



## **GenForward August 2018 Midterm Election Toplines**

**The first of its kind bi-monthly survey of racially and ethnically diverse  
young adults**

**GenForward is a survey associated with the University of Chicago**

Interviews:  
07/26 - 08/13/2018  
Total N: 1,910 adults  
Age Range: 18-34

*NOTE: All results indicate percentages unless otherwise labeled.*

**MARGIN OF ERROR ESTIMATES (% pts)**

<b><i>Group</i></b>	<b><i>Estimate</i></b>
Full Sample	+/- 3.8
African Americans	+/- 6.01
Asian Americans	+/- 7.16
Latinxs	+/- 6.61
Whites	+/- 5.58

*NOTE: All estimates are calculated at the 95% level of confidence*

**Q50. How likely are you to vote in the midterm election being held in November?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Definitely will <u>not</u> vote	9	14	10	5	8
Probably will <u>not</u> vote	10	7	9	14	11
Uncertain about whether I will vote or not	31	28	28	21	25
Probably will vote	18	23	26	26	24
Definitely will vote	32	25	25	34	31
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	3	3	*	1
<i>N=</i>	506	273	503	570	1910

**Q51. There are many reasons people vote in elections. In the upcoming midterm election, of the issues listed here, what is the most important issue motivating your decision to turnout to vote?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh	1	4	2	3	3
The potential of the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade	4	6	4	7	6
Immigration	7	18	25	11	14
Education	9	9	7	13	10
Racism	19	12	10	3	8
Gay rights	1	*	2	2	2
Gun control	9	12	8	8	8
Income inequality	8	8	7	9	9
Taxes	4	5	5	8	6
Women's rights	5	2	3	4	4
Police brutality	8	1	2	1	2
A different issue	9	12	7	15	12
I will not vote in the midterm election	14	9	16	15	14
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	3	2	5	2	3
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**Q55. How often would you say you vote?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Always	20	10	12	18	16
Nearly always	18	23	24	33	28
Part of the time	23	41	22	23	24
Seldom	14	11	12	13	13
Never	18	7	15	11	13
Never because I have never been eligible to vote	5	6	12	3	5
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	3	3	3	*	2
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**Q57. In the 2016 presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Yes, voted	61	67	51	69	63
Did not vote	30	19	29	24	26
Was not eligible to vote in 2016	8	9	17	6	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	5	4	1	2
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**Q59. How much interest do you have in the following news about the upcoming midterm election? A great deal, quite a bit, only some, very little, or no interest at all?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
A great deal	13	11	21	11	13
Quite a bit	23	28	21	21	22
Only some	23	30	21	34	29
Very little	20	17	18	18	18
No interest at all	18	10	18	16	17
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	4	1	1	1
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**Q62. There are greater numbers of women and people of color running for federal, state, and local offices in this year's midterm elections. If there were greater diversity in the candidates you could choose from, would that make you more interested in voting, less interested in voting, or would not change your interest in voting?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
More interested in voting	44	55	51	32	39
Less interested in voting	18	10	10	12	13
Makes no difference	36	31	37	55	47
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	4	2	1	2
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**Q64. As you may know, the 1973 Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade established a women's constitutional right to have an abortion. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, or not?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Yes	31	19	23	32	29
No	65	76	72	66	68
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	4	4	5	2	3
<i>N=</i>	506	273	503	570	1910

**Q65. Brett Kavanaugh was recently nominated to the Supreme Court. What do you think the Senate should do -- should the Senate hold a vote on whether to confirm Brett Kavanaugh before the midterm elections or should the Senate wait until next year (2019) for the new Congress to confirm someone?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Vote on nominee before the midterm elections	31	40	25	41	36
Wait until next year with new Congress	64	54	67	56	59
DON'T KNOW	*	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	5	5	8	3	5
<i>N=</i>	506	273	503	570	1910

**Q66. Brett Kavanaugh was recently nominated to the Supreme Court. Do you support or oppose the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strongly support	4	4	5	8	7
Somewhat support	9	11	9	16	13
Somewhat oppose	18	18	12	15	15
Strongly oppose	16	21	15	15	16
Don't know enough to say	48	42	57	44	47
SKIP/REFUSED	4	5	2	1	2
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**Q67. If the Senate votes to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, will this make you more likely to vote, less likely to vote, or would not change your likelihood of voting?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
More likely to vote	18	32	24	18	20
Less likely to vote	18	11	12	12	13
Would not change your likelihood of voting	61	53	61	69	65
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	3	5	4	1	2
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**Q68. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), created in 2003, is the agency tasked with enforcing immigration within the United States. As you may know, ICE has been a key issue for candidates running in the 2018 midterm elections. Some call for getting rid of the agency, while others stand behind their immigration enforcement practices. What is your opinion on ICE?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Abolish ICE	24	21	34	11	19
Reform ICE	48	50	40	48	46
Keep ICE the way it is	15	12	15	26	21
Give more power to ICE	7	10	5	14	10
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	6	7	4	1	3
N=	506	273	503	570	1910

**Q69A. In your opinion, has the Trump administration been too aggressive in deporting immigrants who are here illegally, not aggressive enough, or has the Trump administration been acting appropriately when it comes to deporting immigrants who are here illegally?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Too aggressive	66	76	72	46	56
Not aggressive enough	17	15	12	18	17
Acting appropriately	15	4	13	35	25
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	5	3	1	2
<i>N</i> =	258	120	243	284	936

**Q69B. In your opinion, was the Obama administration too aggressive in deporting immigrants who are here illegally, not aggressive enough, or was the Obama administration acting appropriately when it comes to deporting immigrants who are here illegally?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Too aggressive	10	15	26	11	15
Not aggressive enough	30	23	15	44	34
Acting appropriately	54	58	53	44	48
DON'T KNOW	1	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	5	5	5	1	3
<i>N</i> =	248	153	260	286	974

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**PID1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Democrat	45	45	41	27	34
Republican	7	16	11	28	20
Independent	28	22	25	30	28
Something Else	19	11	19	15	16
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	6	4	1	2
<i>N=</i>	506	273	503	570	1910

*If independent, something else, or DK/REF in PID1*

**PIDI. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or to the Democratic Party?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Closer to the Republican Party	6	12	10	25	18
Closer to the Democratic Party	41	39	31	30	33
Neither	50	33	51	43	45
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	4	16	6	2	4
<i>N=</i>	221	119	233	241	848

*If Democrat in PID1*

**PIDA. Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strong Democrat	46	29	41	46	43
Not very strong Democrat	53	71	59	53	56
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	*	1	*
<i>N=</i>	254	124	211	171	778

*If Republican in PID1*

**PIDB. Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strong Republican	63	40	26	44	42
Not very strong Republican	37	60	74	56	58
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-	-	-	-	-
<i>N=</i>	31	30	59	158	284

**PARTY ID. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
<b>Democrat (NET)</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>
Strong Democrat	21	14	17	13	15
Not very strong Democrat	25	34	25	15	20
Closer to the Democratic Party	20	17	16	14	15
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Republican (NET)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>
Closer to the Republican Party	3	5	5	12	8
Not very strong Republican	2	10	9	16	12
Strong Republican	4	7	3	12	9
<i>N=</i>	497	266	491	565	1875

**AGE**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
18-22	29	24	31	27	28
23-26	27	23	23	23	24
27-30	24	27	24	25	25
31-34	20	25	22	24	23
<i>N=</i>	506	273	503	570	1910

**GENDER**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Male	50	50	51	50	50
Female	50	50	49	50	50
<i>N=</i>	506	273	503	570	1910

**RACE/ETHNICITY<sup>1</sup>**

	All adults
African American	15
Asian American	7
Latinx	22
White	55
Other	1

*N=* 1910

**MARITAL STATUS**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Married	13	28	24	31	27
Widowed	*	-	*	-	*
Divorced	3	1	1	1	1
Separated	4	1	1	0	1
Never married	68	58	58	51	55
Living with partner	12	12	16	17	15

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**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Employed	64	71	63	75	70
Not employed	36	29	37	25	30

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**EDUCATION**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Less than a high school diploma	11	1	19	6	9
High school graduate or equivalent	34	18	32	27	28
Some college	35	29	34	35	34
College graduate or above	20	51	15	33	28

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<sup>1</sup> All of the African American, Asian American, White, and Other respondents do not identify as Latinx.

**INCOME**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Under \$10,000	16	5	7	6	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	15	8	18	8	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	17	10	18	14	15
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	14	6	11	11	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9	8	11	7	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15	26	18	21	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	7	14	10	12	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	5	17	4	15	11
\$150,000 or more	2	6	3	6	5
N=	506	273	503	570	1910

**RELIGION**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Protestant	24	9	10	23	19
Roman Catholic	2	15	40	14	17
Mormon	*	*	1	2	1
Orthodox	1	*	1	1	1
Jewish	2	*	*	1	1
Muslim	1	10	*	*	1
Buddhist	*	10	*	*	1
Hindu	-	14	-	*	1
Atheist	2	8	4	11	8
Agnostic	3	10	3	10	8
Nothing in particular	18	18	20	14	17
Just Christian	45	3	18	22	23
Unitarian	*	*	-	*	*
Other	3	2	2	1	2
N=	406	247	469	559	1736

**UNWEIGHTED DEMOGRAPHICS****PARTY ID. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.**

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<b>Democrat (NET)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>59</b>
Strong Democrat	26	18	14	16	18
Not very strong Democrat	25	29	29	15	23
Closer to the Democratic Party	18	22	19	14	18
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Republican (NET)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>
Closer to the Republican Party	2	7	5	12	7
Not very strong Republican	3	8	8	16	9
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23-26	24	34	24	18	24
27-30	27	24	24	28	26
31-34	20	10	24	35	24
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**GENDER**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Male	46	47	46	48	46
Female	54	53	54	52	54
<i>N=</i>	<i>506</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>570</i>	<i>1910</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY<sup>2</sup>**

	All adults
African American	26
Asian American	14
Latinx	26
White	30
Other	3

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**MARITAL STATUS**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Married	12	16	22	38	24
Widowed	*	-	*	-	*
Divorced	2	1	2	2	2
Separated	3	1	*	*	1
Never married	71	75	57	46	60
Living with partner	11	8	17	14	13

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**EDUCATION**

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High school graduate or equivalent	26	14	23	14	20
Some college	45	26	47	40	41
College graduate or above	23	58	21	43	34

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**INCOME**

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\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10	7	10	9	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	14	19	15	22	17
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\$100,000 to under \$150,000	5	19	8	15	11
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**RELIGION**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
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Roman Catholic	2	10	33	12	15
Mormon	*	*	1	2	1
Orthodox	1	*	*	1	1
Jewish	*	*	*	3	1
Muslim	1	6	1	1	2
Buddhist	*	9	1	*	2
Hindu	-	13	-	*	2
Atheist	2	13	5	11	7
Agnostic	4	11	7	11	8
Nothing in particular	18	19	18	16	18
Just Christian	38	3	20	18	21
Unitarian	*	*	-	*	*
Other	4	4	2	2	3
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## STUDY METHODOLOGY

The GenForward March survey is a project of Professor Cathy J. Cohen at the University of Chicago. Interviews were conducted with a representative sample from GenForward<sup>SM</sup>, a nationally representative survey panel of adults ages 18-34 recruited and administered by NORC at the University of Chicago and funded by grants to the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

A total of 1,910 interviews were conducted between July 26 and August 13, 2018 with adults ages 18-34 representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia, including completed interviews with 506 African American young adults, 273 Asian American young adults, 503 Latinx young adults, 570 white young adults, and 58 young adults with other racial and ethnic backgrounds. The survey was offered in English and Spanish and via telephone and web modes.

The GenForward survey was built from two sample sources:

- Sixty-five percent of the completed interviews are sourced from NORC's AmeriSpeak<sup>®</sup> Panel. AmeriSpeak is a probability-based panel that also uses address-based sample but sourced from the NORC National Frame with enhanced sample coverage. During the initial recruitment phase of the AmeriSpeak panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face).
- Thirty-five percent of the completed interviews are sourced from the Black Youth Project (BYP) panel of young adults recruited by NORC. The BYP sample is from a probability-based household panel that uses an address-based sample from a registered voter database of the entire U.S. Households were selected using stratified random sampling to support over-sampling of households with African Americans, Latinxs, and Asian Americans ages 18-34. NORC contacted sampled households by U.S. mail and by telephone, inviting them to register and participate in public opinion surveys twice a month.

Panelists on both the BYP and AmeriSpeak panels are invited to register for the panel via the web or by telephone to participate in public opinion surveys.

Of the 1,910 completed interviews in the GenForward March survey, 93 percent were completed by web and 7 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 27 percent. The weighted AAPOR RR3 panel recruitment rate is 17.5 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.8 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 4.1 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. Among subgroups, the margin of sampling error at the 95 percent confidence level is +/- 6.01 percentage points for African Americans, +/- 7.16 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 6.61 percentage points for Latinxs, and +/- 5.58 percentage points for whites.

To encourage cooperation, respondents were offered incentives for completing the survey that ranged from the cash-equivalent of \$4 to the cash-equivalent of \$11.

The interviews from the two probability-based sample sources were combined for statistical weighting and analysis. The combined panel samples provide sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings. The statistical weights incorporate the appropriate probability of selection for the BYP and AmeriSpeak samples, nonresponse adjustments, and also, raking ratio adjustments to population benchmarks for 18-34-year-old adults. A poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under- and over-sampling resulting from the study-specific sample design. The poststratification process was done separately for each racial/ethnic group and involved the following variables: age, gender, education, and census region. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults ages 18-34, and the 18-34-year-old populations for African Americans, Latinxs, Asian Americans, and non-Latinx whites, were used for all analyses.