



**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service**  
**21st Edition: March 23 – April 9, 2012**  
**N=3,096 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with Knowledge Networks<sup>i</sup>)**  
**Margin of Error for entire sample: +/- 1.7% at the 95% level**  
**Margin of Error for college students: +/- 3.7% at the 95% level**

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

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
High school .....	7%	1%
Trade/Vocational school .....	2%	1%
2-year junior college or community college.....	12%	1%
4-year college or university .....	22%	100%
Graduate school .....	4%	1%
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.....	52%	-

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

2. In which year of college are you?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=678)</b>
First year student/Freshman .....	-	19%
Second year student/Sophomore.....	-	21%
Third year student/Junior .....	-	26%
Fourth year student/Senior .....	-	26%
Fifth year student or higher.....	-	6%

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3. Do you have an account on Facebook?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	84%	89%
No.....	16%	11%

4. Do you have an account on Twitter?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	28%	33%
No.....	72%	66%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	65%	74%
No.....	29%	22%
Don't know .....	5%	4%

**[If respondent was over 18 in 2008, ask Q6-Q7]**

The following are questions about voter registration and voting.

6. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 4th, 2008?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,214)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=329)</b>
I was registered .....	66%	83%
I thought about registering, but didn't .....	4%	4%
I tried to register, but was unable to.....	1%	1%
I was not registered to vote on Nov. 4 .....	21%	12%
Not sure.....	7%	1%

7. Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 4th, 2008?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,214)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=329)</b>
I voted at a polling place .....	42%	50%
I voted early .....	5%	6%
I voted by absentee ballot .....	11%	19%
I planned on voting, but wasn't able to.....	5%	2%
I did not vote in this election.....	35%	22%
I went to the polling place, but wasn't allowed to vote.....	1%	1%

8. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2012 election for President?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,575)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=348)</b>
Definitely will be voting .....	49%	53%
Probably will be voting.....	15%	21%
50/50 .....	13%	14%
Probably won't be voting.....	9%	7%
Definitely won't be voting .....	14%	6%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Democrat</u></b> .....	<b><u>37%</u></b>	<b><u>40%</u></b>
Strong Democrat .....	16%	17%
Not a very strong Democrat.....	21%	23%
<b><u>NET: Republican</u></b> .....	<b><u>24%</u></b>	<b><u>30%</u></b>
Strong Republican.....	10%	12%
Not a very strong Republican .....	14%	18%
<b><u>NET: Independent</u></b> .....	<b><u>38%</u></b>	<b><u>31%</u></b>
Leans Democrat .....	8%	8%
Leans Republican.....	6%	9%
Does not lean either way.....	24%	14%
Decline to answer.....	*	*

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Liberal .....</u></b>	<b><u>36%</u></b>	<b><u>40%</u></b>
Liberal .....	25%	28%
Moderate leaning liberal .....	11%	12%
Moderate .....	27%	25%
<b><u>NET: Conservative.....</u></b>	<b><u>35%</u></b>	<b><u>35%</u></b>
Moderate leaning conservative .....	11%	15%
Conservative .....	25%	21%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Supporter.....	10%	11%
Not a supporter.....	42%	48%
Not sure.....	48%	40%

12. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Occupy Wall Street movement, or are you not a supporter of the Occupy Wall Street movement?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Supporter.....	17%	20%
Not a supporter.....	40%	45%
Not sure.....	43%	35%

**[If respondent was over 18 in 2008, and “Voted” in Q7, ask Q13]**

13. For whom did you vote for president in 2008?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,295)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=246)</b>
Barack Obama.....	63%	63%
John McCain.....	30%	29%
Someone else .....	3%	2%
Don't remember .....	1%	1%
Decline to answer.....	4%	5%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	21%	22%
No.....	79%	78%
Decline to answer.....	1%	-

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Generally headed in the right direction.....	20%	22%
Off on the wrong track .....	43%	43%
Not sure what direction country is headed in.	36%	33%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Economy .....</u></b>	<b><u>58%</u></b>	<b><u>55%</u></b>
General .....	32%	34%
Jobs .....	15%	10%
Budget/Government spending .....	5%	8%
Money issues/Financial Stability .....	2%	1%
Taxes .....	1%	1%
Recession .....	*	*
Poverty .....	1%	1%
Economic equality/inequality .....	1%	*
Other economy .....	1%	*
<b><u>NET: Health Care .....</u></b>	<b><u>7%</u></b>	<b><u>8%</u></b>
Health care, general .....	7%	8%
Medical/health insurance .....	*	-
Universal health care.....	*	*
<b><u>NET: National Security .....</u></b>	<b><u>4%</u></b>	<b><u>3%</u></b>
Wars/Military .....	2%	2%
Terrorism/National security .....	1%	1%
Foreign policy/affairs.....	1%	*
Other national security .....	*	*
Immigration.....	5%	2%
Education .....	5%	7%
Energy .....	4%	4%
Moral and religious issues .....	3%	2%
Civil rights .....	2%	3%
Environment.....	1%	4%
Abortion .....	1%	2%
Government/political corruption.....	1%	1%
President Obama/lack of leadership.....	1%	-
Other issues .....	3%	3%
Don't know/No answer .....	2%	1%

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

17. Barack Obama as President.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	52%	52%
Disapprove .....	46%	47%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

18. The Democrats in Congress.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	39%	40%
Disapprove .....	58%	59%
Decline to answer.....	3%	1%

19. The Republicans in Congress.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	25%	28%
Disapprove .....	72%	71%
Decline to answer.....	3%	1%

**[If “Republican” or “Independent” in Q9, ask Q20]**

20. Which of the following candidates would you MOST like to see win the Republican nomination for president:

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,916)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=403)</b>
Mitt Romney .....	18%	24%
Ron Paul.....	17%	24%
Rick Santorum .....	13%	15%
Newt Gingrich .....	4%	7%
Don't Know .....	48%	30%

**[If “Republican” or “Independent” in Q9, ask Q21]**

21. In the 2012 campaign for president, in general, are you more likely to vote for **Obama**, or for the Republican Party’s candidate for president?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=1,916)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=403)</b>
Obama .....	21%	18%
Republican .....	42%	55%
Don’t know .....	36%	27%
Refused .....	1%	*

22. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for **Barack Obama**, or for **Mitt Romney**, if he were the Republican Party’s candidate for president?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Obama .....	43%	44%
Romney .....	26%	33%
Don’t know .....	30%	23%
Refused .....	1%	*

23. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for **Barack Obama**, or for **Newt Gingrich**, if he were the Republican Party’s candidate for president?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Obama .....	48%	51%
Gingrich .....	20%	27%
Don’t know .....	31%	22%
Refused .....	1%	1%

24. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for **Barack Obama**, or for **Rick Santorum**, if he were the Republican Party’s candidate for president?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Obama .....	46%	51%
Santorum .....	23%	27%
Don’t know .....	30%	22%
Refused .....	1%	*

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25. In the 2012 campaign for president, are you more likely to vote for **Barack Obama**, or for **Ron Paul**, if he were the Republican Party’s candidate for president?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
Obama .....	41%	42%
Paul .....	27%	33%
Don’t know .....	31%	24%
Refused .....	1%	1%

[For Q26-Q28 the sample was split into thirds with approximately each third receiving one of the questions]

26. In the event that Ron Paul chooses to run as an Independent candidate for president, and the final candidates were: **Barack Obama, Mitt Romney** and **Ron Paul** – for whom would you vote?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=967)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=201)</b>
Obama .....	41%	43%
Romney .....	18%	21%
Paul .....	13%	14%
Don’t know .....	27%	23%
Refused .....	1%	*

27. In the event that Ron Paul chooses to run as an Independent candidate for president, and the final candidates were: **Barack Obama, Rick Santorum** and **Ron Paul** – for whom would you vote?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=1,035)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=227)</b>
Obama .....	43%	46%
Santorum .....	14%	17%
Paul .....	13%	17%
Don’t know .....	30%	20%
Refused .....	1%	*

28. In the event that Ron Paul chooses to run as an Independent candidate for president, and the final candidates were: **Barack Obama**, **Newt Gingrich** and **Ron Paul** – for whom would you vote?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,094)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=250)</b>
Obama .....	39%	40%
Gingrich .....	12%	14%
Paul .....	18%	24%
Don't know .....	31%	21%
Refused .....	1%	*

29. Regardless of which candidate you support – do you believe that **Barack Obama** will win or lose re-election in 2012?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Win.....	43%	46%
Lose.....	27%	29%
Don't know .....	30%	25%

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

30. Afghanistan.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	50%	52%
Disapprove .....	48%	47%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

31. The economy.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	41%	41%
Disapprove .....	58%	57%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

32. Iran.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	48%	51%
Disapprove .....	50%	48%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

33. Health care.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	45%	42%
Disapprove .....	54%	57%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

34. Federal budget deficit.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Approve.....	36%	34%
Disapprove .....	63%	64%
Decline to answer.....	2%	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.

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes, have enough time .....	51%	51%
No, do not have enough time .....	49%	48%

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

36. Volunteered for community service?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	34%	53%
No .....	66%	47%

[If “Yes” in Q36, ask Q37]

37. How often did you participate in this activity?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,047)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=358)</b>
Weekly .....	19%	17%
A few times a month .....	21%	23%
About once a month .....	18%	23%
Less than once a month .....	42%	37%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	8%	14%
No .....	92%	86%

**[If “Yes” in Q38, ask Q39]**

39. How often did you participate in this activity?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=241)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=95)</b>
Weekly .....	23%	37%
A few times a month .....	17%	18%
About once a month .....	24%	27%
Less than once a month .....	36%	18%

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

40. Signed an online petition?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	33%	43%
No .....	67%	57%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	15%	17%
No .....	85%	83%

42. Attended a political rally or demonstration?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	12%	18%
No .....	88%	81%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	11%	13%
No .....	88%	87%

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44. Donated money to a political campaign or cause?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	9%	7%
No .....	90%	92%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	7%	11%
No .....	93%	89%

[If “Yes” in Q3, ask Q46-Q48]

46. Liked a political issue on Facebook?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,587)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=607)</b>
Yes .....	23%	27%
No .....	77%	73%

47. Liked a political candidate on Facebook?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,587)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=607)</b>
Yes .....	18%	20%
No .....	82%	79%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,587)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=607)</b>
Yes .....	17%	21%
No .....	82%	79%

**[If “Yes” in Q4, ask Q49]**

49. Used Twitter to advocate for a political position?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=857)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=227)</b></u>
Yes .....	15%	20%
No .....	84%	80%

**[If “Yes” in Q3, ask Q50]**

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

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=2,587)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=607)</b></u>
Yes .....	23%	24%
No .....	77%	76%

**[If “Obama” in Q26-Q28, ask Q51]**

51. If **President Obama’s** political organizers asked you to engage on his behalf to help the 2012 campaign, how likely would you be to participate?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=1,262)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=289)</b></u>
Very likely .....	17%	15%
Somewhat likely.....	35%	40%
Not very likely .....	30%	31%
Not at all likely.....	18%	15%

**[If “Romney” in Q26, ask Q52]**

52. Assume **Mitt Romney** was the Republican nominee and his political organizers asked you to engage on his behalf to help the 2012 campaign, how likely would you be to participate?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=178)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=42)</b></u>
Very likely .....	5%	*
Somewhat likely.....	27%	29%
Not very likely .....	46%	38%
Not at all likely.....	21%	33%

**[If “Santorum” in Q27, ask Q53]**

53. Assume **Rick Santorum** was the Republican nominee and his political organizers asked you to engage on his behalf to help the 2012 campaign, how likely would you be to participate?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=144)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=39)</b></u>
Very likely .....	10%	10%
Somewhat likely.....	34%	23%
Not very likely .....	36%	48%
Not at all likely.....	20%	19%

**[If “Gingrich” in Q28, ask Q54]**

54. Assume **Newt Gingrich** was the Republican nominee and his political organizers asked you to engage on his behalf to help the 2012 campaign, how likely would you be to participate?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=126)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=36)</b></u>
Very likely .....	7%	6%
Somewhat likely.....	28%	17%
Not very likely .....	42%	63%
Not at all likely.....	23%	14%

**[If “Paul” in Q26-Q28, ask Q55]**

55. If **Ron Paul’s** political organizers asked you to engage on his behalf to help the 2012 campaign, how likely would you be to participate?

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <u><b>(n=454)</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <u><b>(n=128)</b></u>
Very likely .....	16%	8%
Somewhat likely.....	34%	37%
Not very likely .....	35%	41%
Not at all likely.....	15%	14%



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.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b><u>NET: All/Most</u></b> .....	<b>41%</b>	<b>45%</b>
All of the time .....	8%	4%
Most of the time .....	33%	41%
<b><u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u></b> .....	<b>58%</b>	<b>55%</b>
Some of the time .....	42%	46%
Never .....	16%	9%
Decline to answer .....	1%	*

57. The United States Military.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b><u>NET: All/Most</u></b> .....	<b>55%</b>	<b>63%</b>
All of the time .....	13%	9%
Most of the time .....	42%	54%
<b><u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u></b> .....	<b>45%</b>	<b>36%</b>
Some of the time .....	34%	32%
Never .....	10%	4%
Decline to answer .....	1%	*

58. The Congress.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>29%</b>
All of the time .....	3%	2%
Most of the time .....	20%	27%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>71%</b>
Some of the time .....	56%	59%
Never .....	20%	12%
Decline to answer .....	*	*

59. The Supreme Court.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>52%</b>
All of the time .....	7%	8%
Most of the time .....	38%	44%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>47%</b>
Some of the time .....	42%	41%
Never .....	12%	7%
Decline to answer .....	1%	*

60. The federal government.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b>NET: All/Most .....</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>29%</b>
All of the time .....	3%	2%
Most of the time .....	24%	27%
<b>NET: Sometimes/Never .....</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>70%</b>
Some of the time .....	55%	60%
Never .....	17%	10%
Decline to answer .....	1%	*

61. The United Nations.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b><u>NET: All/Most</u></b> .....	<b>38%</b>	<b>43%</b>
All of the time .....	6%	5%
Most of the time .....	32%	39%
<b><u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u></b> .....	<b>61%</b>	<b>56%</b>
Some of the time .....	44%	44%
Never .....	18%	12%
Decline to answer .....	1%	*

62. Your state government.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b><u>NET: All/Most</u></b> .....	<b>32%</b>	<b>36%</b>
All of the time .....	4%	3%
Most of the time .....	29%	33%
<b><u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u></b> .....	<b>67%</b>	<b>64%</b>
Some of the time .....	52%	55%
Never .....	16%	8%
Decline to answer .....	*	*

63. Your local government.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b><u>NET: All/Most</u></b> .....	<b>37%</b>	<b>42%</b>
All of the time .....	4%	4%
Most of the time .....	33%	38%
<b><u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u></b> .....	<b>62%</b>	<b>58%</b>
Some of the time .....	48%	52%
Never .....	14%	6%
Decline to answer .....	*	—

64. Wall Street.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u> <b>(n=2,431)</b>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u> <b>(n=559)</b>
<b><u>NET: All/Most</u> .....</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>14%</b>
All of the time .....	2%	1%
Most of the time .....	12%	13%
<b><u>NET: Sometimes/Never</u> .....</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>86%</b>
Some of the time .....	51%	57%
Never .....	36%	29%
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.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>45%</b>	<b>49%</b>
Strongly agree .....	15%	15%
Somewhat agree .....	30%	34%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	37%	35%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	11%	9%
Strongly disagree .....	7%	5%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>59%</b>	<b>64%</b>
Strongly agree .....	26%	27%
Somewhat agree .....	33%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	32%	29%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	5%	5%
Strongly disagree .....	3%	1%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>23%</b>	<b>24%</b>
Strongly agree .....	8%	7%
Somewhat agree .....	15%	17%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	36%	30%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>40%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	23%	27%
Strongly disagree .....	18%	18%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

68. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: Agree</b> .....	<b>29%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Strongly agree .....	7%	6%
Somewhat agree .....	21%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	44%	42%
<b>NET: Disagree</b> .....	<b>27%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	20%	24%
Strongly disagree .....	7%	6%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>15%</u></b>	<b><u>14%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	5%	4%
Somewhat agree .....	9%	10%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	27%	25%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>58%</u></b>	<b><u>60%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	22%	24%
Strongly disagree .....	36%	36%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>37%</u></b>	<b><u>33%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	13%	11%
Somewhat agree .....	24%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	34%	32%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>29%</u></b>	<b><u>34%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	19%	24%
Strongly disagree .....	10%	10%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>35%</u></b>	<b><u>38%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	10%	10%
Somewhat agree .....	25%	28%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	48%	46%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>16%</u></b>	<b><u>15%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	10%	10%
Strongly disagree .....	6%	4%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

72. Community service is an honorable thing to do.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>69%</u></b>	<b><u>77%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	41%	51%
Somewhat agree .....	28%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	24%	19%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>6%</u></b>	<b><u>3%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	3%	3%
Strongly disagree .....	3%	*
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%



73. Politics has become too partisan.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>49%</u></b>	<b><u>52%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	25%	24%
Somewhat agree .....	23%	27%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	43%	41%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>7%</u></b>	<b><u>6%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	5%	4%
Strongly disagree .....	3%	2%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>31%</u></b>	<b><u>34%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	9%	11%
Somewhat agree .....	22%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	39%	39%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>29%</u></b>	<b><u>26%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	16%	15%
Strongly disagree .....	13%	11%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>29%</u></b>	<b><u>28%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	10%	8%
Somewhat agree .....	19%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	33%	31%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>37%</u></b>	<b><u>40%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	21%	25%
Strongly disagree .....	16%	15%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>18%</u></b>	<b><u>12%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	7%	4%
Somewhat agree .....	11%	8%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	60%	59%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>21%</u></b>	<b><u>27%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	12%	17%
Strongly disagree .....	9%	10%
Decline to answer.....	1%	2%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>45%</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	14%	11%
Somewhat agree .....	31%	33%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	39%	38%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>15%</u></b>	<b><u>19%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	11%	14%
Strongly disagree .....	4%	4%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>55%</u></b>	<b><u>61%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	21%	20%
Somewhat agree .....	34%	41%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	33%	30%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>11%</u></b>	<b><u>9%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	7%	7%
Strongly disagree .....	3%	2%
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><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>39%</u></b>	<b><u>39%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	11%	11%
Somewhat agree .....	27%	29%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	40%	36%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>21%</u></b>	<b><u>24%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	13%	16%
Strongly disagree .....	8%	7%
Decline to answer.....	1%	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><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree</u></b> .....	<b><u>24%</u></b>	<b><u>24%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	6%	4%
Somewhat agree .....	18%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	50%	45%
<b><u>NET: Disagree</u></b> .....	<b><u>25%</u></b>	<b><u>29%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	17%	22%
Strongly disagree .....	8%	7%
Decline to answer.....	1%	2%

81. Basic health insurance is a right for all people, and if someone has not means of paying for it, the government should provide it.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>44%</u></b>	<b><u>42%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	21%	19%
Somewhat agree .....	23%	23%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	31%	29%
<b><u>NET: Disagree .....</u></b>	<b><u>23%</u></b>	<b><u>28%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	13%	16%
Strongly disagree .....	11%	12%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>14%</u></b>	<b><u>11%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	5%	3%
Somewhat agree .....	10%	7%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	39%	36%
<b><u>NET: Disagree .....</u></b>	<b><u>46%</u></b>	<b><u>52%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	18%	17%
Strongly disagree .....	28%	35%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>21%</u></b>	<b><u>15%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	8%	5%
Somewhat agree .....	13%	9%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	36%	30%
<b><u>NET: Disagree.....</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>	<b><u>54%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	13%	18%
Strongly disagree .....	30%	36%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>22%</u></b>	<b><u>20%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	6%	6%
Somewhat agree .....	16%	14%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	42%	36%
<b><u>NET: Disagree.....</u></b>	<b><u>35%</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	20%	26%
Strongly disagree .....	16%	18%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b>
	<b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>28%</u></b>	<b><u>29%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	9%	12%
Somewhat agree .....	19%	17%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	45%	36%
<b><u>NET: Disagree.....</u></b>	<b><u>26%</u></b>	<b><u>33%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	14%	21%
Strongly disagree .....	12%	12%
Decline to answer.....	1%	2%

86. Homosexual relationships are morally wrong.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b>
	<b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>25%</u></b>	<b><u>24%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	15%	13%
Somewhat agree .....	9%	11%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	33%	28%
<b><u>NET: Disagree.....</u></b>	<b><u>42%</u></b>	<b><u>48%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	9%	8%
Strongly disagree .....	33%	40%
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.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Strongly agree .....	13%	13%
Somewhat agree .....	24%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	39%	32%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	16%	20%
Strongly disagree .....	8%	9%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Strongly agree .....	21%	20%
Somewhat agree .....	27%	30%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	35%	29%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>20%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	9%	13%
Strongly disagree .....	6%	8%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%



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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Strongly agree .....	9%	7%
Somewhat agree .....	16%	18%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	43%	43%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	16%	18%
Strongly disagree .....	15%	13%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

90. The government should spend more to reduce poverty.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Strongly agree .....	15%	10%
Somewhat agree .....	22%	24%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	38%	36%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	13%	17%
Strongly disagree .....	11%	13%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>23%</b>
Strongly agree .....	5%	5%
Somewhat agree .....	16%	19%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	47%	40%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>36%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	18%	19%
Strongly disagree .....	14%	17%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: Agree.....</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Strongly agree .....	17%	14%
Somewhat agree .....	26%	30%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	35%	29%
<b>NET: Disagree .....</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Somewhat disagree .....	13%	14%
Strongly disagree .....	9%	11%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>23%</u></b>	<b><u>25%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	5%	4%
Somewhat agree .....	19%	21%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	40%	36%
<b><u>NET: Disagree .....</u></b>	<b><u>36%</u></b>	<b><u>39%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	18%	21%
Strongly disagree .....	18%	18%
Decline to answer.....	1%	*

94. The U.S. should stop the development of nuclear weapons in Iran, even if it requires unilateral military action.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Agree.....</u></b>	<b><u>29%</u></b>	<b><u>29%</u></b>
Strongly agree .....	10%	9%
Somewhat agree .....	19%	20%
Neither agree nor disagree .....	51%	50%
<b><u>NET: Disagree .....</u></b>	<b><u>19%</u></b>	<b><u>21%</u></b>
Somewhat disagree .....	11%	13%
Strongly disagree .....	8%	8%
Decline to answer.....	1%	1%

95. In Fiscal Year 2010 there were 1,004 active federal advisory councils used to gain expertise from citizens outside the Federal Government.

There has been a recent proposal to create a Presidential Youth Council to allow young Americans to provide input on Federal Government services to make them more effective.

Young people would be chosen based on their experience as recipients of Federal Government services and their activism around issues that a specific departments works on.

Based on what you know at this time, how supportive are you of a Presidential Youth Council concept?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Very supportive.....	15%	18%
Somewhat supportive.....	31%	37%
Not very supportive.....	13%	13%
Not at all supportive.....	6%	5%
Don't know .....	34%	26%

### Importance of Issues Facing the United States

In order to measure the relative importance of a set of 20 current issues facing the United States, respondents were asked a series of match up questions that took the following form:

*Thinking about the major issues facing the United States today, please tell me which of the following two is more important to you:*

Each respondent was shown each individual issue one time, matched up against another issue chosen at random for a total of 10 rated match ups per respondent. On average, each of the 380 potential issue match ups was shown to n=163 respondents. After weighting procedures were performed, each issue was matched against each other issue a minimum of 136 times and a maximum of 197 times, though an analysis of the impacts of weighting procedure showed no significant impact due to weighting procedures on the relative strength of the match ups.

The 20 issues tested were:

- A. Solving the European Debt Crisis
- B. Preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon
- C. Countering China's rising influence
- D. Promoting a peaceful resolution to the Israel – Palestine issue
- E. Promoting stable democracy in the Middle East / North Africa
- F. Re-integrating North Korea into the world community
- G. Preventing the spread of terrorism
- H. Withdrawing from Afghanistan
- I. Reducing the federal deficit
- J. Addressing Social Security
- K. Creating a world-class education system
- L. Creating jobs and lowering the unemployment rate
- M. Addressing income inequality
- N. Lowering the tax burden for all Americans
- O. Becoming energy independent
- P. Combating the impacts of climate change
- Q. Ensuring affordable access to health care
- R. Reducing the role of big money in U.S. elections
- S. Protecting individual liberties from government
- T. Developing a comprehensive immigration policy

Q96-Q115 Show the aggregate results of these match ups, with the percentage shown representing the aggregate percentage of times that an issue was rated as more important than the issue it was matched up against.

A full table of the results of each individual match up is available.

Q96-Q115 are ordered by the percentage of times that an issue was deemed "More Important" by respondents.

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96. Creating jobs and lowering the unemployment rate.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>77%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Much more important .....	49%	46%
Somewhat more important.....	28%	34%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	11%	12%
Much less important.....	8%	7%
Decline to answer.....	3%	1%

97. Reducing the federal deficit.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>62%</b>	<b>69%</b>
Much more important .....	34%	40%
Somewhat more important.....	28%	29%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>37%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	21%	20%
Much less important.....	16%	10%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

98. Ensuring affordable access to health care.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>61%</b>	<b>57%</b>
Much more important .....	33%	27%
Somewhat more important.....	28%	30%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>36%</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	19%	26%
Much less important.....	18%	14%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

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99. Creating a world-class education system.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: More Important.....</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>66%</b>
Much more important .....	31%	32%
Somewhat more important.....	28%	34%
<b>NET: Less Important.....</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	21%	21%
Much less important.....	17%	12%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

100. Lowering the tax burden for all Americans.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: More Important.....</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>57%</b>
Much more important .....	31%	28%
Somewhat more important.....	30%	30%
<b>NET: Less Important.....</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>42%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	22%	28%
Much less important.....	17%	15%
Decline to answer.....	2%	*

101. Becoming energy independent.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b>NET: More Important.....</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>66%</b>
Much more important .....	30%	34%
Somewhat more important.....	29%	32%
<b>NET: Less Important.....</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	21%	19%
Much less important.....	18%	14%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

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102. Addressing Social Security.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: More Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>58%</u></b>	<b><u>60%</u></b>
Much more important .....	27%	28%
Somewhat more important.....	31%	31%
<b><u>NET: Less Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>40%</u></b>	<b><u>39%</u></b>
Somewhat less important .....	22%	22%
Much less important.....	18%	17%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

103. Preventing the spread of terrorism.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: More Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>54%</u></b>	<b><u>56%</u></b>
Much more important .....	27%	24%
Somewhat more important.....	28%	31%
<b><u>NET: Less Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>	<b><u>43%</u></b>
Somewhat less important .....	25%	27%
Much less important.....	19%	17%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

104. Preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: More Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>51%</u></b>	<b><u>52%</u></b>
Much more important .....	24%	20%
Somewhat more important.....	27%	32%
<b><u>NET: Less Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>46%</u></b>	<b><u>47%</u></b>
Somewhat less important .....	25%	30%
Much less important.....	21%	17%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%



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105. Protecting individual liberties from government.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>51%</b>	<b>53%</b>
Much more important .....	22%	21%
Somewhat more important.....	29%	32%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>46%</b>	<b>46%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	26%	26%
Much less important.....	20%	21%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

106. Withdrawing from Afghanistan.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>51%</b>	<b>53%</b>
Much more important .....	23%	18%
Somewhat more important.....	28%	35%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>47%</b>	<b>46%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	25%	25%
Much less important.....	22%	21%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

107. Reducing the role of big money in U.S. elections.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>51%</b>	<b>52%</b>
Much more important .....	26%	22%
Somewhat more important.....	26%	29%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>47%</b>	<b>47%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	24%	26%
Much less important.....	23%	22%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

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108. Addressing income inequality.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>50%</b>	<b>48%</b>
Much more important .....	22%	18%
Somewhat more important.....	27%	30%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>48%</b>	<b>50%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	25%	28%
Much less important.....	22%	22%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

109. Developing a comprehensive immigration policy.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>48%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Much more important .....	21%	14%
Somewhat more important.....	27%	30%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>50%</b>	<b>55%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	26%	29%
Much less important.....	25%	26%
Decline to answer.....	2%	*

110. Combating the impacts of climate change.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important</b> .....	<b>37%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Much more important .....	16%	16%
Somewhat more important.....	21%	22%
<b>NET: Less Important</b> .....	<b>61%</b>	<b>62%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	32%	36%
Much less important.....	29%	26%
Decline to answer.....	2%	*

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111. Promoting a peaceful resolution to the Israel – Palestine issue.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important.....</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>34%</b>
Much more important .....	12%	11%
Somewhat more important.....	22%	22%
<b>NET: Less Important.....</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>65%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	33%	40%
Much less important.....	30%	25%
Decline to answer.....	2%	2%

112. Promoting stable democracy in the Middle East / North Africa.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important.....</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>29%</b>
Much more important .....	8%	7%
Somewhat more important.....	23%	22%
<b>NET: Less Important.....</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>69%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	33%	34%
Much less important.....	33%	35%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

113. Countering China’s rising influence.

	<u><b>Total:</b></u> <u><b>18-29</b></u>	<u><b>4-Year</b></u> <u><b>College</b></u>
<b>NET: More Important.....</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Much more important .....	12%	8%
Somewhat more important.....	20%	21%
<b>NET: Less Important.....</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>69%</b>
Somewhat less important .....	35%	40%
Much less important.....	31%	29%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

For a full explanation of procedures used in Q96-Q115, please see page 37

114. Solving the European Debt Crisis.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: More Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>28%</u></b>	<b><u>28%</u></b>
Much more important .....	9%	7%
Somewhat more important.....	19%	21%
<b><u>NET: Less Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>70%</u></b>	<b><u>71%</u></b>
Somewhat less important .....	34%	39%
Much less important.....	36%	33%
Decline to answer.....	2%	1%

115. Re-integrating North Korea into the world community.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: More Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>22%</u></b>	<b><u>19%</u></b>
Much more important .....	5%	4%
Somewhat more important.....	16%	15%
<b><u>NET: Less Important.....</u></b>	<b><u>75%</u></b>	<b><u>80%</u></b>
Somewhat less important .....	37%	39%
Much less important.....	38%	41%
Decline to answer.....	3%	2%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
The United State should take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts .....	24%	22%
The United States should let other countries and the United Nations take the lead in solving international crises and conflicts .....	73%	75%
Decline to answer .....	3%	3%

117. Switching gears – the American Dream means different things to different people – can you please describe in this space – your version of the American Dream. (Open-ended question)

*Results Available Upon Request*

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Very good .....	7%	5%
Fairly good .....	51%	52%
Fairly bad .....	30%	36%
Very bad.....	11%	6%
Decline to answer .....	1%	1%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Better off financially than they are now .....	39%	40%
About the same as they are now .....	32%	38%
Worse off financially than they are now.....	17%	15%
Not sure.....	11%	6%
Decline to answer .....	1%	1%

**[If currently enrolled in 4-year college in Q1, ask Q120]**

120. 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><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=678)</b>
Very easy .....	-	3%
Somewhat easy .....	-	18%
Somewhat difficult .....	-	61%
Very difficult.....	-	17%
Decline to answer .....	-	1%

121. How much will your financial circumstances going forward be impacted by student loans?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=523)</b>
A lot .....	-	45%
A little .....	-	28%
Not much at all .....	-	27%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Catholic .....	22%	22%
Protestant.....	13%	21%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian .....	11%	9%
LDS/Mormon .....	2%	2%
Jewish.....	1%	3%
Muslim .....	*	1%
No religious preference.....	25%	24%
Another religion .....	9%	7%
Decline to answer.....	10%	7%
Not sure .....	5%	4%

[If **NOT** “No Religious Preference” in Q122, ask Q123]

123. How important is religion in your own life?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=2,014)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=472)</b>
Very important .....	44%	38%
Somewhat important .....	34%	34%
Not very important .....	18%	25%
Not sure.....	4%	3%

[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q123 ask Q124]

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b> <b>(n=1,962)</b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=447)</b>
Yes .....	32%	27%
No.....	50%	65%
Not sure.....	12%	6%
Decline to answer.....	5%	2%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Cell phone .....	87%	97%
Landline phone service .....	25%	19%
VOIP phone service .....	3%	2%
None of these .....	6%	1%

[If currently enrolled 4-year college, ask Q126]

126. Is your college/university...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=678)</b>
Public .....	-	75%
Private .....	-	25%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=678)</b>
In an urban or city area .....	-	51%
In a suburban area next to a city .....	-	29%
In small town or rural area .....	-	20%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=678)</b>
Less than 1,000 .....	-	4%
1,000 - 4,999 .....	-	23%
5,000 - 9,999 .....	-	26%
10,000 - 19,999 .....	-	18%
20,000 or more .....	-	29%
Decline to answer.....	-	1%



129. Where do you live while attending college?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=678)</b>
In an on-campus dormitory .....	-	26%
In fraternity/sorority housing .....	-	1%
In a campus-owned apartment .....	-	8%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .....	-	38%
At home, with my parents .....	-	25%
Somewhere else .....	-	2%

130. Are you a...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b> <b>(n=678)</b>
Full-time student .....	-	92%
Part-time student .....	-	8%

131. What is your gender?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Male .....	49%	47%
Female .....	51%	53%

132. What is your race and ethnicity?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
White, Non-Hispanic .....	58%	71%
Black, Non-Hispanic .....	12%	10%
Hispanic .....	21%	11%
Other, Non-Hispanic .....	6%	7%
2 or more races, Non-Hispanic .....	2%	2%

133. What is your current education level?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Less than high school.....	14%	2%
High school .....	27%	21%
Some college.....	38%	72%
Bachelor or higher.....	20%	5%

134. What is your income?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Less than \$5,000 .....	5%	2%
\$5,000 - \$7,499 .....	2%	1%
\$7,500 - \$9,999 .....	2%	1%
\$10,000 - \$12,499 .....	3%	1%
\$12,500 - \$14,999 .....	2%	1%
\$15,000 - \$19,999 .....	3%	1%
\$20,000 - \$24,999 .....	4%	1%
\$25,000 - \$29,999 .....	7%	4%
\$30,000 - \$34,999 .....	5%	4%
\$35,000 - \$39,999 .....	5%	3%
\$40,000 - \$49,999 .....	7%	5%
\$50,000 - \$59,999 .....	10%	10%
\$60,000 - \$74,999 .....	9%	9%
\$75,000 - \$84,999 .....	8%	9%
\$85,000 - \$99,999 .....	9%	13%
\$100,000 - \$124,999 .....	9%	17%
\$125,000 - \$149,000 .....	5%	10%
\$150,000 - \$174,999 .....	2%	4%
\$175,000 or more .....	3%	6%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Married.....	21%	6%
Widowed.....	*	-
Divorced.....	1%	*
Separated.....	1%	-
Never married .....	63%	87%
Living with partner .....	14%	6%

136. Age:

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
18.....	8%	9%
19.....	8%	17%
20.....	9%	17%
21.....	9%	20%
22.....	9%	13%
23.....	8%	7%
24.....	7%	4%
25.....	7%	3%
26.....	7%	3%
27.....	8%	2%
28.....	9%	2%
29.....	11%	3%

137. Are you the head of your household?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	43%	27%
No .....	57%	73%

138. 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.

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
1 .....	7%	4%
2 .....	22%	14%
3 .....	24%	27%
4 .....	25%	32%
5 .....	13%	15%
6 .....	6%	5%
7 .....	2%	3%
8 .....	1%	1%
9 .....	*	-
10 .....	1%	-
13 .....	*	-

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
0 – 12 months old .....	0.12	0.04
2 – 5 years old .....	0.22	0.09
6 – 12 years old .....	0.22	0.16
13 – 17 years old .....	0.28	0.41
18 years or older .....	2.70	3.06

140. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
<b><u>NET: Working</u></b> .....	<b><u>59%</u></b>	<b><u>58%</u></b>
As a paid employee .....	55%	57%
Self-employed .....	4%	1%
<b><u>NET: Not Working</u></b> .....	<b><u>41%</u></b>	<b><u>41%</u></b>
On temporary layoff from a job .....	2%	1%
Looking for work .....	23%	20%
Disabled .....	2%	*
Other .....	15%	20%

141. Are your living quarters...?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household .....	59%	77%
Rented for cash .....	36%	21%
Occupied without payment of cash rent .....	4%	2%

142. Which best describes the building where you live?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
A one-family house detached from any other house .....	60%	81%
A one-family house attached to one or more houses .....	12%	5%
A building with 2 or more apartments .....	24%	13%
A mobile home .....	4%	1%
Boat, RV, van, etc. ....	*	-

143. Do you have Internet access in your home?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Yes .....	90%	98%
No.....	10%	2%

144. What region do you live in?

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Northeast .....	18%	22%
Midwest .....	22%	27%
South .....	35%	30%
West .....	25%	21%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
Non-metro (rural).....	14%	15%
Metro.....	86%	85%

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

	<b><u>Total:</u></b> <b><u>18-29</u></b>	<b><u>4-Year</u></b> <b><u>College</u></b>
New England .....	5%	5%
Mid-Atlantic .....	13%	17%
East-North Central .....	14%	17%
West-North Central .....	8%	10%
South Atlantic .....	19%	17%
East-South Central .....	5%	5%
West-South Central .....	11%	8%
Mountain .....	7%	9%
Pacific .....	18%	12%

<sup>1</sup>A complete Field Report from 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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