



**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service  
30th Edition: June 21 – July 3, 2016**

**N=1,001 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with GfK KnowledgePanel<sup>1</sup>)  
Margin of Error: +/- 3.5% at the 95% level**

*Note: The sum of percentages for each question may not add up to 100% as each response is rounded to the nearest percent.*

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

High school .....	2%
Trade/Vocational school .....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college .....	13%
4-year college or university .....	22%
Graduate school .....	4%
Business school or professional school (law, medicine, etc.) .....	1%
Not enrolled in college/university, but taking at least one course .....	3%
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	54%

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

2. In which year of college are you?

**(n=222)**

First year student/Freshman .....	14%
Second year student/Sophomore .....	27%
Third year student/Junior .....	27%
Fourth year student/Senior .....	22%
Fifth year student or higher.....	10%
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 .....	71%
No.....	24%
Don't know .....	5%
Refused .....	*

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

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

**(n=714)**

I was registered .....	65%
I thought about registering, but didn't .....	4%
I tried to register, but was unable to.....	1%
I was not registered to vote on November 6, 2012.....	22%
Not sure.....	8%
Refused .....	*

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

**(n=714)**

I voted at a polling place.....	42%
I voted early .....	5%
I voted by absentee ballot .....	10%
I planned on voting, but wasn't able to.....	4%
I did not vote in this election.....	37%
I went to the polling place, but wasn't allowed to vote.....	2%
Refused .....	1%

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

<b>NET: Democrat .....</b>	<b>40%</b>
Strong Democrat .....	19%
Not a very strong Democrat.....	22%
<b>NET: Republican .....</b>	<b>21%</b>
Strong Republican.....	9%
Not a very strong Republican .....	12%
<b>NET: Independent .....</b>	<b>36%</b>
Decline to answer.....	2%

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

<b>NET: Liberal .....</b>	<b>36%</b>
Liberal .....	26%
Moderate leaning Liberal .....	10%
Moderate .....	30%
<b>NET: Conservative.....</b>	<b>32%</b>
Conservative .....	22%
Moderate leaning Conservative .....	10%
Decline to answer.....	2%

[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=407)</b>
Barack Obama.....	58%
Mitt Romney .....	29%
Someone else .....	5%
Don't remember .....	2%
Decline to answer.....	6%

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

Definitely will be voting .....	47%
Probably will be voting .....	14%
50-50 .....	15%
Probably won't be voting.....	9%
Definitely won't be voting .....	13%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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

10. Hillary Clinton.

<b>Net: Favorable</b> .....	<b>31%</b>
Very favorable .....	12%
Somewhat favorable.....	19%
<b>Net: Unfavorable</b> .....	<b>60%</b>
Somewhat unfavorable.....	21%
Very unfavorable .....	38%
Don't have enough information to rate.....	7%
Never heard of.....	1%
Decline to answer.....	2%

11. Bernie Sanders.

<b>Net: Favorable</b> .....	<b>54%</b>
Very favorable .....	26%
Somewhat favorable.....	28%
<b>Net: Unfavorable</b> .....	<b>33%</b>
Somewhat unfavorable.....	15%
Very unfavorable .....	18%
Don't have enough information to rate.....	10%
Never heard of.....	1%
Decline to answer.....	1%

12. Donald Trump.

<b>Net: Favorable</b> .....	<b>18%</b>
Very favorable .....	7%
Somewhat favorable.....	11%
<b>Net: Unfavorable</b> .....	<b>74%</b>
Somewhat unfavorable.....	16%
Very unfavorable .....	58%
Don't have enough information to rate.....	6%
Never heard of.....	1%
Decline to answer.....	1%

13. 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?

	<u>All 18-29</u>	<u>Likely 18-29</u>
Hillary Clinton .....	44%	54%
Donald Trump.....	23%	28%
Don't know .....	32%	18%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

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

	<u>All 18-29</u>	<u>Likely 18-29</u>
Hillary Clinton .....	34%	45%
Donald Trump.....	17%	23%
Gary Johnson .....	15%	13%
Don't know .....	33%	19%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

[If Q14 = “Hillary Clinton,” Ask Q15]

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

	<b>(n=247)</b>
<b>Net: Enthusiastic .....</b>	<b><u>70%</u></b>
Very enthusiastic.....	21%
Somewhat enthusiastic.....	49%
<b>Net: Not Enthusiastic.....</b>	<b><u>30%</u></b>
Not very enthusiastic.....	23%
Not at all enthusiastic.....	8%
Decline to answer.....	*

**[If Q14 = “Donald Trump,” Ask Q16]**

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

	<b>(n=125)</b>
<b>Net: Enthusiastic</b> .....	<b>69%</b>
Very enthusiastic.....	36%
Somewhat enthusiastic.....	33%
<b>Net: Not Enthusiastic</b> .....	<b>31%</b>
Not very enthusiastic.....	28%
Not at all enthusiastic.....	3%
Decline to answer.....	*

**[If Q14 = “Gary Johnson,” Ask Q17]**

17. How enthusiastic are you about supporting this candidate (Gary Johnson).

	<b>(n=91)</b>
<b>Net: Enthusiastic</b> .....	<b>40%</b>
Very enthusiastic.....	9%
Somewhat enthusiastic.....	30%
<b>Net: Not Enthusiastic</b> .....	<b>60%</b>
Not very enthusiastic.....	41%
Not at all enthusiastic.....	18%
Decline to answer.....	*

18. When you think about voting for the next president of the United States, please select the 3 most important issues to you personally by placing a “1” next to the **most** important, “2” next to the **second** most important, and “3” for the **third** most important [ROTATE].

A. Improve the economy.

Most important .....	31%
Second most important .....	21%
Third most important .....	12%

B. Combat spread of terrorism.

Most important .....	12%
Second most important .....	16%
Third most important .....	11%

C. Reduce inequality in America.

Most important .....	10%
Second most important .....	9%
Third most important .....	15%

D. Unite the country.

Most important .....	9%
Second most important .....	10%
Third most important .....	12%

E. Deal with immigration.

Most important .....	8%
Second most important .....	9%
Third most important .....	10%

F. Reduce the impact of money in politics.

Most important .....	5%
Second most important .....	8%
Third most important .....	10%

G. Selection of Supreme Court justices.

Most important .....	3%
Second most important .....	7%
Third most important .....	5%

H. Bipartisan approach to governing.

Most important .....	3%
Second most important .....	4%
Third most important .....	3%

I. Handle foreign policy.

Most important .....	3%
Second most important .....	7%
Third most important .....	9%

J. Reform Wall Street.

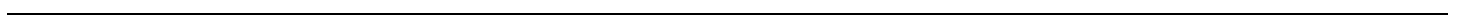
Most important .....	2%
Second most important .....	4%
Third most important .....	4%

K. Other issues receiving votes (Open-ended):

Health care .....	2%
Climate change.....	2%
Women’s issues/Abortion.....	1%
Morality/Religion.....	1%
Debt/Spending.....	1%
Gun control .....	1%
Education .....	1%
Drugs.....	*
Jobs .....	*
LGBTQ+ .....	*
Other .....	*

19. Which of the following statements best reflects your view related to the state of politics, government and Washington, DC today?

Things are great, we should not change a thing .....	1%
A few subtle changes may be in order .....	17%
Significant reform is needed .....	48%
We need to find a reset button, and start again .....	33%
Decline to answer.....	2%





20. What’s the first word or phrase that comes to mind when you see the word **capitalism**? (Open-ended responses available per request)

21. Now we will ask you some general questions. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

Catholic.....	24%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian .....	13%
Jewish.....	1%
LDS/Mormon.....	1%
Muslim .....	1%
Protestant.....	13%
Another religion .....	8%
No religious preference.....	27%
Not sure.....	4%
Decline to answer.....	7%

**[If NOT “No religious preference” or “Decline to answer” in 21, ask 22]**

22. How important is religion in your own life?

**(n=651)**

Very important .....	42%
Somewhat important.....	37%
Not very important .....	18%
Not sure.....	3%
Decline to answer.....	*

**[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q21 ask Q23]**

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

**(n=632)**

Yes .....	32%
No.....	51%
Not sure.....	12%
Decline to answer.....	4%

24. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time? (Multiple response allowed)

Cell phone .....	93%
Landline phone service .....	12%
VOIP phone service .....	2%
None of these .....	3%
Decline to answer.....	1%

**[If currently enrolled in a college, ask Q25-Q30]**

25. Is your college/university...?

**(n=222)**

Public .....	67%
Private .....	32%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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

**(n=222)**

In an urban or city area .....	55%
In a suburban area next to a city .....	28%
In small town or rural area .....	15%
Decline to answer.....	2%

27. Which college/university do you attend? (Open-ended responses available per request)

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

**(n=222)**

Less than 1,000 .....	5%
1,000 - 4,999 .....	24%
5,000 - 9,999 .....	25%
10,000 - 19,999 .....	22%
20,000 or more .....	21%
Decline to answer.....	2%

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29.	Where do you live while attending college?	<b>(n=222)</b>
	In an on-campus dormitory .....	26%
	In fraternity/sorority housing .....	2%
	In a campus-owned apartment .....	10%
	In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .....	33%
	At home, with my parents .....	26%
	Somewhere else .....	1%
	Decline to answer .....	2%
30.	Are you a...?	<b>(n=222)</b>
	Full-time student .....	84%
	Part-time student .....	14%
	Decline to answer .....	2%
31.	What is your gender?	
	Male .....	50%
	Female .....	50%
32.	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%
33.	What is your current education level?	
	Less than high school .....	14%
	High school .....	28%
	Some college .....	37%
	Bachelor or higher .....	21%

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34. 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 .....	2%
\$7,500 - \$9,999 .....	1%
\$10,000 - \$12,499 .....	2%
\$12,500 - \$14,999 .....	2%
\$15,000 - \$19,999 .....	2%
\$20,000 - \$24,999 .....	5%
\$25,000 - \$29,999 .....	6%
\$30,000 - \$34,999 .....	5%
\$35,000 - \$39,999 .....	4%
\$40,000 - \$49,999 .....	8%
\$50,000 - \$59,999 .....	10%
\$60,000 - \$74,999 .....	9%
\$75,000 - \$84,999 .....	9%
\$85,000 - \$99,999 .....	7%
\$100,000 - \$124,999 .....	12%
\$125,000 - \$149,000 .....	7%
\$150,000 - \$174,999 .....	4%
\$175,000 or more .....	4%

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

Never married .....	68%
Married.....	20%
Living with partner .....	10%
Divorced.....	1%
Widowed.....	*
Separated.....	*

36. Age:

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

37. Are you the head of your household?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	59%

38. 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.....	7%
2.....	21%
3 .....	26%
4 .....	25%
5+ .....	21%

39. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

<b>NET: Working.....</b>	<b>66%</b>
As a paid employee .....	62%
Self-employed .....	4%
<b>NET: Not Working .....</b>	<b>34%</b>
On temporary layoff from a job .....	1%
Looking for work .....	13%
Disabled .....	2%
Retired .....	*
Other .....	18%

40. Are your living quarters...?
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household ..... | 58% |
| Rented for cash .....   | 38% |
| Occupied without payment of cash rent .....                     | 3%  |
41. Which best describes the building where you live?
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| A one-family house detached from any other house .....  | 64% |
| A building with two or more apartments .....            | 25% |
| A one-family house attached to one or more houses ..... | 7%  |
| A mobile home .....                                     | 3%  |
| Boat, RV, van, etc. ....                                | *   |
42. Do you have Internet access in your home?
- |           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 94% |
| No.....   | 6%  |
43. What region do you live in?
- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast ..... | 18% |
| Midwest .....   | 21% |
| South .....     | 37% |
| West .....      | 24% |
44. Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?
- |                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Non-metro (rural)..... | 13% |
| Metro.....             | 87% |
45. What region do you live in? (Based on state of residence)
- |                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| New England .....        | 4%  |
| Mid-Atlantic .....       | 14% |
| East-North Central ..... | 14% |
| West-North Central.....  | 7%  |
| South Atlantic .....     | 21% |
| East-South Central ..... | 5%  |
| West-South Central ..... | 10% |
| Mountain .....           | 6%  |
| Pacific .....            | 18% |
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<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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