



**GenForward June 2020**

## **Politics by Party Identification**

**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:  
05/29 – 06/11/2020  
Total N: 3,133 adults  
Age Range: 18-36

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

### MARGIN OF ERROR ESTIMATES (% pts)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
Full Sample	+/- 2.56%
Democrats	+/- 3.37%
Independents	+/- 5.76%
Republicans	+/- 5.00%

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

## Key Findings

- Pluralities of both Democratic (25%) and Independent (25%) young adults selected racism as the most important problem facing the country. Racism was the second most popular answer for young adults who identify Republican (11%).
  - The most commonly selected response as the most important problem facing the country for Republican (17%) young adults was the coronavirus pandemic. Similarly, 16% of both Democratic and Independent young adults also choose the coronavirus pandemic as their second most popular response as the most important problem facing the country.
  - Police brutality is the third most selected issue among Democratic (12%) and Independent (7%) young adults, but among Republican (5%) young adults it is one of many issues in this range of selected important problems.
- While pluralities of Democratic (32%) and Independent (30%) young adults believe that the United States is headed to a depression, a plurality of Republican (29%) young adults believe the United States is already in a recession.
- While pluralities of Democrat (40%) and Republican (34%) young adults are somewhat optimistic about their personal futures, pluralities of Independent (39%) young adults are neither optimistic nor pessimistic.
- When asked about being able to pay an unexpected bill of \$1,000 right away, 40% of Democrat, 35% of Independent, and 26% of Republican young adults are very or extremely worried.
- A majority of Democratic (60%) young adults have a great deal or quite a bit of interest in following news about the 2020 presidential election, compared to 46% of Republican and 26% of Independent young adults.
- A majority (62%) of Democrat young adults indicate that they definitely will vote in the November 2020 presidential election, compared to a plurality (49%) of Republican young adults.
- A plurality of young Independents (33%) are uncertain about whether or not they will vote.
- A majority of Republican (73%) young adults believe Trump will win re-election in 2020, while majorities of Independents (55%) and Democrats (71%) say Trump will lose.
- A substantial majority of young Democrats (74%) say they would vote for Joe Biden if the election was held today. Similarly, a majority of young Republicans (65%) say they would vote for Donald Trump.
- Young Independents indicate they are not happy with Biden nor Trump as presidential candidates, with 26% indicating they would vote for Biden, 14% for Trump, 24% selecting someone else, and 35% not voting if the election were today.
- The enthusiasm gap between the major party candidates persists. Among Republican Trump voters, a majority, 60%, say they are motivated to vote because they are enthusiastic about their

candidate compared to 40% who say they are motivated to vote because they dislike the other candidate[s].

- Among Democratic Biden supporters, 31% say they are motivated to vote because they are enthusiastic about the candidate compared to a majority, 69%, who say they are motivated to vote because they dislike the other candidate[s].
- Both Joe Biden and Donald Trump enjoy comfortable favorability among their partisans, with 58% of Democrats saying they hold somewhat or very favorable views of Joe Biden and 62% of Republicans saying they have a somewhat or favorable view of Donald Trump.
- Among Democratic young adults, Elizabeth Warren is the most supported Biden VP pick with 72% support, followed by someone else (22%) and Kamala Harris (17%).
- When presented with a list of possible VP candidates for Biden, Independent (50%) and Republican (44%) young adults most often selected the “someone else” option. Among the named candidates, Senator Warren was the second most popular selection with the support of 10% of young Independents and 11% of young Republicans.
- A majority of Democrat young adults indicate that being able to vote by mail would make them more likely to vote. This is compared to the majorities of young adult Independents (58%) and Republicans (50%) who indicate that being able to vote by mail would not change the likelihood of their voting.
- Significant majorities of young Democrats (82%) and smaller majorities of young Independents (52%) and Republicans (55%) favor allowing people to vote by mail without requiring them to give a reason.
- As the election approaches, a near majority (49%) of young Democrats are worried about eligible voters being denied the right to vote. When asked about possible election problems to worry about as some states allowed voting by mail, 49% of young Democrats indicated they are worried about the loss or discarding of votes.
- A plurality (42%) of young independents express no worries about the election, but when the question is amended to emphasize the use of vote by mail, a plurality (36%) say they worry about increased voting fraud.
- Among young Republicans, a majority(55%) are worried about increased voting fraud. When the question is amended to emphasize the use of vote by mail in some states, a majority of young Republicans (60%) continue to list increased voting fraud as the problem that most worry about.
- When asked about whether or not they believe allegations that Joe Biden made unwanted sexual advances against women, 56% of Democrat, 45% of Independent, and 64% of Republican young adults believe it is absolutely or mostly true.
- When asked about whether or not they believe allegations that Donald Trump made unwanted sexual advances against women, 91% of Democrat, 66% of Independent, and 46% of Republican young adults believe it is absolutely or mostly true.

- A majority of Democrat (89%) and Independent (66%) young adults **believe Donald Trump is a racist**, compared to 36% of Republican young adults who believe Donald Trump is a racist.
- Across party, majorities of young adults **do not believe that Joe Biden is a racist** (72% Democratic, 64% Independent, 57% Republican).

**Q1. For both parties, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that party. If you don't know enough about the party to have an opinion, you can say that too. The Republican Party**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favorable	3	1	27	10
Somewhat favorable	6	8	44	18
Somewhat unfavorable	23	26	18	22
Very unfavorable	61	25	7	38
Don't know enough to say	6	39	4	12
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	1	-	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q2. For both parties, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that party. If you don't know enough about the party to have an opinion, you can say that too. The Democratic Party**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favorable	26	4	5	15
Somewhat favorable	51	15	13	32
Somewhat unfavorable	13	24	32	21
Very unfavorable	6	17	43	19
Don't know enough to say	4	39	5	12
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q3. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
The coronavirus pandemic	16	16	17	17
National debt	2	4	7	4
Environment and climate change	6	4	2	5
Gay rights / LGBT issues	1	2	1	1
Gun control	2	1	2	2
Health care	7	4	4	5
Immigration	1	1	5	2
Poverty	3	3	2	3
Income inequality	7	6	3	6
Unemployment	4	6	6	5
Economic growth	2	2	6	4
Military strength	*	1	1	1
Morality and religion in society	1	1	3	1
Racism	25	25	11	21
Social Security	*	2	1	1
Taxes	1	2	2	1
Women's rights	1	1	1	1
Crime	1	4	4	3
Foreign policy	*	*	1	1
Education	3	4	5	4
Terrorism and homeland security	1	1	2	1
Police brutality	12	7	5	9
Sexual harassment	*	*	1	1
Free trade	*	*	1	*
Mass incarceration	*	*	1	1
Too many wars	1	3	2	2
Abortion	*	*	5	2
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	-	1	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q4. Do you believe the United States is currently in or headed to an economic recession, depression, or not?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Headed to a recession	24	19	24	23
Already in a recession	26	18	29	25
Headed to a depression	32	30	22	28
Already in a depression	11	11	8	10
In neither a recession nor depression	7	22	16	13
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q5. Generally speaking, how optimistic are you about your personal future?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very optimistic	14	12	27	17
Somewhat optimistic	40	26	34	35
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	24	39	25	28
Somewhat pessimistic	15	10	12	13
Very pessimistic	7	11	1	6
SKIPPED ON WED	*	1	1	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q6. How worried are you about being able to pay an unexpected bill of \$1,000 right away?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Extremely worried	23	19	12	19
Very worried	17	16	14	16
Somewhat worried	22	28	23	23
A little worried	19	17	24	20
Not at all worried	19	20	28	22
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
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**Q7. How worried are you about being able to pay your rent or mortgage?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Extremely worried	10	10	6	9
Very worried	10	8	8	9
Somewhat worried	17	20	20	19
A little worried	24	22	18	22
Not at all worried	28	26	40	31
I do not pay rent or a mortgage	10	14	7	10
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	*	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q8. How worried are you about keeping your current job or finding a good job in the future?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Extremely worried	15	10	9	12
Very worried	16	12	11	14
Somewhat worried	24	28	24	25
A little worried	25	19	24	24
Not at all worried	19	28	31	25
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	2	*	1
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**Q9. How much interest do you have in following news about the 2020 presidential election?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
A great deal	29	11	22	23
Quite a bit	31	15	24	26
Only some	26	30	34	29
Very little	10	14	12	11
No interest at all	4	30	7	10
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	-	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q10. In the 2020 state primaries and caucuses, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, voted	44	14	34	35
Did not vote	31	54	35	37
My state's primary or caucus has not happened yet, and I plan to vote	17	16	24	19
My state's primary or caucus has not happened yet, and I do not plan to vote	4	6	4	4
Was not eligible to vote in 2020	5	10	3	5
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q11. How likely are you to vote in the presidential election being held in November 2020?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Definitely will not vote	5	21	5	8
Probably will not vote	5	10	6	7
Uncertain about whether I will vote or not	14	33	20	20
Probably will vote	15	14	19	16
Definitely will vote	62	22	49	50
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q12. 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?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, voted	59	28	59	53
Did not vote	24	52	28	31
Was not eligible to vote in 2016	17	19	13	16
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q13. In the 2018 midterm congressional elections, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, voted	53	23	48	45
Did not vote	34	59	42	41
Was not eligible to vote in 2018	12	17	10	12
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	1	1	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q14. As of now, do you think Donald Trump will win re-election in 2020, or do you think he will lose?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Trump will win	29	43	73	45
Trump will lose	71	55	27	54
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	*	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q15. Now thinking about the general election, if the 2020 presidential election were being held today, and the candidates were Donald Trump, the Republican, and Joe Biden, the Democrat, for whom would you vote?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Donald Trump	6	14	65	25
Joe Biden	74	26	15	47
Someone else	16	24	12	16
I will not vote	4	35	7	11
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	1	-	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Split Ballot**

**Q16. Are you voting for Donald Trump because you are enthusiastic about them or because you dislike the other candidate[s]?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Enthusiastic about my candidate	51	44	60	57
Dislike the other candidate[s]	49	52	40	42
SKIPPED / REFUSED	-	4	*	*
N	120	76	495	691

**Are you voting for Joe Biden because you are enthusiastic about them or because you dislike the other candidate[s]?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Enthusiastic about my candidate	31	33	43	32
Dislike the other candidate[s]	69	66	57	67
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
N	1,334	151	168	1,653

**Are you voting for someone else because you are enthusiastic about them or because you dislike the other candidate[s]?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Enthusiastic about my candidate	25	24	20	23
Dislike the other candidate[s]	75	75	79	76
SKIPPED / REFUSED	-	1	*	*
N	214	135	105	454

**Q17. For each of the following individuals, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person: Joe Biden**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favorable	14	6	6	10
Somewhat favorable	44	15	14	29
Somewhat unfavorable	27	24	26	26
Very favorable	10	20	45	22
Don't know enough to say	5	33	8	12
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q18. For each of the following individuals, please select if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person: Donald Trump**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very favorable	3	2	28	10
Somewhat favorable	6	9	34	15
Somewhat unfavorable	10	20	16	14
Very favorable	78	46	17	54
Don't know enough to say	2	23	4	7
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	*	*	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q19. Who do you think should be Joe Biden's vice presidential selection?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
California Senator Kamala Harris	17	5	7	12
Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth	4	3	3	3
Former Georgia Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams	6	2	3	4
Florida Congresswoman Val Demings	2	5	5	3
Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto	2	3	2	2
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer	2	1	5	3
Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin	2	2	2	2
Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms	4	4	5	4
New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	3	4	5	4
New Mexico Governor Lujan Grisham	2	2	2	2
Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren	27	10	11	19
Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar	4	5	6	5
Someone else	22	50	44	34
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	2	2	2	2
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q20. If your state allowed voters to vote by mail, would you be more likely to vote this November (2020), or wouldn't this change your likelihood of voting?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
More likely to vote	50	26	33	40
Less likely to vote	8	16	16	12
Wouldn't change whether I vote or not	41	58	50	47
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Split Ballot**

**Q21A. Do you favor or oppose allowing people to vote by mail instead of in-person?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly favor	51	24	22	37
Somewhat favor	34	32	31	32
Somewhat oppose	10	22	28	18
Strongly oppose	4	19	19	11
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	*	1
N	845	276	418	1,539

**Q21B. Do you favor or oppose allowing people to vote by mail instead of in-person without requiring them to give a reason?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly favor	48	20	19	34
Somewhat favor	34	32	36	34
Somewhat oppose	12	29	28	20
Strongly oppose	5	18	16	11
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	1
N	892	283	391	1,566

**Split Ballot**

**Q22A. As the election approaches, which of the following problems do you worry about?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Increased voting fraud	39	34	56	43
Eligible voters being denied the right to vote	49	22	26	37
The loss or discarding of votes	45	26	30	37
Foreign election interference	40	16	25	31
No worries	14	42	19	21
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	1	1	1
N	890	287	380	1,557

**Q22B. As the election approaches and some states are using vote by mail, which of the following problems do you worry about?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Increased voting fraud	39	36	60	45
Eligible voters being denied the right to vote	37	22	20	29
The loss or discarding of votes	49	35	51	47
Foreign election interference	23	24	26	24
No worries	19	32	10	19
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	2	-	*
N	847	272	429	1,548

**Split Ballot**

**Q23A. From what you've heard or read, do you think allegations that Joe Biden made unwanted sexual advances against women are mostly true or mostly not true?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Absolutely true	17	11	23	18
Mostly true	39	34	41	38
Mostly not true	35	37	28	33
Completely false	9	12	6	9
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	6	3	2
N	886	261	394	1,541

**Q23B. From what you've heard or read, do you think allegations that Donald Trump made unwanted sexual advances against women are mostly true or mostly not true?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Absolutely true	58	29	13	39
Mostly true	33	37	33	34
Mostly not true	7	20	38	19
Completely false	2	12	15	8
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	3	1	1
N	851	298	415	1,564

**Q24. Do you believe Donald Trump is a racist or is not a racist?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, he is a racist	89	66	36	69
No, he is not a racist	10	31	62	30
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	2	2	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q25. Do you believe Joe Biden is a racist or is not a racist?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, he is a racist	26	32	41	32
No, he is not a racist	72	64	57	66
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2	4	1	2
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**Q70. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly approve	3	3	24	9
Somewhat approve	6	10	36	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	8	34	16	16
Somewhat disapprove	13	16	10	13
Strongly disapprove	68	37	13	45
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	1	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Democrat	69	-	-	34
Republican	-	-	76	22
Independent	25	54	19	29
Something else	7	44	6	14
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

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

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Closer to the Republican Party	-	-	100	17
Closer to the Democratic Party	100	-	-	36
Neither	-	100	-	47
N	475	559	180	1,214

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

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%
Strong Democrat	45	45
Not very strong Democrat	55	55
N	1,262	1,262

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

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	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%
Strong Republican	35	35
Not very strong Republican	65	65
N	629	629

**Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strong Democrat	31	-	-	15
Moderate Democrat	38	-	-	19
Lean Democrat	31	-	-	16
Don't Lean/Independent/None	-	100	-	21
Lean Republican	-	-	24	7
Moderate Republican	-	-	49	15
Strong Republican	-	-	26	8
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**AGE**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
18-24	36	37	33	36
25-30	31	32	31	31
31-36	33	31	36	33
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**GENDER**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Male	45	52	56	49
Female	55	48	44	51
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Black	19	17	5	15
Asian	11	6	4	8
Latinx	24	29	13	22
White	45	46	76	55
Other	1	2	1	1
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

## **MARITAL STATUS**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Married	23	24	34	26
Widowed	*	*	2	1
Divorced	2	2	3	2
Separated	2	2	1	2
Never married	58	61	43	54
Living with partner	15	11	16	14
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

## **EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Employed	67	57	68	65
Not employed	33	43	32	35
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

## **EDUCATION**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
No HS diploma	8	12	10	9
HS graduate or equivalent	25	35	25	27
Some college	33	34	30	32
BA or above	34	19	35	31
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Under \$10,000	10	16	8	11
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9	12	8	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	14	14	12	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10	14	10	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7	12	8	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	17	12	17	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14	9	17	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	12	6	14	11
\$150,000 or more	8	6	6	7
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**What is your present religion, if any?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Protestant	19	13	30	21
Roman Catholic	15	15	17	16
Mormon	*	2	3	2
Orthodox	1	*	*	1
Jewish	2	1	1	2
Muslim	1	1	1	1
Buddhist	2	1	1	2
Hindu	1	1	*	1
Atheist	8	3	*	5
Agnostic	5	6	7	6
Nothing in particular	27	33	16	25
Just Christian	14	17	23	17
Unitarian	*	*	*	*
Something else	3	7	2	3
N	879	280	333	1,492

**Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes	26	32	43	33
No	74	68	57	67
N	489	161	245	895

***How often do you attend religious services?***

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Never	34	37	17	30
Less than once per year	16	17	18	17
About once or twice a year	15	9	14	14
Several times a year	13	10	10	12
About once a month	6	3	5	5
2-3 times a month	4	6	7	5
Nearly every week	5	5	6	5
Every week	6	7	15	9
Several times a week	2	5	8	4
N	860	275	330	1,465

**UNWEIGHTED DEMOGRAPHICS**

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

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Democrat	73	-	-	41
Republican	-	-	78	20
Independent	22	56	17	27
Something else	6	43	5	12
SKIPPED / REFUSED	-	1	-	0
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

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

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Closer to the Republican Party	-	-	100	15
Closer to the Democratic Party	100	-	-	39
Neither	-	100	-	46
N	475	559	180	1,214

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

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%
Strong Democrat	58	58
Not very strong Democrat	42	42
N	1,262	1,262

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

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	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%
Strong Republican	55	55
Not very strong Republican	45	45
N	629	629

**UNWEIGHTED PID7 Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strong Democrat	42	-	-	24
Moderate Democrat	31	-	-	17
Lean Democrat	27	-	-	15
Don't Lean/Independent/None	-	100	-	18
Lean Republican	-	-	22	6
Moderate Republican	-	-	35	9
Strong Republican	-	-	43	11
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**UNWEIGHTED AGE**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
18-24	33	34	35	33
25-30	32	33	28	31
31-36	36	33	37	35
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**UNWEIGHTED GENDER**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Male	44	51	59	49
Female	56	49	41	51
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**UNWEIGHTED RACE/ETHNICITY**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Black	30	29	14	25
Asian	17	15	10	15
Latino	26	29	25	26
White	26	24	50	32
Other	1	3	1	2
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**UNWEIGHTED MARITAL STATUS**

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	%	%	%	%
Married	24	23	37	27
Widowed	1	*	2	1
Divorced	2	3	3	3
Separated	3	1	2	2
Never married	56	61	42	53
Living with partner	14	12	13	14
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**UNWEIGHTED EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Employed	68	59	70	67
Not employed	32	41	30	33
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**UNWEIGHTED EDUCATION**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
No HS diploma	9	12	11	10
HS graduate or equivalent	17	23	17	18
Some college	31	36	30	32
BA or above	43	28	42	40
N	1,737	559	809	3,105

**UNWEIGHTED Household Income**

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	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Under \$10,000	11	17	9	11
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9	11	9	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13	13	11	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9	11	8	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7	11	8	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18	13	16	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14	10	17	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	12	8	14	12
\$150,000 or more	8	6	8	8
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**UNWEIGHTED What is your present religion, if any?**

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	%	%	%	%
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Roman Catholic	16	14	18	16
Mormon	*	2	3	1
Orthodox	1	*	*	1
Jewish	1	1	1	1
Muslim	2	1	2	2
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**UNWEIGHTED How often do you attend religious services?**

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2-3 times a month	5	6	6	6
Nearly every week	5	4	6	5
Every week	7	10	16	9
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## STUDY METHODOLOGY

The GenForward April 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 18-36 recruited and administered by NORC at the University of Chicago.

A total of 3,133 interviews were conducted between May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with adults ages 18-36, including completed interviews with 798 African American young adults, 474 Asian American young adults, 822 Latinx young adults, 990 white young adults, and 48 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:

- Fifty-three percent of the completed interviews are sourced from NORC's AmeriSpeak® Panel and from the Black Youth Project (BYP) panel of young adults recruited by NORC. 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). 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 18-36. NORC contacted sampled households by U.S. mail and by telephone, inviting them to register and participate in public opinion surveys twice a month.
- The AmeriSpeak panel sample was supplemented with respondents from the Dynata nonprobability online opt-in panel. Forty-seven percent of the completed interviews are sourced from the Dynata panel. To help to reduce potential bias in the nonprobability sample, Dynata attempted to balance the nonprobability respondent sample by age, race and ethnicity, gender, and partisanship. In order to incorporate the nonprobability sample, NORC used TrueNorth calibration services, an innovative hybrid calibration approach developed at NORC based on small area estimation methods in order to explicitly account for potential bias associated with the nonprobability sample. The purpose of TrueNorth calibration is to adjust the weights for the nonprobability sample so as to bring weighted distributions of the nonprobability sample in line with the population distribution for characteristics correlated with the survey variables. Such calibration adjustments help to reduce potential bias, yielding more accurate population estimates.

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 3,133 completed interviews in the GenForward July survey, 96 percent were completed by web and 4 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 18.2 percent. The weighted AAPOR RR3 panel recruitment rate is 11.2 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 88.5 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 1.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 2.56 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 +/- 4.93 percentage points for African

Americans, +/- 5.84 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 5.36 percentage points for Latinxs, and +/- 3.82 percentage points for whites. The margin of sampling error at the 95 percent confidence level is +/- 3.37 percentage points for Democrats, +/- 5.00 percentage points for Republicans, +/- 5.76 percentage points for Independents.

To encourage cooperation, respondents were offered incentives for completing the survey that ranged from the cash-equivalent of \$3 to the cash-equivalent of \$10.

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 18-64-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 18-36, and the 18-36-year-old populations for African Americans, Latinxs, Asian Americans, and non-Latinx whites, were used for all analyses.