
Never	11%
Decline to answer	3%

58. The Congress.

NET: All/Most.....	18%
All of the time	3%
Most of the time	15%
NET: Sometimes/Never.....	79%
Some of the time	55%
Never	24%
Decline to answer	3%

59. The Supreme Court.

NET: All/Most.....	39%
All of the time	7%
Most of the time	32%
NET: Sometimes/Never.....	57%
Some of the time	43%
Never	14%
Decline to answer	3%

60. The federal government.

NET: All/Most.....	23%
All of the time	3%
Most of the time	20%
NET: Sometimes/Never.....	73%
Some of the time	52%
Never	21%
Decline to answer	3%

61. The United Nations.

NET: All/Most.....	37%
All of the time	6%
Most of the time	31%
NET: Sometimes/Never.....	60%
Some of the time	42%
Never	18%
Decline to answer	3%

[Split Sample]

62. A. Your state government. (n=1,538)

NET: All/Most.....	28%
All of the time	4%
Most of the time	24%
NET: Sometimes/Never	69%
Some of the time	51%
Never	18%
Decline to answer	3%

B. Your local government. (n=1,645)

NET: All/Most.....	31%
All of the time	3%
Most of the time	28%
NET: Sometimes/Never	67%
Some of the time	52%
Never	15%
Decline to answer	3%

63. Wall Street.

NET: All/Most.....	11%
All of the time	2%
Most of the time	9%
NET: Sometimes/Never	86%
Some of the time	44%
Never	42%
Decline to answer	3%

64. The media.

NET: All/Most..... 9%

All of the time 2%

Most of the time 7%

NET: Sometimes/Never..... 88%

Some of the time 49%

Never 39%

Decline to answer 3%

65. How would you describe how American society treats men and women today?

Men and women are treated equally 27%

Men have more advantages than women..... 64%

Women have more advantages than men 7%

Decline to answer 2%

66. In your opinion, is there a glass ceiling (a barrier to advance in a profession) in America today?

Yes 59%

No 39%

Decline to answer 2%

67. If Hillary Clinton does not win in November, how confident are you that there will be a woman president in your lifetime?

NET: Confident 74%

Very confident 30%

Somewhat confident 44%

NET: Not confident 23%

Not very confident 17%

Not at all confident 6%

Decline to answer 2%

68. Which of the following candidates for president would improve women’s lives in the U.S. the most?

Hillary Clinton	29%
Bernie Sanders.....	25%
Ted Cruz	5%
Donald Trump	4%
John Kasich	2%
Don’t know	32%
Decline to answer	2%

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

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

NET: Agree	41%
Strongly agree	12%
Somewhat agree.....	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	36%
NET: Disagree.....	19%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	8%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	60%
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree.....	35%
Neither agree nor disagree	29%
NET: Disagree.....	7%
Somewhat disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	2%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree **17%**

Strongly agree 4%

Somewhat agree..... 13%

Neither agree nor disagree 33%

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

Somewhat disagree 25%

Strongly disagree 21%

Decline to answer 4%

72. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.

NET: Agree **27%**

Strongly agree 8%

Somewhat agree..... 20%

Neither agree nor disagree 43%

NET: Disagree..... **26%**

Somewhat disagree 19%

Strongly disagree 8%

Decline to answer 4%

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

NET: Agree **11%**

Strongly agree 3%

Somewhat agree..... 7%

Neither agree nor disagree 23%

NET: Disagree..... **63%**

Somewhat disagree 20%

Strongly disagree 43%

Decline to answer 4%

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

NET: Agree	38%
Strongly agree	13%
Somewhat agree.....	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	31%
NET: Disagree.....	27%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	10%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	32%
Strongly agree	8%
Somewhat agree.....	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	46%
NET: Disagree.....	18%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	5%
Decline to answer	4%

76. Community service is an honorable thing to do.

NET: Agree	69%
Strongly agree	40%
Somewhat agree.....	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%
NET: Disagree.....	6%
Somewhat disagree	3%
Strongly disagree	3%
Decline to answer	4%

77. Politics has become too partisan.

NET: Agree 50%

Strongly agree 26%

Somewhat agree..... 23%

Neither agree nor disagree 39%

NET: Disagree..... 8%

Somewhat disagree 5%

Strongly disagree 3%

Decline to answer 4%

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

NET: Agree 27%

Strongly agree 7%

Somewhat agree..... 20%

Neither agree nor disagree 37%

NET: Disagree..... 32%

Somewhat disagree 19%

Strongly disagree 13%

Decline to answer 4%

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

NET: Agree 32%

Strongly agree 11%

Somewhat agree..... 21%

Neither agree nor disagree 27%

NET: Disagree..... 37%

Somewhat disagree 22%

Strongly disagree 15%

Decline to answer 3%

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

NET: Agree	19%
Strongly agree	6%
Somewhat agree.....	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	54%
NET: Disagree.....	22%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	9%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	48%
Strongly agree	15%
Somewhat agree.....	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%
NET: Disagree.....	16%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	4%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	54%
Strongly agree	21%
Somewhat agree.....	33%
Neither agree nor disagree	32%
NET: Disagree.....	11%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	3%
Decline to answer	4%

[Split Sample]

Which of the following, if any, do you identify as?

83. Socialist. **(n=1,563)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 16% |
| No | 79% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
84. Capitalist. **(n=1,563)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 19% |
| No | 75% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
85. Progressive. **(n=1,563)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 31% |
| No | 63% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
86. Patriot. **(n=1,563)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 32% |
| No | 62% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
87. Feminist. **(n=1, 563)**
- | | |
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| Yes | 27% |
| No | 68% |
| Decline to answer | 5% |
88. Social justice activist. **(n=1, 563)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 18% |
| No | 76% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
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Which of the following, if any, do you support?

89. Socialism. **(n=1,620)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 33% |
| No | 59% |
| Decline to answer | 7% |
90. Capitalism. **(n=1,620)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 42% |
| No | 51% |
| Decline to answer | 8% |
91. Progressivism. **(n=1,620)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 44% |
| No | 49% |
| Decline to answer | 8% |
92. Patriotism. **(n=1,620)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 57% |
| No | 36% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
93. Feminism. **(n=1,620)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 49% |
| No | 45% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
94. Social justice activism. **(n=1,620)**
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes | 48% |
| No | 46% |
| Decline to answer | 6% |
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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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

NET: Agree	35%
Strongly agree	9%
Somewhat agree.....	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	38%
NET: Disagree.....	23%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	7%
Decline to answer	4%

96. 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.

NET: Agree	27%
Strongly agree	6%
Somewhat agree.....	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	45%
NET: Disagree.....	24%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	7%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	48%
Strongly agree	24%
Somewhat agree.....	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	28%
NET: Disagree.....	21%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	9%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	19%
Strongly agree	5%
Somewhat agree.....	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	37%
NET: Disagree.....	41%
Somewhat disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	23%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree	22%
Strongly agree	9%
Somewhat agree.....	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	31%
NET: Disagree.....	42%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	29%
Decline to answer	4%

100. 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	6%
Somewhat agree.....	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	39%
NET: Disagree.....	34%
Somewhat disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	15%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Agree **37%**

Strongly agree 15%

Somewhat agree..... 22%

Neither agree nor disagree 39%

NET: Disagree..... **20%**

Somewhat disagree 11%

Strongly disagree 9%

Decline to answer 4%

102. Homosexual relationships are morally wrong.

NET: Agree **26%**

Strongly agree 17%

Somewhat agree..... 9%

Neither agree nor disagree 25%

NET: Disagree..... **45%**

Somewhat disagree 9%

Strongly disagree 36%

Decline to answer 3%

103. 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 12%

Somewhat agree..... 28%

Neither agree nor disagree 34%

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

Somewhat disagree 15%

Strongly disagree 8%

Decline to answer 3%

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

NET: Agree	56%
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree.....	29%
Neither agree nor disagree	28%
NET: Disagree.....	13%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	5%
Decline to answer	3%

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

NET: Agree	29%
Strongly agree.....	10%
Somewhat agree.....	19%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	35%
NET: Disagree.....	32%
Somewhat disagree.....	18%
Strongly disagree.....	14%
Decline to answer	4%

106. The government should spend more to reduce poverty.

NET: Agree	45%
Strongly agree.....	17%
Somewhat agree.....	28%
Neither agree nor disagree.....	31%
NET: Disagree.....	20%
Somewhat disagree.....	12%
Strongly disagree.....	9%
Decline to answer	3%

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

NET: Agree 26%

Strongly agree 7%

Somewhat agree 19%

Neither agree nor disagree 44%

NET: Disagree 26%

Somewhat disagree 15%

Strongly disagree 11%

Decline to answer 3%

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

NET: Agree 47%

Strongly agree 20%

Somewhat agree 27%

Neither agree nor disagree 30%

NET: Disagree 20%

Somewhat disagree 12%

Strongly disagree 8%

Decline to answer 3%

What role, if any, do you believe the federal government should play in the following areas?

109. Regulation of Wall Street.

Large	30%
Moderate	37%
Minimal	18%
No role	10%
Decline to answer	4%

110. Delivery of health care.

Large	32%
Moderate	34%
Minimal	18%
No role	13%
Decline to answer	4%

111. Creating academic standards for K-12 education.

Large	29%
Moderate	35%
Minimal	20%
No role	12%
Decline to answer	4%

112. Providing access to higher education.

Large	35%
Moderate	35%
Minimal	16%
No role	11%
Decline to answer	4%

113. Reducing income inequality.

Large	30%
Moderate	34%
Minimal	19%
No role	13%
Decline to answer	4%

114. Regulating the economy.

Large	27%
Moderate	42%
Minimal	18%
No role	9%
Decline to answer	4%

115. Which do you think is the more important educational priority in the US today?

K-12 education	65%
Higher education	33%
Decline to answer	3%

116. Do you believe you have received a quality education through high school?

Yes	71%
No	26%
Decline to answer	2%

117. Do you believe that a college degree is necessary to achieve the American Dream?

Yes	53%
No	45%
Decline to answer	2%

118. Please indicate which three of the following proposals would be most effective at improving the K-12 public education system in the US:

Putting more emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education).....	52%
Requiring smaller class sizes.....	50%
Increasing teacher salaries.....	46%
Offering free pre-Kindergarten for all public school students.....	35%
Tying teacher pay and tenure status to job performance.....	34%
Increasing parents’ choice over the school their children attend.....	33%
Standardizing the public school curriculum across states.....	32%
Decline to answer.....	2%

119. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own view regarding the current opening on the Supreme Court?

President Obama should recognize the tension in Washington, D.C. between the parties and nominate a consensus pick that under normal circumstances would have a chance to get confirmed.....	38%
President Obama should not compromise and he should nominate whomever he Wants.....	34%
President Obama should not nominate anyone and wait for the next President to pick a Supreme Court nominee.....	23%
Decline to answer.....	5%

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

NET: Confident	49%
A lot of confidence	9%
Some confidence	40%
NET: Not Confident	47%
Not much confidence.....	31%
No confidence.....	16%
Decline to answer	4%

[Split Sample]

Please indicate how important you consider the following three elements of the criminal justice system for dealing with violent offenders.

121. Rehabilitation.

(n=1,536)

NET: Important.....	68%
Very important.....	43%
Somewhat important.....	25%
Neutral	22%
NET: Not important	6%
Not very important	5%
Not at all important.....	2%
Decline to answer	3%

122. Payment for the crime.

(n=1,536)

NET: Important.....	71%
Very important.....	45%
Somewhat important.....	25%
Neutral	22%
NET: Not important	4%
Not very important	3%
Not at all important.....	2%
Decline to answer	3%

123. Protect the public.

(n=1,536)

NET: Important.....	81%
Very important.....	68%
Somewhat important.....	14%
Neutral	15%
NET: Not important	1%
Not very important	1%
Not at all important.....	*
Decline to answer	3%

Please indicate how important you consider the following three elements of the criminal justice system for dealing with non-violent offenders.

124. Rehabilitation.

(n=1,647)

NET: Important.....	67%
Very important.....	40%
Somewhat important.....	27%
Neutral	24%
NET: Not important	4%
Not very important	3%
Not at all important.....	1%
Decline to answer	1%

125. Payment for the crime.

(n=1,647)

NET: Important.....	68%
Very important.....	37%
Somewhat important.....	31%
Neutral	23%
NET: Not important	5%
Not very important	4%
Not at all important.....	1%
Decline to answer	4%

126. Protect the public. (n=1,647)

NET: Important.....	73%
Very important.....	52%
Somewhat important.....	22%
Neutral	19%
NET: Not important	4%
Not very important	3%
Not at all important.....	2%
Decline to answer	4%

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

NET: Support.....	57%
Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	39%
NET: Oppose.....	38%
Somewhat oppose	26%
Strongly oppose	12%
Decline to answer	5%

128. 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.	67%
The United States should take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts	28%
Decline to answer	5%

Please indicate your opinion about the following:

129. A debate moderated by a member of the non-mainstream media.

Net: More Likely	37%
Much more likely to watch	15%
Somewhat more likely to watch	22%
No Difference	53%
Net: Less Likely	6%
Somewhat less likely to watch	4%
Much less likely to watch	2%
Decline to answer	4%

130. A debate that included both the presidential and vice presidential nominees on the same stage at the same time.

Net: More Likely	36%
Much more likely to watch	12%
Somewhat more likely to watch	24%
No Difference	53%
Net: Less Likely	7%
Somewhat less likely to watch	5%
Much less likely to watch	2%
Decline to answer	4%

131. A debate that was more inclusive of independent or third party candidates where the threshold was reduced from 15% to 10% in national polls.

Net: More Likely	32%
Much more likely to watch	10%
Somewhat more likely to watch	22%
No Difference	57%
Net: Less Likely	7%
Somewhat less likely to watch	4%
Much less likely to watch	3%
Decline to answer	4%

132. A debate that includes live questioning from voters using social media, such as Snapchat, Twitter and Facebook.

Net: More Likely	44%
Much more likely to watch	18%
Somewhat more likely to watch	26%
No Difference	45%
Net: Less Likely	7%
Somewhat less likely to watch	4%
Much less likely to watch	3%
Decline to answer	4%

133. A debate with no moderator.

Net: More Likely	18%
Much more likely to watch	6%
Somewhat more likely to watch	12%
No Difference	54%
Net: Less Likely	23%
Somewhat less likely to watch	14%
Much less likely to watch	9%
Decline to answer	5%

134. Which of the following late night hosts would you most like to see moderate a presidential debate?

Stephen Colbert	23%
Jimmy Fallon	18%
Jimmy Kimmel	10%
John Oliver	8%
Trevor Noah.....	2%
Other	4%
None of the above.....	33%
Decline to answer	3%

135. Which of the following comes closest to your view on abortion?

It should be permitted in all cases	36%
It should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest or to save the woman’s life ...	25%
It should not be permitted at all	15%
It should be permitted, but subject to greater restrictions than it is now	12%
It should only be permitted to save the woman’s life	8%
Decline to answer	4%

136. With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?

Pro-choice	45%
Pro-life	34%
Unsure	17%
Decline to answer	1%

137. In 1973 the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision established a woman’s constitutional right to an abortion. Do you want to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe v. Wade decision and outlaw abortion in the U.S.?

Yes	19%
No	53%
Decline to answer	3%

138. How would you rate your personal financial situation these days?

Net: Good	72%
Very good	19%
Fairly good	53%
Net: Bad	25%
Fairly bad	25%
Very bad	-
Decline to answer	3%

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

Better off financially than they are now	43%
About the same as they are now	31%
Worse off financially than they are now	12%
Not sure	12%
Decline to answer	2%

[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college, ask)

140. 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 upon graduation?

(n=664)

Net: Easy.....	31%
Very easy	2%
Somewhat easy	29%
Net: Difficult.....	67%
Somewhat difficult	53%
Very difficult	14%
Decline to answer	2%

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

Catholic.....	21%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian.....	14%
Protestant	13%
LDS/Mormon	2%
Jewish	2%
Muslim.....	1%
Another religion.....	7%
No religious preference	25%
Not sure	3%
Decline to answer	10%

[If NOT “No religious preference” or “Decline to answer” in 141, ask 142]

142. How important is religion in your own life?

	(n=1,994)
Very important	43%
Somewhat important.....	35%
Not very important	18%
Not sure	4%
Decline to answer	*

[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q141 ask Q143]

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

	(n=1,909)
Yes.....	33%
No	48%
Not sure	13%
Decline to answer	4%

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

Cell phone.....	90%
Landline phone service.....	14%
VOIP phone service.....	2%
None of these.....	4%

[If currently enrolled in a college, ask Q145-Q149]

145. Is your college/university...?

	(n=664)
Public.....	72%
Private.....	26%
Decline to answer	2%

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

(n=664)

In an urban or city area	49%
In a suburban area next to a city	26%
In small town or rural area.....	23%
Decline to answer	2%

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

(n=664)

Less than 1,000	4%
1,000 - 4,999	27%
5,000 - 9,999	23%
10,000 - 19,999	19%
20,000 or more.....	24%
Decline to answer	2%

148. Where do you live while attending college?

(n=664)

In an on-campus dormitory	32%
In fraternity/sorority housing.....	1%
In a campus-owned apartment.....	5%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents)	31%
At home, with my parents	26%
Somewhere else	3%
Decline to answer	1%

149. Are you a...?

(n=664)

Full-time student.....	88%
Part-time student.....	10%
Decline to answer	2%

150. What is your gender?

Male	49%
Female	51%

151. What is your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic	56%
Black, Non-Hispanic	14%
Hispanic	21%
Other, Non-Hispanic.....	7%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic.....	2%

152. What is your current education level?

Less than high school	12%
High school.....	28%
Some college	38%
Bachelor or higher	22%

153. 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	5%
\$5,000 - \$7,499	2%
\$7,500 - \$9,999	1%
\$10,000 - \$12,499	2%
\$12,500 - \$14,999	1%
\$15,000 - \$19,999	2%
\$20,000 - \$24,999	3%
\$25,000 - \$29,999	5%
\$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	10%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	10%
\$125,000 - \$149,000	4%
\$150,000 - \$174,999	3%
\$175,000 or more	4%

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

Married	20%
Widowed.....	*
Divorced	2%
Separated	1%
Never married	67%
Living with partner	11%

155. 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%

156. Are you the head of your household?

Yes	41%
No	59%

157. 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	8%
2	21%
3	25%
4	22%
5	11%
6	6%
7	2%
8	2%
9	*
10+	*

158. 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

159. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

NET: Working	67%
As a paid employee	62%
Self-employed	5%

NET: Not Working	33%
On temporary layoff from a job.....	1%
Looking for work	14%
Disabled	2%
Retired	*
Other	16%

160. Are your living quarters...?

Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	60%
Rented for cash	36%
Occupied without payment of cash rent	4%

161. Which best describes the building where you live?

A one-family house detached from any other house.....	64%
A one-family house attached to one or more houses	9%
A building with two or more apartments.....	23%
A mobile home	4%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	*

162. Do you have Internet access in your home?
- | | |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 97% |
| No | 3% |
163. What region do you live in?
- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast | 18% |
| Midwest | 21% |
| South | 37% |
| West | 24% |
164. Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Non-metro (rural) | 13% |
| Metro | 87% |
165. What region do you live in? (Based on state of residence)
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| New England | 4% |
| Mid-Atlantic | 13% |
| East-North Central | 14% |
| West-North Central | 7% |
| South Atlantic | 20% |
| East-South Central | 6% |
| West-South Central | 11% |
| Mountain | 7% |
| Pacific | 18% |

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