



**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service
25th Edition: March 22 – April 4, 2014**

**N=3,058 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with GfK KnowledgePanel¹)
Margin of Error for entire sample: +/- 1.8% 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 junior college or community college.....	11%
4-year college or university	21%
Graduate school	5%
Business school or professional school.....	1%
Not enrolled in college/university but taking at least one course	1%
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=626)
First year student/Freshman	17%
Second year student/Sophomore.....	22%
Third year student/Junior	27%
Fourth year student/Senior	27%
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	5%

[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=2,727)
I was registered	70%
I thought about registering, but didn't	4%
I tried to register, but was unable to.....	1%
I was not registered to vote on Nov. 6	18%
Not sure.....	6%

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

	(n=2,727)
I voted at a polling place	43%
I voted early	8%
I voted by absentee ballot	10%
I planned on voting, but wasn't able to.....	5%
I did not vote in this election.....	33%
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?

NET: Democrat 37%

Strong Democrat 15%

Not a very strong Democrat 22%

NET: Republican 25%

Strong Republican 11%

Not a very strong Republican 14%

NET: Independent 38%

Leans Democrat 10%

Leans Republican 7%

Does not lean either way 22%

Decline to answer 1%

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

NET: Liberal 36%

Liberal 25%

Moderate leaning Liberal 10%

Moderate 30%

NET: Conservative 32%

Moderate leaning Conservative 9%

Conservative 24%

Decline to answer 1%

8. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

Supporter 8%

Not a supporter 48%

Not sure 44%

[If respondent was over 18 in 2012 and “Voted” in Q5, ask Q9]

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

	(n=1,654)
Barack Obama.....	56%
Mitt Romney	31%
Someone else	5%
Don't remember	1%
Decline to answer.....	6%

10. How likely is it that you will vote in the general midterm election for Congress in November?

Definitely will be voting	23%
Probably will be voting	16%
50-50	25%
Probably won't be voting.....	20%
Definitely won't be voting.....	16%

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

Yes	19%
No.....	81%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction.....	21%
Off on the wrong track	45%
Not sure what direction country is headed in.	34%
Decline to answer.....	*

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

NET: Economy	48%
General	26%
Jobs	11%
Budget/government spending	6%
Economic equality/inequality	3%
Money issues/financial stability.....	2%
Taxes	1%
Health care, general	11%
Education	7%
Foreign Affairs.....	6%
Immigration.....	4%
Environment.....	2%
Abortion	1%
President Obama/lack of leadership.....	1%
Government/political corruption.....	1%
Other issues	11%
Don't know/No answer	8%

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

14. Barack Obama as President.

Approve.....	47%
Disapprove	52%
Decline to answer.....	2%

15. The Democrats in Congress.

Approve.....	37%
Disapprove	61%
Decline to answer.....	2%

16. The Republicans in Congress.

Approve.....	23%
Disapprove	74%
Decline to answer.....	2%

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

17. Climate change.

Approve.....	47%
Disapprove	51%
Decline to answer.....	3%

18. The economy.

Approve.....	37%
Disapprove	61%
Decline to answer.....	2%

19. Iran.

Approve.....	38%
Disapprove	59%
Decline to answer.....	3%

20. Health care.

Approve.....	39%
Disapprove	59%
Decline to answer.....	2%

21. Federal budget deficit.

Approve.....	31%
Disapprove	66%
Decline to answer.....	3%

22. Syria.

Approve.....	34%
Disapprove	62%
Decline to answer.....	4%

23. Student debt.

Approve.....	38%
Disapprove	60%
Decline to answer.....	2%

24. Ukraine.

Approve.....	38%
Disapprove	59%
Decline to answer.....	3%

25. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Hillary Clinton?

Net: Favorable..... 52%

Very favorable 15%

Somewhat favorable..... 37%

Net: Unfavorable..... 42%

Very unfavorable 19%

Somewhat unfavorable..... 23%

Never heard of her 5%

Decline to answer..... 1%

[If not “Never heard of her” or “decline to answer” in Q25, ask Q26]

26. Over the last year, would you say your opinion of Hillary Clinton has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

(n=2,889)

Gotten better..... 17%

Gotten worse 16%

Stayed about the same..... 67%

Decline to answer..... 1%

27. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Chris Christie?

Net: Favorable..... 21%

Very favorable 3%

Somewhat favorable..... 18%

Net: Unfavorable..... 39%

Very unfavorable 13%

Somewhat unfavorable..... 26%

Never heard of him 39%

Decline to answer..... 1%

[If not “Never heard of him” or “decline to answer” in Q27, ask Q28]

28. Over the last year, would you say your opinion of Chris Christie has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

(n=1,841)

Gotten better..... 8%

Gotten worse 43%

Stayed about the same..... 49%

Decline to answer..... *

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

29. Facebook.

Yes	84%
No	15%
Decline to answer.....	1%

30. Twitter.

Yes	40%
No	58%
Decline to answer.....	2%

31. Instagram.

Yes	36%
No	62%
Decline to answer.....	2%

32. Pinterest.

Yes	33%
No	65%
Decline to answer.....	2%

33. Google+.

Yes	44%
No	55%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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34. Snapchat.
- | | |
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| Yes | 23% |
| No | 75% |
| Decline to answer..... | 2% |
35. Tumblr.
- | | |
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| Yes | 14% |
| No | 84% |
| Decline to answer..... | 2% |
36. FourSquare.
- | | |
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| Yes | 6% |
| No | 91% |
| Decline to answer..... | 2% |
37. WhatsApp.
- | | |
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| Yes | 9% |
| No | 89% |
| Decline to answer..... | 2% |
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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.

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

Yes, have enough time	51%
No, do not have enough time	49%

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

39. Volunteered for community service?

Yes	31%
No	68%

[If “Yes” in Q39, ask 40]

40. How often did you participate in this activity?

	(n=958)
Weekly	22%
A few times a month	20%
About once a month	21%
Less than once a month	37%

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

Yes	7%
No	93%

[If “Yes” in Q41, ask Q42]

42. How often did you participate in this activity?

	(n=199)
Weekly	15%
A few times a month	21%
About once a month	30%
Less than once a month	35%

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

43. Signed an online petition?

Yes 33%
 No 67%

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

Yes 13%
 No 87%

45. Attended a political rally or demonstration?

Yes 9%
 No 91%

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

Yes 11%
 No 88%

47. Donated money to a political campaign or cause?

Yes 9%
 No 91%

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

Yes 7%
 No 93%

[If “Yes” in Q29, ask Q49-Q51]

49. Liked a political issue on Facebook?

(n=2,582)

Yes 28%
 No 72%

50. Liked a political candidate on Facebook?

(n=2,582)

Yes 20%

No 80%

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

(n=2,582)

Yes 16%

No 83%

[If “Yes” in Q30, ask Q52]

52. Used Twitter to advocate for a political position?

(n=1,231)

Yes 13%

No 87%

[If “Yes” in Q29, ask Q42]

53. Do you currently list a political view on your Facebook profile?

(n=2,582)

Yes 18%

No 82%

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

54. The President.

NET: All/Most 32%

All of the time 5%

Most of the time 27%

NET: Sometimes/Never 67%

Some of the time 45%

Never 22%

Decline to answer 1%

55. The United States Military.

NET: All/Most 47%

All of the time 12%

Most of the time 35%

NET: Sometimes/Never 52%

Some of the time 39%

Never 13%

Decline to answer 1%

56. The Congress.

NET: All/Most 14%

All of the time 2%

Most of the time 12%

NET: Sometimes/Never 85%

Some of the time 57%

Never 28%

Decline to answer 1%

57. The Supreme Court.

NET: All/Most 36%

All of the time 6%

Most of the time 30%

NET: Sometimes/Never 63%

Some of the time 47%

Never 16%

Decline to answer 1%

58. The federal government.

NET: All/Most 20%

All of the time 3%

Most of the time 17%

NET: Sometimes/Never 80%

Some of the time 56%

Never 24%

Decline to answer 1%

59. The United Nations.

NET: All/Most 34%

All of the time 5%

Most of the time 29%

NET: Sometimes/Never 66%

Some of the time 46%

Never 20%

Decline to answer 1%

60. Your state government.

NET: All/Most 28%

All of the time 3%

Most of the time 25%

NET: Sometimes/Never 71%

Some of the time 53%

Never 18%

Decline to answer 1%

61. Your local government.

NET: All/Most 33%

All of the time 3%

Most of the time 30%

NET: Sometimes/Never 66%

Some of the time 50%

Never 16%

Decline to answer 1%

62. Wall Street.

NET: All/Most 12%

All of the time 2%

Most of the time 10%

NET: Sometimes/Never 88%

Some of the time 50%

Never 38%

Decline to answer 1%

63. The media.

NET: All/Most 11%

All of the time 2%

Most of the time 9%

NET: Sometimes/Never 88%

Some of the time 54%

Never 35%

Decline to answer 1%

64. The NSA (National Security Agency).

NET: All/Most 24%

All of the time 4%

Most of the time 20%

NET: Sometimes/Never 76%

Some of the time 49%

Never 27%

Decline to answer 1%

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.

NET: Agree..... 46%

Strongly agree 14%

Somewhat agree 32%

Neither agree nor disagree 38%

NET: Disagree 15%

Somewhat disagree 10%

Strongly disagree 5%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 62%

Strongly agree 27%

Somewhat agree 34%

Neither agree nor disagree 30%

NET: Disagree 7%

Somewhat disagree 5%

Strongly disagree 2%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 25%

Strongly agree 9%

Somewhat agree 16%

Neither agree nor disagree 36%

NET: Disagree 39%

Somewhat disagree 25%

Strongly disagree 14%

Decline to answer..... 1%

68. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.

NET: Agree..... 29%

Strongly agree 8%

Somewhat agree 21%

Neither agree nor disagree 46%

NET: Disagree 24%

Somewhat disagree 19%

Strongly disagree 5%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 16%

Strongly agree 5%

Somewhat agree 11%

Neither agree nor disagree 26%

NET: Disagree 57%

Somewhat disagree 26%

Strongly disagree 31%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 41%

Strongly agree 14%

Somewhat agree 26%

Neither agree nor disagree 33%

NET: Disagree 25%

Somewhat disagree 18%

Strongly disagree 7%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 32%

Strongly agree 8%

Somewhat agree 24%

Neither agree nor disagree 47%

NET: Disagree 20%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 7%

Decline to answer..... 1%

72. Community service is an honorable thing to do.

NET: Agree..... 70%

Strongly agree 40%

Somewhat agree 30%

Neither agree nor disagree 24%

NET: Disagree 6%

Somewhat disagree 3%

Strongly disagree 2%

Decline to answer..... 1%

73. Politics has become too partisan.

NET: Agree.....	49%
Strongly agree	25%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	44%
NET: Disagree	6%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	2%
Decline to answer.....	2%

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

NET: Agree.....	29%
Strongly agree	8%
Somewhat agree	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	38%
NET: Disagree	32%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	14%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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

NET: Agree..... 35%

Strongly agree 13%

Somewhat agree 22%

Neither agree nor disagree 30%

NET: Disagree 34%

Somewhat disagree 22%

Strongly disagree 12%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 20%

Strongly agree 7%

Somewhat agree 13%

Neither agree nor disagree 57%

NET: Disagree 22%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 9%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

NET: Agree..... 48%

Strongly agree 16%

Somewhat agree 32%

Neither agree nor disagree 38%

NET: Disagree 14%

Somewhat disagree 11%

Strongly disagree 2%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 58%

Strongly agree 24%

Somewhat agree 34%

Neither agree nor disagree 32%

NET: Disagree 9%

Somewhat disagree 7%

Strongly disagree 2%

Decline to answer..... 1%

79. Overall, how important of a factor is education in achieving the American Dream?

NET: Important	90%
Very important	60%
Somewhat important	30%
NET: Not Important.....	9%
Not very important	6%
Not at all important	3%
Decline to answer.....	*

80. What level of education do you feel is necessary to achieve the American Dream?

None	5%
High school degree	15%
Some college/Community college	20%
Bachelor’s degree.....	35%
Master’s degree.....	17%
Doctoral or other professional degree.....	9%
Decline to answer.....	1%

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

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

NET: Agree..... 40%

Strongly agree 12%

Somewhat agree 28%

Neither agree nor disagree 40%

NET: Disagree 19%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 6%

Decline to answer..... 1%

82. 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..... 24%

Strongly agree 5%

Somewhat agree 19%

Neither agree nor disagree 48%

NET: Disagree 26%

Somewhat disagree 19%

Strongly disagree 7%

Decline to answer..... 1%

83. 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..... 42%

Strongly agree 21%

Somewhat agree 21%

Neither agree nor disagree 31%

NET: Disagree..... 26%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 13%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 15%

Strongly agree 5%

Somewhat agree 10%

Neither agree nor disagree 36%

NET: Disagree..... 47%

Somewhat disagree 17%

Strongly disagree 31%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

NET: Agree..... 21%

Strongly agree 8%

Somewhat agree 13%

Neither agree nor disagree 34%

NET: Disagree 44%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 31%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

NET: Agree..... 16%

Strongly agree 4%

Somewhat agree 13%

Neither agree nor disagree 43%

NET: Disagree 40%

Somewhat disagree 20%

Strongly disagree 19%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 27%

Strongly agree 10%

Somewhat agree 17%

Neither agree nor disagree 45%

NET: Disagree 26%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 13%

Decline to answer..... 2%

88. Homosexual relationships are morally wrong.

NET: Agree..... 27%

Strongly agree 19%

Somewhat agree 8%

Neither agree nor disagree 26%

NET: Disagree 46%

Somewhat disagree 8%

Strongly disagree 37%

Decline to answer..... 1%

89. 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 14%

Somewhat agree 26%

Neither agree nor disagree 35%

NET: Disagree..... 24%

Somewhat disagree 16%

Strongly disagree 8%

Decline to answer..... 1%

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

NET: Agree..... 51%

Strongly agree 24%

Somewhat agree 26%

Neither agree nor disagree 33%

NET: Disagree..... 15%

Somewhat disagree 8%

Strongly disagree 7%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

NET: Agree..... 25%

Strongly agree 8%

Somewhat agree 17%

Neither agree nor disagree 42%

NET: Disagree 31%

Somewhat disagree 17%

Strongly disagree 14%

Decline to answer..... 2%

92. The government should spend more to reduce poverty.

NET: Agree..... 39%

Strongly agree 15%

Somewhat agree 24%

Neither agree nor disagree 33%

NET: Disagree 27%

Somewhat disagree 16%

Strongly disagree 11%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

NET: Agree..... 24%

Strongly agree 7%

Somewhat agree 17%

Neither agree nor disagree 43%

NET: Disagree 34%

Somewhat disagree 18%

Strongly disagree 14%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

NET: Agree..... 42%

Strongly agree 16%

Somewhat agree 26%

Neither agree nor disagree 34%

NET: Disagree 24%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 11%

Decline to answer..... 1%

95. I am willing to give up some personal freedom and privacy for the sake of national security.

NET: Agree..... 40%

Strongly agree 6%

Somewhat agree 24%

Neither agree nor disagree 32%

NET: Disagree 37%

Somewhat disagree 17%

Strongly disagree 20%

Decline to answer..... 1%

96. A friend's sexual orientation is **not** important to me.

NET: Agree..... 61%

Strongly agree 41%

Somewhat agree 20%

Neither agree nor disagree 24%

NET: Disagree 14%

Somewhat disagree 8%

Strongly disagree 6%

Decline to answer..... 1%

97. I hold the same views on same-sex marriage as my parents.

NET: Agree..... 43%

Strongly agree 24%

Somewhat agree 20%

Neither agree nor disagree 33%

NET: Disagree 23%

Somewhat disagree 13%

Strongly disagree 10%

Decline to answer..... 1%

98. Public schools should focus more on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) even if it comes at the expense of other areas such as social studies and the arts.

NET: Agree..... 32%

Strongly agree 10%

Somewhat agree 22%

Neither agree nor disagree 35%

NET: Disagree 32%

Somewhat disagree 19%

Strongly disagree 13%

Decline to answer..... 1%

99. Increased racial diversity in the student body improves the quality of college education.

NET: Agree..... 46%

Strongly agree 14%

Somewhat agree 22%

Neither agree nor disagree 33%

NET: Disagree 19%

Somewhat disagree 12%

Strongly disagree 7%

Decline to answer..... 2%

100. I would be more likely to vote in an election where legalizing marijuana was on the ballot.

NET: Agree..... 23%

Strongly agree 12%

Somewhat agree 12%

Neither agree nor disagree 43%

NET: Disagree 32%

Somewhat disagree 11%

Strongly disagree 22%

Decline to answer..... 1%

101. What is the one website, social network or app that you could not live without?

Facebook.....	24%
Google.....	7%
Twitter.....	3%
YouTube	3%
Instagram.....	3%
Other	19%
None.....	42%

[If “Yes” in Q29, ask Q102-Q104]

Recent studies have indicated that when people sign off of social networks, they feel a variety of emotions. In a typical week, which of these do you most identify with after using **Facebook**?

102. Connected vs. Lonely.

	(n=2,582)
Connected	80%
Lonely	15%
Decline to answer.....	6%

103. Happy vs. Sad.

	(n=2,582)
Happy.....	80%
Sad.....	14%
Decline to answer.....	6%

104. Less Anxious vs. More Anxious.

	(n=2,582)
Less anxious.....	73%
More anxious	20%
Decline to answer.....	7%

[If “Yes” in Q30, ask Q105-Q106]

Recent studies have indicated that when people sign off of social networks, they feel a variety of emotions. In a typical week, which of these do you most identify with after using **Twitter**?

105. Connected vs. Lonely.

	(n=1,231)
Connected	76%
Lonely	13%
Decline to answer.....	10%

106. Happy vs. Sad.

	(n=1,231)
Happy	78%
Sad.....	11%
Decline to answer.....	10%

107. Less Anxious vs. More Anxious.

	(n=1,231)
Less anxious.....	69%
More anxious	19%
Decline to answer.....	12%

[If “Yes” in Q29 & Q30, ask 108]

108. Which of the following do you prefer to receive news about current events?

	(n=1,162)
Facebook.....	35%
Twitter.....	13%
Both equally	16%
Neither.....	36%

[If “Yes” in Q30, ask Q109-Q110]

109. Facebook has been asking for additional personal information from users in order to enhance the experience by improving the newsfeed and ad targeting features. Do these changes make you more likely to spend time on Facebook less likely or does it make no difference?

	(n=2,582)
More likely	7%
Less likely	35%
No difference	58%

110. In the last year, would you say you are using Facebook more, less or about the same?

	(n=2,582)
More	16%
Less	38%
Abtut the same	47%

Do you support or oppose the following:

111. Legalizing marijuana

NET: Support	44%
Strongly support.....	23%
Somewhat support.....	21%
Unsure.....	22%
NET: Oppose	34%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	23%
Decline to answer.....	*

112. Legalizing marijuana for medical purposes.

NET: Support	66%
Strongly support.....	39%
Somewhat support.....	27%
Unsure.....	19%
NET: Oppose	14%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	9%
Decline to answer.....	1%

113. In the past few months, have you used Marijuana?

Yes	10%
No.....	85%
Decline to answer.....	5%

[Asked of residents of all states except for WA and CO]

114. If marijuana were legalized for recreational use in your state would you:

	(n=2,937)
<u>NET: Definitely/Probably Use It</u>	<u>22%</u>
Definitely use it.....	9%
Probably use it.....	13%
<u>NET: Definitely/Probably Not Use It</u>	<u>77%</u>
Definitely not use it.....	22%
Probably not use it	55%
Decline to answer.....	1%

115. Would your perception of a friend change if you learned they used marijuana recreationally?

Yes – it would be more positive	5%
Yes – it would be more negative.....	30%
No.....	65%

116. Do you personally believe the gap in income between the rich and everyone else in America is:

A major problem	52%
A minor problem.....	20%
Not a problem	13%
Unsure	14%
Decline to answer.....	*

117. Over the course of your lifetime, would you say the gap in income in America between the rich and everyone else in America:

Increased	64%
Decreased.....	3%
Stayed about the same.....	16%
Unsure	16%
Decline to answer.....	1%

118. Based on what you know or have heard, would you say the gap between the rich and the poor in America is greater than in most other developed countries, smaller than that in most other developed countries, or about the same?

Gap in America is greater	43%
Gap in America is smaller.....	15%
Gap in America is about the same	13%
Unsure	28%
Decline to answer.....	1%

119. In general, do you think the gap in income between the rich and everyone else in America is more the result of certain people working hard and making smart choices or more the result of factors outside of an individual’s control?

Working hard and smart choices.....	32%
Outside of individual’s control	39%
Unsure	28%
Decline to answer.....	1%

120. In general, whose policies would you say are more responsible for the income gap between the rich and everyone else in America?

Democratic Party	8%
Republican Party.....	25%
Both equally	33%
Unsure	32%
Decline to answer.....	*

Different policymakers have proposed different solutions to reduce the gap between the rich and everyone else in America. Some of these solutions are below. For each solution, please use the following scale to indicate how effective you believe it would be at reducing the gap between the rich and everyone else.

121. Raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour.

NET: Effective.....	46%
Very effective.....	19%
Somewhat effective.....	27%
Unsure	26%
NET: Not Effective.....	26%
Not very effective	12%
Not at all effective.....	14%
Decline to answer.....	2%

122. Increasing access to high-quality preschool.

NET: Effective..... 40%

Very effective..... 14%

Somewhat effective..... 26%

Unsure..... 39%

NET: Not Effective..... 20%

Not very effective 12%

Not at all effective..... 8%

Decline to answer..... 2%

123. Making it easier for workers to join unions.

NET: Effective..... 31%

Very effective..... 10%

Somewhat effective..... 21%

Unsure..... 43%

NET: Not Effective..... 24%

Not very effective 14%

Not at all effective..... 11%

Decline to answer..... 2%

124. Strengthening families and increasing the percentage of low-income parents who get married.

NET: Effective.....	38%
Very effective.....	13%
Somewhat effective.....	25%
Unsure.....	42%
NET: Not Effective.....	17%
Not very effective	10%
Not at all effective.....	7%
Decline to answer.....	2%

125. Allowing parents more choice in where to send their children through school vouchers and more access to charter schools.

NET: Effective.....	45%
Very effective.....	14%
Somewhat effective.....	31%
Unsure.....	37%
NET: Not Effective.....	17%
Not very effective	10%
Not at all effective.....	7%
Decline to answer.....	2%

126. Reducing workplace discrimination based on gender and race.

NET: Effective..... 46%

Very effective..... 18%

Somewhat effective..... 28%

Unsure..... 34%

NET: Not Effective..... 18%

Not very effective 11%

Not at all effective..... 7%

Decline to answer..... 2%

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

The United State should take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts 25%

The United States should let other countries and the United Nations take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts 74%

Decline to answer 2%

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

Very good 9%

Fairly good 54%

Fairly bad 27%

Very bad..... 8%

Decline to answer 1%

129. 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	28%
Worse off financially than they are now	15%
Not sure	15%
Decline to answer	1%

[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college in Q1, ask 130]

130. 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?

	(n=626)
Very easy	6%
Somewhat easy	21%
Somewhat difficult	59%
Very difficult	14%
Refused	*

131. If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in?

Upper class	2%
Upper-middle class	13%
Middle class	47%
Lower-middle class	28%
Lower class	10%

132. Among your closest friends, how many of them are of a different race?

All of them	6%
Most of them	13%
Some of them	57%
None of them	23%

133. Among your closest friends, how many of them are of a different sexual orientation?

All of them	1%
Most of them	6%
Some of them	46%
None of them	45%

134. Do you have health insurance?

Yes, my employer provides it	27%
Yes, I am under 26 and covered by my parents' plan	35%
Yes, I have an individual plan or plan for my family	18%
No, I am not enrolled in health insurance	20%
Decline to answer.....	*

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

Catholic	20%
Protestant.....	14%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian	12%
LDS/Mormon	2%
Jewish.....	2%
Muslim	1%
No religious preference.....	25%
Another religion	10%
Decline to answer.....	9%
Not sure.....	4%

[If NOT “No Religious Preference” in 135, ask Q136]

136. How important is religion in your own life?

	(n=2,004)
Very important	44%
Somewhat important	35%
Not very important	17%
Not sure.....	4%

[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q=135 ask Q137]

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

	(n=1,906)
Yes	34%
No.....	53%
Not sure.....	10%
Decline to answer.....	3%

138. Do you consider yourself to be:

Heterosexual or straight	89%
Gay or lesbian	3%
Bisexual.....	4%
Other, please specify	1%
Decline to answer.....	3%

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

Cell phone	91%
Landline phone service	17%
VOIP phone service	3%
None of these	4%

[If currently enrolled in a college, ask Q140-Q144]

140. Is your college/university...?

	(n=626)
Public	71%
Private	29%

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

	(n=626)
In an urban or city area	48%
In a suburban area next to a city	25%
In small town or rural area	26%

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

	(n=626)
Less than 1,000	2%
1,000 - 4,999	26%
5,000 - 9,999	24%
10,000 - 19,999	23%
20,000 or more	24%
Decline to answer.....	1%

143. Where do you live while attending college?

	(n=626)
In an on-campus dormitory	21%
In fraternity/sorority housing	2%
In a campus-owned apartment	9%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents)	36%
At home, with my parents	28%
Somewhere else	4%

144. Are you a...?

	(n=626)
Full-time student	90%
Part-time student	10%
Decline to answer.....	*

145. What is your gender?

Male	48%
Female.....	52%

146. What is your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic	59%
Black, Non-Hispanic.....	13%
Hispanic	19%
Other, Non-Hispanic	7%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic	2%

147. What is your current education level?

Less than high school.....	12%
High school	26%
Some college.....	40%
Bachelor or higher.....	22%

148. What is your income?

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

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

Married.....	18%
Widowed.....	*
Divorced.....	1%
Separated.....	1%
Never married	69%
Living with partner	11%

150. Age:

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

151. Are you the head of your household?

Yes	42%
No	58%

152. 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	23%
3	26%
4	21%
5	13%
6	4%
7	2%
8	1%
9	*
10+	1%

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

0 – 12 months old	0.10
2 – 5 years old	0.16
6 – 12 years old	0.18
13 – 17 years old	0.26
18 years or older	2.69

154. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

NET: Working..... 59%

As a paid employee	55%
Self-employed	3%

NET: Not Working 41%

On temporary layoff from a job	1%
Looking for work	21%
Disabled	1%
Other	18%

155. Are your living quarters...?

Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	61%
Rented for cash	35%
Occupied without payment of cash rent	4%

156. Which best describes the building where you live?

A one-family house detached from any other house	65%
A one-family house attached to one or more houses	9%
A building with two or more apartments	22%
A mobile home	4%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	*

157. Do you have Internet access in your home?

Yes	96%
No.....	4%

158. What region do you live in?

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	37%
West	24%

159. Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?

Non-metro (rural).....	15%
Metro.....	85%

160. What region do you live in? (Based on state of residence)

New England	5%
Mid-Atlantic	13%
East-North Central	14%
West-North Central.....	8%
South Atlantic	20%
East-South Central	6%
West-South Central	10%
Mountain	6%
Pacific	18%

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