New GenForward Poll on Technology:

New Study Reveals Millennials Support for Net Neutrality, Concern Over Technology Decreasing Available Jobs, and Experience Broadband Inequality by Race

Majorities of Millennials across racial groups express concern over their own privacy online but are split over questions about sharing data with law enforcement for criminal investigations.

(Washington, DC) As technology becomes an increasingly powerful force in Americans' everyday lives, GenForward at the University of Chicago released a report today that captures millennials perspectives on it. Their study "Millennials and Technology: An overview of usage, news consumption, the future of work, and public policy," provides insight into how they view the role of technology in their lives, broken down by race and ethnicity. One key finding from the report is that the vast majority of all Millennials sampled oppose the repeal of net neutrality and support Congress passing legislation making net neutrality protections into law.

Additionally, the study finds that while a plurality of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups believe advances in technology will decrease the number of available jobs, 46% of Latinx, 48% of African American, and 51% of Asian American Millennials are concerned over their own ability to find and keep a job as technology progresses, compared to 35% of white Millennials.

The study also reveals that broadband inequality still exists, with 25% of Latinx Millennials and 21% of African American Millennials reporting that they do not have or live with anyone who has a subscription to high-speed internet, compared to only 8% of Asian Millennials and 10% of whites.

"It's often assumed that an overwhelming majority of Millennials view the role and benefits of technology in their lives positively," said Dr. Cathy J. Cohen, GenForward founder. **"However, our data reveals important differences among how Millennials of different racial and ethnic groups use and relate to different forms of technology. In order to gain a better understanding of the role of technology in the lives of Millennials, these differences must be taken into account."**

Unlike standard opinion polling, GenForward bimonthly surveys, under the direction of Professor Cathy J. Cohen, include significant data on the views of young people of color, who are often under-sampled, leaving their unique and important perspectives out of the conversation about our country's political landscape. GenForward over-samples Black, Latinx and Asian American Millennials representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia and is composed of more than 1,844 interviews with adults ages 18-34, allowing more comparative research. This new data explores the important perception and understanding of race relations in the U.S. of Millennials.

Other key findings from the new survey, conducted January 3, 2018 - January 16, 2018, include:

- Majorities of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups report getting most of their political news from online sources. However, meaningful proportions of African American (27%) and Latinx (27%) Millennials access political news via television news compared to whites (13%) and Asian Americans (8%).
- A majority of African American (54%) and pluralities of Latinx (44%) and Asian American (43%) Millennials who get their news from the internet do so from social media sites. In contrast, a plurality of white Millennials (40%) go directly to news websites.
- Majorities of Millennials of all racial and ethnic backgrounds agree that the government should have an obligation to take care of people whose jobs are displaced by technology, even if it means raising taxes substantially.
- While over 70 percent of Millennials agree that the government should fund the construction of broadband high-speed internet infrastructure, support increased among Latinxs (+11% pts) and whites (+7% pts) when framed specifically for people that do not have access to the internet, particularly rural communities and people of color.
- Bare majorities of African American (51%) and white (52%) Millennials believe that companies should share private user data with law enforcement. In contrast, less than half of Asian Americans (47%) and even fewer Latinxs (37%) share this opinion.
- Majorities of Asian American (53%) and Latinx (55%) Millennials believe that the government should be able to access private data when investigating terrorism. Equivalent proportions of African Americans and whites, however, believe the opposite—companies should be able to withhold private, encrypted information from law enforcement during terrorism investigations.
- Majorities of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups worry somewhat or a great deal about the government and others having access to their private information. Interestingly, however, white Millennials are somewhat less concerned about privacy

(59%) than their Asian American (74%), Latinx (70%), and African American (68%) peers.

The full GenForward survey can be found here.

Founded and led by Dr. Cathy J. Cohen at the University of Chicago and fielded by NORC, the GenForward Survey is the first of its kind—a nationally representative survey of over 1750 young adults ages 18-30 conducted bimonthly that pays special attention to how race and ethnicity shape how respondents experience and think about the world.
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