



GenForward August 2020

Politics 2020, Protest, Racism, and Policing 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:
07/24 – 08/06/2020
Total N: 3,115 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	+/- 2.54%
Democrats	+/- 4.50%
Independents	+/- 5.66%
Republicans	+/- 5.27%

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

Key Findings: The Most Important Issue and the Economy

- Pluralities of Democrat (29%), Independent (20%), and Republican (21%) young adults said the coronavirus pandemic is the most important problem facing the country.
 - Racism was the second most chosen answer among Democrats (16%) and Independents, and third most selected response among Republicans (8% - tied with economic growth).
 - Health care was the second most chosen answer among Republicans (9%), and third most selected response among Democrats (10%) and Independents (9%).
- Thinking about the state of the country, 81% of Democrats, 63% of Independents, and 57% of Republicans say the country is off on the wrong track.
- A majority of Democrats (50%) and near majority of Republicans (48%) say the United States is headed to or already in a **recession**.
 - A near majority of Independents (49%) say the country is headed to or already in a **depression**.
 - While 8% of Democrats say the United States is in neither a recession or depression, 21% of both Republicans and Independents say the same.
- When asked about optimism for their personal economic future, 65% of Republicans, 35% of Independents, and 48% of Democrats say they are somewhat or very optimistic.

Key Findings: The 2020 Election

- A majority of Democrat (61%) and Republican (52%) young adults say they have a great deal or quite a bit of interest in following news about the 2020 presidential election, compared to 32% of Independent young adults who say the same.
 - While 4% of Democrats and 6% of Republicans say they have no interest at all, 27% of Independents say they have no interest at all in following news about the 2020 presidential election.
- Majorities of Democrat (66%) and Republican (56%) young adults, compared to 28% of Independents, say they definitely will vote in the presidential election being held in November 2020.
- A large majority of Republican (75%) young adults say they think Donald Trump will win re-election in 2020, compared to 40% of Independents and 22% of Democrats.
- In terms of partisan presidential support, 79% of Democrat young adults say they will vote for Joe Biden, while 16% of Republicans and 23% of Independents say the same.
- In terms of support for Donald Trump, 65% of Republican, 4% of Democrat and 11% of Independent young adults say they will vote for Donald Trump in the upcoming election.
 - Among Independents, a plurality (34%) say they will not vote, and 30% say they will vote for someone else.
- Net favorability of the presidential nominees among young adults, unsurprisingly shows warm support within-party for the major party candidates:
 - Net favorability = Joe Biden very or somewhat favorable – Donald Trump very or somewhat favorable: +56 among Democrats; +6 among Independents, -42 among Republicans).
- When asked about who young adults trust more to handle some current crises facing the United States, we find partisan gaps of confidence in the major party candidates:
 - A majority of Democrats (78%) say they trust Joe Biden to handle **the coronavirus pandemic**, compared to 59% Republicans saying Donald Trump. A majority of Independents (58%) say they don't know.
 - A majority of Democrats (82%) say they trust Joe Biden to handle **protests over racism**, compared to 56% of Republicans naming Donald Trump. A majority of Independents (54%) say they don't know.
 - A majority of Democrats (69%) say they trust Joe Biden to handle **the recovery of the economy**, compared to 73% of Republicans saying Donald Trump. A majority of Independents (55%) say they don't know.
 - A majority of Democrats (73%) say they trust Joe Biden to handle **providing law and order throughout the country**, compared to 67% of Republicans naming Donald Trump. A majority of Independents (56%) say they don't know.

Key Findings: Protest and Racism

- Young adults differ on the best way to make racial progress in the United States.
 - Pluralities of Democrats (18%) suggest voting in state and local elections is the best strategy, followed by non-violent protests and demonstrations (17%), and revolution (17%).
 - The answer most often chosen among Independents (17%) and Republicans (16%) was racial progress is not needed, compared to 3% of Democrats who said the same.
 - The second most chosen response among Independents (16%) and Republicans (15%) was non-violent protests and demonstrations (tied with community service and volunteering among Republicans).
- Twice as many Democrat (22%) young adults say they have been involved in the recent and ongoing protests and demonstrations in cities across the country, compared to 11% of Republican and Independent young adults.
- A majority of Democrat (56%) young adults say most of the protesters are peaceful, while a plurality of Independent (34%) and Republican (48%) young adults say many of the protesters are peaceful, but significant numbers want to incite violence or destroy property.
- Majorities of young adults across party identification say the recent protests are strongly or somewhat justified (84% Democrat, 60% Independent, 52% Republican).
- A majority of Democrats (68%) and pluralities of Independents (43%) and Republicans (45%) say the movement sparked by the killing of George Floyd will have a long-term impact.
- Majorities of Democrats (79%) and Independents (64%) say **racism remains a major problem** in our society, while a near majority of Republicans (49%) say racism exists today but it **is not a major problem**.
- A majority of Democrats (77%) and a plurality of Independents (46%) say recent killings of Black Americans by police are part of a larger pattern, while a majority of Republicans (56%) say the killings of Black Americans by police are isolated incidents.
- A majority of Democrats (81%) and Independent (55%) young adults say the killing of Black people by the police is extremely or very serious problem, compared to 37% of Republicans who think it is an extremely serious problem.
- Large majorities of Democrats (90%) and Independents (69%) say they strongly or somewhat support the Black Lives Matter movement, compared to 47% of Republicans.
 - A plurality of Republicans (33%) say they strongly oppose the Black Lives Matter movement.
- A majority of Democrats (66%) say the United States should provide reparations to African Americans. In contrast, a majority of Republicans (70%) say the United States should not provide reparations.

- Independents are split between providing reparations (49%) and not providing reparations (47%).
- Majorities of Democrats (81%) and Independents (62%) say the Confederate flag is more a symbol of racism, compared to a majority of Republicans (61%) who say the Confederate flag is more a symbol of southern pride.
- Majorities of Democrats (80%) and Independents (54%) say they strongly or somewhat support removing Confederate statues and symbols from public places, while a majority of Republicans (58%) strongly or somewhat oppose removal.
- Majorities of Republican (64%) and Independent (52%) young adults say the Pentagon should leave the names of military bases named after Confederate leaders as is, while a majority of Democrats (76%) say the Pentagon should rename military bases that are named after Confederate leaders.

Key Findings: Policing

- Majorities of young adults across partisan identification say police are necessary for safe communities (76% Democrat, 68% Independent, and 93% Republican).
- A plurality of Independent (46%) young adults, and majorities of Republican (60%) and Democrat (54%) young adults say their community has the right number of police officers.
- When asked about funding for their **“local police department”**, pluralities of Republicans (46%) and Independents (48%) say funding should be kept the same. A plurality of Democrats (46%) say funding for their “local police department” should be decreased.
- However, when asked about funding for **“the police”**, a majority of Democrat (58%) young adults say funding should be decreased. Pluralities of Independent (46%) and Republican (42%) young adults say funding for “the police” should be kept the same.
- Large majorities of young adults across party identification support creating a new agency of first responders that specialize in de-escalation of violence, providing mental health support, and other social services that would take over these responsibilities from the police (88% Democrat, 67% Independent, and 67% Republican).
- Majorities of Democrat (64%) young adults support the idea of **divesting from the police** and putting the **entire budget** of the police department toward investment in areas such as healthcare, education and housing. In contrast majorities of Republican (63%) young adults oppose such an idea.
 - Independent young adults are split on the idea of entire budget divestment from the police with 46% supporting such a strategy and 45% opposing such a move.
- Majorities of Democrat (75%) and Independent (53%) young adults support the idea of **divesting from the police** and putting **part of the budget** of the police department toward investment in areas such as healthcare, education and housing. In contrast majorities of Republican (61%) young adults oppose such an idea.
- When asked if police departments in the United States should be **“defunded,”** a near majority of Democrat (49%) young adults say **yes, defund**. In comparison, a majority of Republican (76%) and plurality of Independent (43%) young adults, say **do not defund**.
- When asked if police departments in the United States should be **“abolished,”** majorities of young adults across partisanship say **no, do not abolish the police** (Democrats (60%), Independents (58%) and Republicans 79%).
- A majority of Democrat (62%) young adults support high school cutting ties with the police. In contrast, majorities of Republican (68%) and Independent (54%) young adults oppose such a move.
- A majority of Democrat (64%) young adults support universities cutting ties with the police. In contrast, majorities of Republican (68%) and Independent (61%) young adults oppose such a move.
- When asked about experiences with the police, 53% of Democrats, 50% of Independents, and 33% of Republicans say they themselves or someone they know has experienced harassment or violence at the hands of the police.

Key Findings: The Coronavirus Pandemic

- Majorities across party identification say they are worried or very worried about the spread of the coronavirus (87% Democrat, 68% Independent, 57% Republican).
 - Only a majority of Democrat (54%) young adults say they are *very* worried, compared to 30% of Independent and 21% of Republican young adults.
- Majorities of Democrat (74%) and Independent (56%) young adults and 45% of Republican young adults say they are concerned or very concerned about *personally* getting seriously sick due to the coronavirus.
 - When asked about concern over *their family* getting seriously sick due to the coronavirus, response percentages increased among young adults across party identification (84% Democrat, 67% Independent, 58% Republican).
- Majorities of young adults across party identification strongly or somewhat agree with the statement “the current surge in cases of the coronavirus is the result of opening up those states too soon” (91% Democrat, 74% Independent, and 62% Republican).
 - There are wide gaps based on party identification among those who strongly agree with the statement above (67% Democrat, 39% Independent, 27% Republican).
- Majorities of Democrats (74%) and Independents (56%) and a plurality of Republicans (41%) say it is a bad idea to have students return to school in person in the fall.
 - While 35% of Republicans say it is a good idea to have students return to school in person in the fall, only 12% of Independents and 9% of Democrats agree.
- A majority of Republican (55%) young adults say President Trump has done an excellent or good job in responding to the coronavirus pandemic in their community, compared to 19% of Independents and 12% of Democrats.
 - There is a wide partisan gap among young adults who believe Donald Trump has done a poor job in responding to the coronavirus pandemic in their community (75% Democrat, 52% Independent, 14% 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	2	31	11
Somewhat favorable	7	12	41	18
Somewhat unfavorable	23	27	18	22
Very unfavorable	62	25	7	39
Don't know enough to say	5	33	2	10
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

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	27	2	5	16
Somewhat favorable	51	15	14	34
Somewhat unfavorable	13	29	26	20
Very unfavorable	5	20	50	21
Don't know enough to say	2	33	4	9
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	-	*	*
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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	29	20	21	25
National debt	1	2	4	2
Environment and climate change	6	3	2	4
Gay rights / LGBT issues	1	2	1	1
Gun control	2	2	3	2
Health care	10	9	9	9
Immigration	2	2	4	2
Poverty	2	3	2	2
Income inequality	9	6	3	7
Unemployment	3	8	5	5
Economic growth	2	5	8	5
Military strength	1	1	1	1
Morality and religion in society	1	2	4	2
Racism	16	12	8	13
Social Security	1	1	*	1
Taxes	1	2	2	1
Women's rights	1	3	1	1
Crime	1	4	6	3
Foreign policy	*	1	1	1
Education	3	4	5	3
Terrorism and homeland security	1	*	2	1
Police brutality	6	5	1	5
Sexual harassment	1	1	*	1
Free trade	*	1	1	1
Mass incarceration	*	*	1	*
Too many wars	*	2	1	1
Abortion	*	*	4	1
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
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Q4. Would you say things in this country today are...

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Off on the wrong track	81	63	57	71
Generally headed in the right direction	9	11	27	15
Not sure	9	25	17	15
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	0	*
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Q5. How would you describe the nation's economy these days?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very good	4	2	9	5
Somewhat good	11	10	22	14
Neither good nor poor	26	35	33	30
Somewhat poor	37	31	25	32
Very poor	22	23	11	19
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	*	*
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Q6. 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	22	13	21	20
Already in a recession	28	17	27	26
Headed to a depression	30	32	23	28
Already in a depression	11	17	7	11
In neither a recession or depression	8	21	21	14
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	1
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Q7. Generally speaking, how optimistic are you about your personal future—think about things like finding and keeping a good job, paying off your student loan debt, and being able to afford the lifestyle you want?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very optimistic	14	13	25	17
Somewhat optimistic	34	22	40	33
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	26	42	21	27
Somewhat pessimistic	17	12	9	14
Very pessimistic	9	12	4	8
SKIPPED ON WED	*	*	*	*
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Q8. 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	24	24	19	23
Very worried	16	13	11	14
Somewhat worried	22	31	21	23
A little worried	18	16	19	18
Not at all worried	20	17	30	22
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	-	*
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Q9. How worried are you about being able to pay your rent or mortgage?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Extremely worried	13	13	10	12
Very worried	10	6	7	9
Somewhat worried	20	23	19	20
A little worried	18	15	16	17
Not at all worried	27	22	36	29
I do not pay rent or a mortgage	11	20	11	13
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
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Q10. How worried are you about keeping your current job or finding a good job in the future?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Extremely worried	16	16	10	14
Very worried	17	12	11	14
Somewhat worried	26	29	26	27
A little worried	22	14	18	19
Not at all worried	19	28	34	25
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	1	*
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Q11. How much interest do you have in following news about the 2020 presidential election?

	<i>Democrat</i> %	<i>Independent</i> %	<i>Republican</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
A great deal	32	14	24	26
Quite a bit	29	18	28	27
Only some	25	29	30	27
Very little	9	13	12	11
No interest at all	4	27	6	9
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	-	*
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Q12. 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	51	16	40	41
Did not vote	27	54	40	36
My state's primary or caucus has not happened yet, and I plan to vote	15	14	13	14
My state's primary or caucus has not happened yet, and I do not plan to vote	2	4	3	3
Was not eligible to vote in 2020	5	11	3	6
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
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Q13. 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	17	5	7
Probably will not vote	4	11	6	6
Uncertain about whether I will vote or not	8	24	11	12
Probably will vote	17	20	21	18
Definitely will vote	66	28	56	55
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	*	*	*
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Q14. 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	61	32	62	56
Did not vote	21	42	24	26
Was not eligible to vote in 2016	17	26	14	18
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
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Q15. 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	54	25	50	47
Did not vote	34	53	40	40
Was not eligible to vote in 2018	11	21	10	13
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	*	*	1
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Q16. 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	22	40	75	41
Trump will lose	77	58	25	58
DON'T KNOW	-	*	*	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	1	1
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Q17. 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	4	11	65	23
Joe Biden	79	23	16	50
Someone else	10	30	14	15
I will not vote	6	34	5	11
DON'T KNOW	-	*	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	*	1
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Q18. 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	20	5	8	14
Somewhat favorable	44	14	15	30
Somewhat unfavorable	22	22	19	21
Very unfavorable	9	23	52	24
Don't know enough to say	5	35	6	11
Skipped/Refused	1	*	*	*
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Q19. 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	3	27	10
Somewhat favorable	5	10	38	15
Somewhat unfavorable	9	16	17	13
Very unfavorable	80	46	15	55
Don't know enough to say	2	24	3	7
Skipped/Refused	*	1	*	*
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Q20. Who do you trust more to handle the coronavirus pandemic--Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Donald Trump	4	13	59	22
Joe Biden	78	29	18	51
Don't know	17	58	22	27
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	*	1	*
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Q21. Who do you trust more to handle protests over racism--Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Donald Trump	4	11	56	20
Joe Biden	82	34	21	55
Don't know	13	54	23	24
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
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Q22. Who do you trust more to handle the recovery of the economy--Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Donald Trump	10	22	73	30
Joe Biden	69	22	14	44
Don't know	20	55	12	25
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	*	*	1
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Q23. Who do you trust more to handle providing law and order throughout the country--Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Donald Trump	8	14	67	26
Joe Biden	73	29	16	48
Don't know	19	56	15	25
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	1	2	1
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Q24. 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	18	6	9	13
Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth	5	3	3	4
Former Georgia Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams	6	1	1	4
Florida Congresswoman Val Demings	2	2	3	2
Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto	2	1	3	2
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer	4	1	3	3
Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin	1	3	2	2
Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms	5	2	4	4
New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	4	3	8	5
New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham	1	1	2	1
Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren	23	8	12	17
Former US Ambassador to the United Nations and National Security Advisor Susan R. Johnson	5	6	7	6
California Congresswoman Karen Bass	4	1	3	3
Someone else	19	58	40	33
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	4	2	2
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Q25. In your opinion, what is the best way to make racial progress in the United States?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Voting in national elections	11	4	10	9
Voting in state and local elections	18	10	10	14
Community service and volunteering	4	6	15	8
Organizing in communities	14	8	11	12
Non-violent protests and demonstrations	17	16	15	16
Consumer boycotts	3	2	3	3
Social media campaigns	4	3	6	4
Working for a political or non-profit organization	3	3	3	3
Revolution	17	11	6	12
Not participating in politics in any way	4	14	6	6
Racial progress is not needed	3	17	16	10
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	5	*	1
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Q26. Have you, a member of your household, or a member of your extended family or friends been involved in recent and ongoing protests and demonstrations in cities across the country?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, me	22	11	11	17
Yes, household member	11	7	8	9
Yes, extended family or friends	26	16	12	20
No	54	74	72	63
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
Skipped/Refused	*	*	*	*
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Q27. Which of the following comes closest to your view of the protesters?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Most of the protesters are peaceful	56	24	20	39
Many of the protesters are peaceful, but significant numbers of them want to incite violence	30	34	48	36
Most of the protesters are trying to incite violence or destroy property	8	12	25	14
Unsure	6	29	7	11
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q28. Do you think the recent protests across the country are justified?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly justified	60	30	16	41
Somewhat justified	24	30	36	29
Somewhat unjustified	10	22	26	17
Strongly unjustified	5	16	21	12
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q29. Do you think the movement sparked by the killing of George Floyd will have a long-term impact on race relations in the United States, a short-term impact, or no impact at all?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Long-term impact	68	43	45	57
Short-term impact	27	38	41	33
No impact at all	5	17	13	10
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	2	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q30. Some people say that racism no longer exists in American society and politics. Would you say that...?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Racism remains a major problem in our society	79	64	37	64
Racism exists today but it is not a major problem	14	26	49	26
Racism once existed but no longer exists in our society	4	4	9	6
Racism has never been a major problem in our society	2	4	5	3
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q31. Do you think recent killings of Black Americans by police are isolated incidents or part of a larger pattern in the police's treatment of Black Americans?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Isolated incidents	14	19	56	27
Part of a larger pattern	77	46	31	57
Don't know	9	35	13	15
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q32. How serious a problem do you think the killing of Black people by the police is in the United States?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Extremely serious	58	36	17	42
Very serious	23	19	20	21
Moderately serious	14	28	30	21
Not too serious	4	8	20	9
Not at all serious	2	8	13	6
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q33. From what you have heard or read about the movement called #BlackLivesMatter, do you...

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support the movement	63	34	17	44
Somewhat support the movement	27	35	30	30
Somewhat oppose the movement	5	14	19	11
Strongly oppose the movement	5	14	33	15
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q34. As a way to make up for the harm caused by slavery and other forms of racial discrimination, do you think the United States should or should not provide reparations to African Americans?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Should provide reparations	66	49	29	52
Should not provide reparations	33	47	70	46
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	4	1	2
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q35. Do you personally see the Confederate flag more as a symbol of Southern pride or more as a symbol of racism?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Southern pride	17	35	61	33
Racism	81	62	37	65
SKIPPED / REFUSED	2	3	2	2
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q36. Do you support or oppose efforts to remove Confederate statues and symbols from public places such as government buildings and parks?

	<i>Democrat</i> %	<i>Independent</i> %	<i>Republican</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
Strongly support	57	23	16	39
Somewhat support	23	31	25	25
Somewhat oppose	12	27	27	20
Strongly oppose	6	17	31	15
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q37. As you may know, the Senate has added an amendment to the defense policy bill that would require the Pentagon to rename military bases that are named after Confederate leaders. In your opinion, should the Pentagon...?

	<i>Democrat</i> %	<i>Independent</i> %	<i>Republican</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
Rename military bases that are named after Confederate leaders	76	44	35	58
Leave the names of military bases that are named after Confederate leaders as is	22	52	64	40
SKIPPED / REFUSED	2	5	1	2
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q38. Are you, or is a member of your household, or a member of your extended family or friends a member of any local, state, or federal police force?

	<i>Democrat</i> %	<i>Independent</i> %	<i>Republican</i> %	<i>Total</i> %
Yes, me	6	4	9	6
Yes, household member	5	3	7	5
Yes, extended family or friends	21	16	22	20
No	69	77	63	69
Skipped/Refused	*	1	*	*
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

**Q39. To what degree do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Police are necessary for safe communities.**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	34	35	64	43
Somewhat agree	42	33	29	37
Somewhat disagree	16	19	5	13
Strongly disagree	8	10	2	7
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q40. Do you think your community has the right number of police officers, needs more police officers, or has too many police officers?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Has too many police officers	29	25	14	24
Right number of police officers	54	46	60	54
Needs more police officers	15	26	24	20
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	2	2
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Split Ballot

Q41. Do you believe the funding for [your local police department] should be increased, decreased, or kept the same?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Increased	17	12	36	21
Decreased	46	36	16	35
Kept the same	37	48	46	42
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	1	1
N	852	288	425	1,565

Do you believe the funding for [the police] should be increased, decreased, or kept the same?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Increased	12	17	42	22
Decreased	58	36	16	42
Kept the same	30	46	42	36
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	-	*
N	884	268	374	1,526

Q42. Would you support or oppose creating a new agency of first responders that specialize in de-escalation of violence, providing mental health support, and other social services that would take over these responsibilities from the police?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	59	29	26	44
Somewhat support	29	38	41	34
Somewhat oppose	7	20	17	13
Strongly oppose	3	10	15	8
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	3	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Split Ballot

Q43. Would you support or oppose divesting from police departments and putting [their entire budgets] toward investments into other areas such as healthcare, education and housing?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	40	24	13	29
Somewhat support	24	22	23	23
Somewhat oppose	25	25	29	26
Strongly oppose	10	20	34	19
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	9	1	3
N	837	284	398	1,519

Would you support or oppose divesting from police departments and putting [part of their budgets] toward investments into other areas such as healthcare, education and housing?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	52	29	14	37
Somewhat support	23	24	23	23
Somewhat oppose	20	30	33	26
Strongly oppose	4	14	28	13
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	4	2	2
N	899	272	401	1,572

Split Ballot**Q44. Do you think police departments in the United States should be [defunded]?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, defund	49	17	14	33
No, do not defund	32	43	76	46
Unsure	18	36	9	19
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	5	*	2
N	891	274	385	1,550

Do you think police departments in the United States should be [abolished]?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, abolish	17	5	11	13
No, do not abolish	60	58	79	65
Unsure	23	35	10	22
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	2	*	*
N	845	282	414	1,541

Split Ballot**Q45. Do you support or oppose [high schools] cutting ties with the police?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	30	13	12	21
Somewhat support	34	21	19	27
Somewhat oppose	24	37	25	27
Strongly oppose	11	24	43	23
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	5	1	2
N	892	281	428	1,601

Do you support or oppose [universities] cutting ties with the police?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly support	27	16	12	21
Somewhat support	35	25	19	28
Somewhat oppose	26	31	28	28
Strongly oppose	10	23	40	21
SKIPPED / REFUSED	2	6	1	2
N	844	275	371	1,490

Q46. Have you or someone you know ever been stopped by the police?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, me	55	49	61	56
Yes, someone I know	46	43	39	43
No	21	32	19	23
Skipped/Refused	1	2	*	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q47. Have you or someone you know experienced harassment or violence at the hands of the police?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes, me	18	21	15	18
Yes, someone I know	35	29	18	29
No	53	57	69	58
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
Skipped/Refused	1	3	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q48. How worried are you about the spread of the coronavirus?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very worried	54	30	21	40
Worried	33	38	36	35
Not very worried	10	18	30	17
Not worried at all	3	13	13	8
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Split Ballot**Q49. How concerned are you about [you] getting seriously sick due to the coronavirus?**

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very concerned	30	28	15	26
Concerned	44	28	30	37
Not very concerned	21	26	41	28
Not concerned at all	4	17	13	9
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	1	*	1
N	917	296	390	1,603

How concerned are you about [your family] getting seriously sick due to the coronavirus?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Very concerned	48	29	24	37
Concerned	36	38	34	36
Not very concerned	11	21	31	19
Not concerned at all	3	10	11	7
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	*	1
N	819	260	409	1,488

Q50_B. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The current surge in cases of the coronavirus being experienced in many states is the result of opening up those states too soon.

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly agree	67	39	27	50
Somewhat agree	24	35	35	29
Somewhat disagree	5	16	22	12
Strongly disagree	3	9	15	8
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	1	*	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q51_B. Given what you know about the spread of the coronavirus currently, do you think it is a good or bad idea to have students return to school in person in the fall?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Good idea	9	12	35	17
Bad idea	74	56	41	61
Unsure	16	31	23	21
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	1	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Q52_B. How well do you think President Donald Trump is doing in responding to the coronavirus pandemic in your community?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Excellent	4	5	22	9
Good	8	14	33	16
Fair	12	27	31	20
Poor	75	52	14	53
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*
SKIPPED / REFUSED	1	2	*	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

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

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strongly approve	3	3	24	9
Somewhat approve	7	9	38	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	10	33	18	17
Somewhat disapprove	12	18	12	13
Strongly disapprove	68	35	8	44
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	3	*	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

Demographics

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

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Democrat	66	-	-	34
Republican	-	-	65	19
Independent	28	58	27	34
Something else	7	41	8	14
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

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

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Closer to the Republican Party	-	-	100	21
Closer to the Democratic Party	100	-	-	37
Neither	-	100	-	42
N	475	556	220	1,251

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

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%
Strong Democrat	47	47
Not very strong Democrat	53	53
N	1,261	1,261

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

	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%
Strong Republican	41	41
Not very strong Republican	59	59
N	579	579

Party ID 7. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strong Democrat	31	-	-	16
Moderate Democrat	35	-	-	18
Lean Democrat	34	-	-	18
Don't Lean/Independent/None	-	100	-	20
Lean Republican	-	-	35	10
Moderate Republican	-	-	38	11
Strong Republican	-	-	26	8
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

AGE

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
18-24	33	41	30	34
25-30	34	30	30	32
31-36	33	29	39	34
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

GENDER

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Male	46	44	59	49
Female	54	56	41	51
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

RACE/ETHNICITY

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Black	18	19	4	14
Asian	10	7	4	8
Latino	23	28	14	22
White	47	44	76	55
Other	1	1	2	1
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

MARITAL STATUS

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Married	23	21	39	27
Widowed	*	*	1	1
Divorced	2	1	3	2
Separated	1	2	2	2
Never married	60	60	44	56
Living with partner	14	15	12	14
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Employed	70	56	74	68
Not employed	30	44	26	32
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

EDUCATION

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
No HS diploma	8	13	9	9
HS graduate or equivalent	26	37	23	27
Some college	31	33	33	32
BA or above	35	17	35	31
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Under \$10,000	9	17	6	10
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9	11	7	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	14	16	12	14
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11	13	11	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8	8	9	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19	16	19	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13	6	14	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	10	6	15	10
\$150,000 or more	7	7	8	7
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

What is your present religion, if any?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Protestant	17	17	29	20
Roman Catholic	16	11	18	16
Mormon	1	1	7	3
Orthodox	1	*	1	1
Jewish	2	1	2	2
Muslim	1	2	1	1
Buddhist	1	2	2	2
Hindu	1	1	1	1
Atheist	10	6	1	7
Agnostic	7	7	4	6
Nothing in particular	25	33	14	23
Just Christian	15	16	17	16
Unitarian	*	*	*	*
N	897	265	353	1,515

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

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes	26	26	45	33
No	74	74	55	67
N	500	146	269	915

How often do you attend religious services?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>	
	%	%	%	%	
Never		37	33	18	31
Less than once per year		13	15	12	13
About once or twice a year		13	21	11	14
Several times a year		15	9	12	14
About once a month		4	3	6	5
2-3 times a month		5	4	7	6
Nearly every week		3	5	3	4
Every week		6	4	22	11
Several times a week		2	5	9	4
N		889	262	351	1,502

Unweighted Demographics

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

	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Total</u>
	%	%	%	%
Democrat	73	-	-	41
Republican	-	-	72	19
Independent	22	59	21	29
Something else	5	40	6	12
SKIPPED / REFUSED	*	1	*	*
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

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

	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Total</u>
	%	%	%	%
Closer to the Republican Party	-	-	100	18
Closer to the Democratic Party	100	-	-	38
Neither	-	100	-	44
N	475	556	220	1,251

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

	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Total</u>
	%	%
Strong Democrat	59	59
Not very strong Democrat	41	41
N	1,261	1,261

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Total</u>
	%	%
Strong Republican	59	59
Not very strong Republican	41	41
N	579	579

UNWEIGHTED Party ID 7 Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Strong Democrat	43	-	-	24
Moderate Democrat	30	-	-	17
Lean Democrat	27	-	-	15
Don't Lean/Independent/None	-	100	-	18
Lean Republican	-	-	28	7
Moderate Republican	-	-	30	8
Strong Republican	-	-	43	11
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED AGE

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
18-24	30	37	28	31
25-30	34	32	31	33
31-36	35	30	40	36
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED GENDER

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Male	44	47	58	48
Female	56	53	42	52
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED RACE/ETHNICITY

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Black	30	31	13	26
Asian	17	15	10	14
Latino	25	26	25	25
White	26	27	52	33
Other	2	2	2	2
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED MARITAL STATUS

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Married	24	22	40	28
Widowed	*	*	2	1
Divorced	2	2	3	2
Separated	2	3	3	2
Never married	59	62	41	55
Living with partner	13	12	11	13
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Employed	70	56	72	68
Not employed	30	44	28	32
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED EDUCATION

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
No HS diploma	9	14	9	10
HS graduate or equivalent	16	27	17	18
Some college	32	36	32	33
BA or above	42	24	42	39
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Under \$10,000	11	19	10	12
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9	12	8	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13	15	11	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10	12	9	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8	8	8	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18	14	17	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13	6	13	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	10	7	15	11
\$150,000 or more	7	6	9	8
N	1,736	556	799	3,091

UNWEIGHTED What is your present religion, if any?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Protestant	19	16	29	21
Roman Catholic	16	13	20	16
Mormon	1	1	5	2
Orthodox	1	1	1	1
Jewish	1	1	2	1
Muslim	2	3	1	2
Buddhist	2	2	2	2
Hindu	2	2	1	2
Atheist	6	3	1	4
Agnostic	7	5	4	6
Nothing in particular	25	34	13	23
Just Christian	16	17	18	17
Unitarian	*	*	*	*
N	897	265	353	1,515

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

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Yes	26	29	46	32
No	74	71	54	68
N	500	146	269	915

UNWEIGHTED How often do you attend religious services?

	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Independent</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Total</i>
	%	%	%	%
Never	31	34	17	28
Less than once per year	14	15	13	14
About once or twice a year	15	16	12	15
Several times a year	16	11	12	14
About once a month	5	4	6	5
2-3 times a month	5	5	7	6
Nearly every week	5	5	4	5
Every week	6	7	19	9
Several times a week	2	4	9	4
N	889	262	351	1,502

STUDY METHODOLOGY

The GenForward August survey is a project of Professor Cathy J. Cohen at the University of Chicago. Interviews were conducted with a representative sample from GenForwardSM, a nationally representative survey panel of adults ages 18-36 recruited and administered by NORC at the University of Chicago.

A total of 3,115 interviews were conducted between July 24th and August 6th, 2020 with adults ages 18-36, including completed interviews with 807 African American young adults, 448 Asian American young adults, 789 Latinx young adults, 1018 White young adults, and 53 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-five 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-five 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 3,115 completed interviews in the GenForward August survey, 95 percent were completed by web and 5 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 18.0 percent. The weighted AAPOR RR3 panel recruitment rate is 11.2 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 88.3 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 1.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 2.54 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 +/- 4.50 percentage points for African Americans, +/- 5.66 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 5.27 percentage points for Latinxs, and +/- 3.85 percentage points for Whites. The margin of sampling error at the 95 percent confidence level is +/- 3.40 percentage points for Democrats, +/- 5.02 percentage points for Republicans, +/- 5.71 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.