



# HARVARD Kennedy School INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

## Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service

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N=2,096 18- to- 29-Year-Olds in English and Spanish

Margin of Error: +/-3.21% at the 95% Level

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

High school .....	5%
Trade/Vocational school .....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college .....	6%
4-year college/university .....	17%
Graduate school.....	6%
Business or professional school .....	2%
Not enrolled in a college/university, but taking at least one course .....	1%
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	62%
Refused.....	1%

**[IF RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, ASK Q2]**

2. In which year of college are you? (n=365)

First year student/Freshman .....	24%
Second year student/Sophomore .....	22%
Third year student/Junior .....	22%
Fourth year student/Senior .....	22%
Fifth year student or higher .....	7%
Refused.....	2%

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

Yes.....	50%
No .....	40%
Don't know.....	8%
Refused.....	1%

The following are questions about voter registration and voting...

**[IF RESPONDENT WAS OVER 18 ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ASK Q4 – Q6]**

4. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 5th, 2024? (n=2,080)
 

I was registered .....	50%
I thought about registering, but didn't.....	6%
I tried to register, but was unable to .....	2%
I was not registered to vote on November 5, 2024 ....	30%
Not sure .....	10%
Refused.....	1%
  
5. **[SPLIT SAMPLE A]** Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 5th, 2024? (n=1,038)
 

I voted at a polling place .....	21%
I voted early.....	10%
I voted by mail / absentee ballot .....	17%
I planned on voting but wasn't able to .....	5%
I did not vote in this election .....	44%
I went to the polling place but wasn't allowed to vote .....	2%
Refused.....	1%
  
6. **[SPLIT SAMPLE B]** In November 2024, Donald Trump ran on the Republican ticket against Kamala Harris, for the Democrats. Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in that election for president? (n=1,042)
 

Yes, I definitely voted.....	44%
I'm not 100% certain if I voted .....	3%
I definitely did not vote .....	51%
Refused.....	3%
  
7. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?
 

<b>Net: Democrat.....</b>	<b>24%</b>
Strong Democrat .....	13%
Not a strong Democrat .....	11%
 <b>Net: Republican.....</b>	 <b>24%</b>
Strong Republican .....	11%
Not a strong Republican.....	14%
 <b>Net: Independent/Unaffiliated .....</b>	 <b>47%</b>
Lean Democrat .....	11%
Lean Republican.....	10%
Do not lean towards either party .....	26%
 Refused.....	 4%

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

Liberal .....	24%
Moderate leaning liberal .....	7%
Moderate .....	31%
Moderate leaning conservative .....	8%
Conservative.....	23%
Refused.....	6%

**[IF RESPONDENT VOTED IN 2024, ASK Q9]**

9. For whom did you vote for president in 2024? (n=1,425)

Kamala Harris .....	48%
Donald Trump .....	42%
Someone else.....	5%
Decline to answer.....	3%
Don't remember .....	1%
Refused.....	1%

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

Yes.....	23%
No .....	75%
Refused.....	2%

11. Overall, how closely do you follow news about national politics?

<b>Net: Closely .....</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Net: Not closely .....</b>	<b>58%</b>

Very closely .....	9%
Somewhat closely.....	32%
Not very closely .....	32%
Not at all closely.....	26%
Refused.....	2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction.....	15%
Off on the wrong track .....	51%
Not sure what direction the country is headed in.....	31%
Refused.....	3%

13. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you most?

<b>Net: Economic Issues .....</b>	<b>38%</b>
Economy .....	17%
Inflation/prices/cost of living increases .....	9%
High cost of living/difficult to make ends meet.....	3%
Financial stability/money issues .....	2%
Jobs/Employment.....	2%
Tariffs.....	1%
Other economy mentions .....	3%
 <b>Net: Government/Democracy/Politics.....</b>	 <b>11%</b>
President Trump/ineffective leadership/administration .....	5%
Government/political corruption.....	2%
Fascism.....	1%
Democracy .....	1%
Other government/politics mentions .....	2%
 Illegal immigrants/Immigration .....	 7%
Civil rights/liberties.....	3%
Foreign policy/national security/military .....	3%
The environment/Global warming .....	3%
Abortion/Reproductive rights.....	2%
Crime/Crime rates .....	2%
Gun control/Second Amendment rights.....	1%
Health care issues.....	1%
Housing .....	1%
Education.....	1%
 Other mentions .....	 13%
Don't know/no answer.....	11%
None .....	2%

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

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "APPROVE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Approve	Disapprove	Refused
14. Donald Trump as president	31%	61%	8%
15. The Republicans in Congress	29%	62%	9%
16. The Democrats in Congress	23%	66%	11%

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

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: FAVORABLE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Net: Fav.	Net: Unfav.	Very fav.	Some- what fav.	Some- what unfav.	Very unfav.	Don't have enough info to rate	Never heard of	Ref.
17. Donald Trump	30%	57%	14%	17%	15%	43%	5%	3%	4%
18. Elon Musk	25%	58%	9%	16%	14%	44%	9%	4%	5%
19. Joe Rogan (n=1,055)	20%	34%	8%	12%	12%	22%	21%	22%	3%
20. Theo Von (n=1,041)	19%	15%	6%	13%	8%	8%	18%	42%	6%
21. Charlie Kirk (n=1,034)	13%	23%	6%	8%	7%	16%	14%	46%	3%
22. Andrew Tate (n=1,062)	8%	47%	4%	5%	9%	38%	15%	25%	5%
23. Hasan Piker (n=1,048)	7%	14%	2%	6%	5%	9%	16%	57%	4%
24. Alex Cooper (n=1,048)	7%	11%	3%	5%	4%	8%	22%	56%	4%

25. How do you think President Trump's policies will affect the American economy over the next four years?

Hurt the economy .....47%  
 Help the economy .....24%  
 No impact on the economy .....4%  
 Don't know.....21%  
 Refused.....3%

26. How do you think President Trump's policies will affect your personal finances over the next four years?

Hurt my finances .....	42%
Help my finances.....	20%
No impact on my finances.....	9%
Don't know.....	26%
Refused.....	3%

27. Is America better or worse off now under President Trump compared to under President Biden?

Worse off now under Trump.....	41%
Better off now under Trump .....	25%
About the same.....	14%
Don't know.....	17%
Refused.....	3%

28. What lasting impact, if any, did Covid-19 pandemic restrictions have on your social life?

No lasting impact -- my friendships remained the same.....	49%
I became more socially isolated .....	22%
I lost touch with friends and never reconnected.....	9%
I formed new friendships online that became important.....	7%
I lost touch with friends but reconnected later .....	7%
I became more socially active .....	3%
Refused.....	3%

29. Which best describes your sense of belonging in a community?

I feel somewhat connected to a community .....	26%
I do not feel a strong sense of belonging anywhere .....	18%
I feel deeply connected to at least one community ....	17%
I am searching for a community where I belong.....	12%
I'm not sure / Don't know .....	24%
Refused.....	3%

How important is it to you to achieve each of the following?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: IMPORTANT." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

		<b>Net: Imp.</b>	<b>Net: Not imp.</b>	Ext. imp.	Imp.	Neither unimp. nor imp.	Not very imp.	Not at all imp.	Ref.
30.	Be financially secure	<b>86%</b>	<b>4%</b>	60%	26%	6%	2%	2%	4%
31.	Own a home	<b>74%</b>	<b>9%</b>	41%	33%	14%	5%	3%	3%
32.	Find a long-term romantic partner	<b>67%</b>	<b>13%</b>	36%	32%	16%	6%	7%	4%
33.	Get married	<b>57%</b>	<b>18%</b>	29%	28%	22%	8%	10%	3%
34.	Accumulate significant wealth	<b>56%</b>	<b>15%</b>	22%	34%	26%	9%	5%	4%
35.	Have kids	<b>48%</b>	<b>26%</b>	25%	23%	23%	9%	16%	4%

How confident are you that you'll achieve each of the following?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: CONFIDENT." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

		<b>Net: Con- fident</b>	<b>Net: Not con- fident</b>	Ext. con- fident	Con- fident	Neither not confident nor confident	Not very con- fident	Not at all con- fident	Ref.
36.	Find a long-term romantic partner	<b>57%</b>	<b>16%</b>	30%	27%	23%	10%	6%	3%
37.	Be financially secure	<b>56%</b>	<b>16%</b>	18%	38%	24%	11%	4%	4%
38.	Own a home	<b>54%</b>	<b>21%</b>	25%	29%	22%	14%	8%	4%
39.	Get married	<b>53%</b>	<b>17%</b>	29%	23%	26%	10%	8%	4%
40.	Have kids	<b>46%</b>	<b>24%</b>	21%	24%	27%	10%	14%	4%
41.	Accumulate significant wealth	<b>34%</b>	<b>29%</b>	11%	23%	34%	18%	10%	4%

42. How important is political agreement in your romantic relationships?

**Net: Important.....47%**

**Net: Not important.....23%**

Extremely important.....19%

Important.....29%

Neither unimportant nor important .....27%

Not very important .....9%

Not at all important .....13%

Refused.....3%

43. Which statement is closest to your own view on expectations for women in American society today?

Society pressures women to succeed  
in both career and family.....34%

Society pressures women to prioritize  
family over career success .....18%

Society pressures women to prioritize  
career success over family .....13%

There is no strong societal pressure today .....7%

Don't know.....24%

Refused.....3%

44. To what extent do you feel understood by your parent(s) or guardian(s)?

**Net: Completely/ Mostly understood.....62%**

**Net: Rarely/ Not at all understood.....27%**

Completely understood .....16%

Mostly understood.....46%

Rarely understood .....18%

Not at all understood .....8%

Not applicable .....9%

Refused.....3%

45. At this moment, would you say that you are more hopeful or fearful about the future of America?

Fearful .....61%

Hopeful.....35%

Refused.....5%



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

**[DISPLAYED IN THE ORDER RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED QUESTIONS.]**

	Yes	No	Refused
46. Volunteered for community service	27%	69%	4%
47. Participated in a government, political, or issue-related organization	7%	89%	4%

Next, we would now like to ask you some questions about your participation in various activities.

Have you ever done any of the following?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "YES." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Yes	No	Refused
48. Shared or posted online advocating for a political position or opinion	21%	76%	4%
49. Attended a political rally or demonstration	11%	85%	4%
50. Donated money to a political campaign or cause	11%	86%	4%
51. Volunteered on a political campaign for a candidate or an issue	6%	90%	4%

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

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: ALL/ MOST OF THE TIME." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Net: All/ Most of the time	Net: Some of the time/ Never	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	Ref.
52. The United States military	40%	55%	10%	30%	33%	22%	5%
53. The Supreme Court	29%	67%	5%	24%	42%	24%	5%
54. The President	23%	72%	6%	17%	38%	34%	5%
55. The federal government	19%	76%	3%	16%	47%	29%	5%
56. The Congress	18%	77%	4%	15%	47%	29%	5%

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

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: AGREE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

		<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Dis- agree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
57.	Elected officials seem to be motivated by selfish reasons.	<b>68%</b>	<b>7%</b>	38%	29%	20%	5%	3%	5%
58.	I feel like the government does not represent the America I love.	<b>54%</b>	<b>11%</b>	29%	25%	29%	7%	4%	5%
59.	Politics today are no longer able to meet the challenges our country is facing.	<b>50%</b>	<b>12%</b>	20%	30%	32%	8%	4%	6%
60.	People like me don't have any say about what the government does.	<b>48%</b>	<b>19%</b>	20%	28%	28%	12%	6%	5%
61.	I feel like I need more practical information about politics before I get involved.	<b>47%</b>	<b>20%</b>	18%	29%	28%	11%	9%	5%
62.	I feel comfortable sharing my political opinions at my college without fear of censorship or negative repercussions. (n=365)	<b>39%</b>	<b>25%</b>	13%	26%	31%	14%	11%	5%

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

		<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Dis- agree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
63.	Running for office is an honorable thing to do.	<b>34%</b>	<b>21%</b>	8%	26%	40%	13%	8%	5%
64.	Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.	<b>31%</b>	<b>26%</b>	9%	21%	38%	16%	9%	5%
65.	Politics is not relevant to my life right now.	<b>25%</b>	<b>42%</b>	11%	15%	28%	21%	22%	5%
66.	The President should have the authority to take any actions they consider necessary to benefit the country.	<b>21%</b>	<b>49%</b>	8%	13%	24%	17%	32%	5%

Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following problems?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: At least several days</b>	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day	Refused
67. Feeling tired or having little energy	<b>61%</b>	35%	35%	13%	13%	4%
68. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	<b>52%</b>	44%	27%	12%	12%	4%
69. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<b>44%</b>	52%	26%	9%	9%	4%
70. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading or watching television	<b>43%</b>	53%	25%	10%	8%	4%
71. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<b>42%</b>	53%	24%	9%	9%	4%
72. Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	<b>40%</b>	56%	23%	8%	8%	4%
73. Poor appetite or overeating	<b>38%</b>	58%	19%	10%	8%	4%
74. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual.	<b>24%</b>	72%	13%	7%	5%	4%
75. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or thoughts of hurting yourself in some way	<b>23%</b>	73%	12%	5%	5%	4%

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

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: AGREE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

		<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Dis- agree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
76.	I am concerned about the moral direction of the country.	<b>64%</b>	<b>10%</b>	38%	26%	23%	6%	4%	3%
77.	Basic health insurance is a right for all people, and if someone has no means of paying for it, the government should provide it.	<b>59%</b>	<b>16%</b>	37%	22%	22%	8%	8%	3%
78.	Basic necessities, such as food and shelter, are a right that government should provide to those unable to afford them.	<b>57%</b>	<b>16%</b>	32%	25%	24%	9%	7%	3%
79.	The government should spend more to reduce poverty.	<b>51%</b>	<b>17%</b>	25%	26%	28%	9%	8%	3%
80.	People these days put too much emphasis on racial identity.	<b>47%</b>	<b>21%</b>	25%	22%	29%	12%	9%	3%
81.	Government should do more to curb climate change, even at the expense of economic growth.	<b>45%</b>	<b>20%</b>	23%	22%	31%	9%	11%	3%
82.	The U.S. is experiencing an immigration crisis at the Southern border.	<b>42%</b>	<b>22%</b>	19%	23%	33%	12%	10%	3%

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

	<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Dis- agree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
83. 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>38%</b>	<b>23%</b>	16%	22%	36%	15%	9%	3%
84. Cutting taxes is an effective way to increase economic growth.	<b>36%</b>	<b>20%</b>	14%	22%	41%	10%	10%	3%
85. 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>34%</b>	<b>17%</b>	12%	22%	46%	12%	5%	3%
86. Recent immigration into this country has done more good than harm.	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	13%	18%	36%	15%	15%	4%
87. Government spending is an effective way to increase economic growth.	<b>29%</b>	<b>24%</b>	10%	18%	45%	14%	10%	3%
88. Same sex relationships are morally wrong.	<b>28%</b>	<b>46%</b>	20%	8%	23%	8%	38%	3%
89. Recent illegal immigration into this country has done more good than harm.	<b>27%</b>	<b>36%</b>	11%	16%	33%	16%	20%	4%

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

		<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Dis- agree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
90.	Qualified minorities should be given special preferences in hiring and education.	<b>26%</b>	<b>35%</b>	9%	17%	36%	13%	22%	3%
91.	Religious values should play a more important role in government.	<b>25%</b>	<b>47%</b>	12%	13%	26%	12%	35%	3%
92.	In today's world, it is sometimes necessary to attack potentially hostile countries or groups, rather than waiting until we are attacked to respond.	<b>19%</b>	<b>38%</b>	5%	14%	40%	20%	18%	3%

93. Some people talk about 'elites' in American society - those with significant influence in politics, media, business, and cultural institutions. How would you characterize the relationship between these elites and the broader American public?

Elites primarily serve their own interests at public expense.....	52%
Elites have good intentions but lack understanding of public concerns.....	8%
The gap between elites and public is overstated .....	6%
Elites generally understand and represent public interests.....	2%
Don't know.....	29%
Refused.....	3%

94. Which of these is your main source of news in the last month?

Social media, Podcasts, or YouTube.....	31%
Digital or online news .....	11%
ABC, CBS, or NBC News .....	6%
Your local TV news or newspaper.....	5%
New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, or Wall Street Journal .....	4%
FOX News.....	4%
CNN or MSNBC .....	4%
Telemundo or Univision .....	2%
Public television or radio .....	2%
Conservative media (Talk radio, Breitbart, Newsmax, OAN, etc.).....	1%
Other.....	4%
None of these.....	23%
Refused.....	3%



Do you support or oppose:

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: SUPPORT." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

		<b>Net: Sup.</b>	<b>Net: Opp.</b>	Strongly support	Some- what support	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
95.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE A]</b> Creation of the federal Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) aimed at reducing waste and improving accountability? (n=1,050)	<b>35%</b>	<b>38%</b>	15%	20%	11%	27%	22%	4%
96.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE B]</b> Ending Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in the federal government? (n=1,049)	<b>32%</b>	<b>42%</b>	19%	13%	12%	30%	23%	4%
97.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE B]</b> Significant reductions in the number of federal government employees? (n=1,046)	<b>28%</b>	<b>43%</b>	11%	17%	17%	26%	25%	4%
98.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE A]</b> Conducting immigration enforcement actions in schools, hospitals, and places of worship? (n=1,047)	<b>20%</b>	<b>55%</b>	7%	13%	14%	40%	21%	4%
99.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE A]</b> Abolishing the U.S. Department of Education? (n=1,049)	<b>20%</b>	<b>52%</b>	9%	11%	12%	40%	23%	5%
100.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE B]</b> The implementation of tariffs on foreign goods, even if they lead to higher prices for consumers in the U.S.? (n=1,051)	<b>20%</b>	<b>56%</b>	5%	14%	20%	36%	19%	5%

Do you support or oppose:

		<b>Net: Sup.</b>	<b>Net: Opp.</b>	Strongly support	Some- what support	Some- what oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
101.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE A]</b> The implementation of tariffs on foreign goods? (n=1,045)	<b>19%</b>	<b>50%</b>	7%	12%	18%	32%	28%	3%
102.	Pardoning people convicted of crimes for their roles in the events of January 6, 2021?	<b>18%</b>	<b>54%</b>	10%	8%	13%	41%	24%	4%
103.	<b>[SPLIT SAMPLE B]</b> The United States taking control of and redeveloping the Gaza Strip, displacing Palestinians? (n=1,047)	<b>14%</b>	<b>54%</b>	4%	11%	12%	42%	28%	4%

104. Which approach should guide American engagement with the world?

Strategic partnerships with clear  
reciprocal benefits .....23%  
Case-by-case engagement based  
on specific American interests .....19%  
Reduced international commitments  
to focus on domestic priorities .....11%  
Active leadership through military  
and economic intervention .....7%  
Don't know.....37%  
Refused.....3%

105. What should the United States do regarding its membership in NATO?

Remain in NATO and maintain current  
commitments .....24%  
Remain in NATO but reduce U.S. involvement .....14%  
Remain in NATO and strengthen  
U.S. commitments .....11%  
Leave NATO entirely.....6%  
Don't know.....42%  
Refused.....3%

106. Do you think that the United States spends too much, not enough, or just the right amount of money on aid to other countries?

Too much money.....	40%
Just the right amount of money .....	13%
Not enough money .....	9%
Don't know.....	35%
Refused.....	3%

107. When, if ever, is it acceptable for the U.S. to get involved in another country's affairs? Select all that apply.

To protect our allies .....	54%
To prevent human rights violations.....	51%
To prevent terrorism.....	48%
To defend US national security interests .....	48%
To help grow the US economy.....	24%
To promote democracy .....	19%
To curb the influence of rival countries .....	14%
None of the above .....	16%
Refused.....	4%

108. Please select the TWO aspects you believe are MOST central to American identity today. Select exactly two options.

Individual rights and freedoms.....	39%
Economic opportunity and upward mobility.....	21%
Diversity and inclusion .....	18%
Democracy and civic engagement .....	17%
Free markets and capitalism.....	12%
Patriotism and national pride .....	12%
Family values .....	11%
Innovation and progress .....	11%
Christian values .....	10%
Strength and resilience .....	9%
None of the above .....	15%
Refused.....	4%

109. Which of the following best describes you?

<b>Net: Proud to be an American .....</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Net: Embarrassed to be an American .....</b>	<b>29%</b>
Very proud to be an American.....	23%
Somewhat proud to be an American .....	18%
Neither proud nor embarrassed to be an American....	26%
Somewhat embarrassed to be an American .....	15%
Very embarrassed to be an American .....	14%
Refused.....	5%

110. Which is closest to your belief about how diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives affect fairness in workplaces, education, and society?

Promote fairness.....34%  
 Reduce fairness .....20%  
 No effect on fairness .....11%  
 Don't know.....31%  
 Refused.....4%

111. In what ways, if at all, have DEI initiatives influenced your experience with hiring, recruitment, or admissions?

I have not encountered DEI initiatives.....22%  
 They have not affected me .....22%  
 They have negatively affected me.....11%  
 They have positively affected me .....9%  
 Don't know.....32%  
 Refused.....4%

112. How would you describe your household's financial situation?

Struggling to make ends meet.....10%  
 Getting by, but with limited financial security .....32%  
 Comfortable and financially stable .....38%  
 Doing well with a high level of financial security .....8%  
 Very well off financially .....8%  
 Refused.....4%

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

Better off financially than they are now.....31%  
 About the same as they are now.....23%  
 Worse off financially than they are now .....22%  
 Not sure .....21%  
 Refused.....3%

**[IF ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, ASK Q114]**

114. Based on the current state of the economy, how easy or difficult do you think it will be for students in your class to find a permanent job upon graduation? (n=365)

**Net: Easy .....32%**  
**Net: Difficult .....66%**

Very easy.....6%  
 Somewhat easy.....26%  
 Somewhat difficult .....48%  
 Very difficult.....18%  
 Refused.....2%

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

No religious preference .....	31%
Catholic .....	15%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian .....	15%
Decline to answer .....	10%
Another religion .....	8%
Protestant .....	8%
LDS/Mormon .....	2%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Not sure .....	5%
Refused .....	3%

**[IF CATHOLIC, FUNDAMENTALIST/EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, LDS/MORMON, MUSLIM, PROTESTANT, ANOTHER RELIGION, OR NOT SURE, ASK Q116]**

116. How important is religion in your own life? (n=1,172)

Very important .....	45%
Somewhat important .....	29%
Not very important .....	19%
Not sure .....	7%
Refused .....	<1%

**[IF CATHOLIC, FUNDAMENTALIST/EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN, LDS/MORMON, PROTESTANT, ANOTHER RELIGION, OR NOT SURE, ASK Q117]**

117. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian? (n=1,107)

Yes .....	31%
No .....	49%
Not sure .....	14%
Decline to answer .....	6%
Refused .....	<1%

118. Which of the following best describes your current romantic status?

In a serious relationship .....	37%
In a casual relationship .....	6%
Single and searching for a serious relationship .....	10%
Single and searching for a casual relationship .....	2%
Single and searching for either serious or casual relationships .....	7%
Single and not searching for a relationship .....	22%
None of the above .....	13%
Refused .....	3%

119. Which of the following do you consider yourself to be?

Heterosexual or straight .....	71%
Bisexual.....	7%
Gay .....	3%
Lesbian .....	1%
Other Queer identity (e.g. pansexual, asexual etc.).....	4%
None of the above .....	1%
I don't know .....	3%
Prefer not to say .....	7%
Refused.....	3%

120. Do you consider yourself to be transgender or non-binary?

Yes.....	3%
No .....	89%
Prefer not to say .....	6%
Refused.....	3%

**[IF TRANSGENDER OR NON-BINARY, ASK Q121]**

121. Are you: (n=85)

Gender non-binary .....	57%
Transgender, female to male .....	27%
No, not transgender or non-binary .....	8%
Transgender, male to female .....	3%
Prefer not to say .....	5%

122. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time? Please select all that apply.

Cell phone .....	92%
Landline phone service .....	4%
VOIP phone service .....	2%
None of these.....	5%
Refused.....	2%

**[IF ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, ASK Q123 & Q124]**

123. Is your college/university...? (n=365)

Public.....	68%
Private .....	30%
Refused.....	2%

124. Is the college/university that you currently attend...? (n=365)

In an urban or city area.....	43%
In a suburban area next to a city.....	30%
In a small town or rural area .....	22%
Refused.....	4%

125. Which of the following best describes the area in which you live (if in college, when not in school)?

Suburban .....	41%
Urban.....	23%
Small town .....	17%
Rural.....	15%
Refused.....	4%

**[IF ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, ASK Q126 – Q129]**

126. Which college/university do you attend? (n=365)

Available upon request

127. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine. (n=365)

Less than 1,000.....	6%
1,000 - 4,999 .....	22%
5,000 – 9,999.....	20%
10,000 – 19,999.....	17%
20,000 or more .....	32%
Refused.....	3%

128. Where do you live while attending college? (n=365)

At home, with my parents .....	34%
In an on-campus dormitory .....	28%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .....	22%
In a campus-owned apartment .....	7%
Somewhere else.....	3%
In fraternity/sorority housing .....	3%
Refused.....	2%

129. Are you a...? (n=365)

Full-time student .....	79%
Part-time student .....	19%
Refused.....	3%

130. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? (n=1,050)

Student.....	19%
Employed full time.....	36%
Employed part time .....	17%
Self employed.....	4%
Not employed / Homemaker .....	4%
Not employed .....	16%
Refused.....	3%

**[IF EMPLOYED FULL TIME OR PART TIME, ASK Q131]**

131. Are you currently employed in the gig economy – where people earn income providing on-demand work, services or goods? (n=608)

Yes.....13%  
 No.....86%  
 Refused.....1%

132. Age

18-24 .....57%  
 25-29 .....43%

133. Gender

Male.....50%  
 Female.....50%  
 Non-binary .....-

134. Race / Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic.....52%  
 Hispanic.....24%  
 Black, Non-Hispanic.....13%  
 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic.....3%  
 Other, Non-Hispanic .....7%

135. Please choose one or more race(s) that you consider yourself to be:

White.....73%  
 Black or African American .....15%  
 Asian .....7%  
 Some other race.....5%  
 American Indian or Alaska Native.....1%  
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ..... <1%

136. Education Status

College student.....19%  
 Not in college, no degree .....64%  
 College degree.....17%

137. Marital Status

Never married.....83%  
 Now married.....15%  
 Divorced.....1%  
 Separated.....1%  
 Widowed ..... <1%

138. Own or Rent

Owned or being bought by you or  
 someone in your household.....63%  
 Rented for cash.....34%  
 Occupied without payment of cash rent.....3%



## 139. Region 4 (Based on state of residence)

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest.....	20%
South .....	39%
West.....	24%

## 140. Region 9 (Based on state of residence)

New England.....	4%
Mid-Atlantic.....	12%
East-North Central .....	14%
West-North Central .....	6%
South Atlantic.....	20%
East-South Central .....	6%
West-South Central .....	13%
Mountain .....	7%
Pacific.....	17%

## 141. MSA Status

Non-Metro .....	12%
Metro .....	88%

### Methodology

This poll of 2,096 18-to-29-year-olds was organized with undergraduate students from the Harvard Public Opinion Project (HPOP) and supervised by John Della Volpe, Director of Polling. Data were collected by Ipsos Public Affairs using the KnowledgePanel. KnowledgePanel provides probability-based samples with an "organic" representation of the study population for measurement of public opinions, attitudes, and behaviors. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish between March 14 and 25, 2025. The target population for this survey is U.S. residents between the ages of 18 and 29. To ensure the representativeness of the sample, data were weighted to match national population benchmarks for 18- to 29-year-olds by age, gender, race/Hispanic ethnicity, education, household income, census region by metropolitan status, and primary language among Hispanics. This year's weights also included party identification and voter registration status, based on national estimates from Pew's National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS) and the U.S. Census Bureau's Voting Supplement. The margin of error for the total sample is +/- 3.21%.