

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 54 SEPTEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 16-SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
TOTAL N=6,878**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	6,878	+/- 1.6 percentage points
<i>Lower income</i>	1,645	+/- 3.3 percentage points
<i>Middle income</i>	3,351	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Upper income</i>	1,614	+/- 3.0 percentage points

ASK ALL:

SATLIFE

Please tell us whether you are **[RANDOMIZE: (satisfied) or (dissatisfied)]** with the following aspects of your life. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]**

a. Your family life

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
47	Very satisfied	38	49	55
37	Somewhat satisfied	40	38	34
11	Somewhat dissatisfied	15	9	8
5	Very dissatisfied	8	4	4
*	No answer	*	*	0

b. Your social life

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
28	Very satisfied	24	28	35
46	Somewhat satisfied	43	47	46
19	Somewhat dissatisfied	22	19	15
7	Very dissatisfied	11	5	3
*	No answer	*	*	*

c. The quality of life in your local community

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
31	Very satisfied	21	32	43
49	Somewhat satisfied	48	52	46
15	Somewhat dissatisfied	22	13	8
5	Very dissatisfied	9	4	2
*	No answer	0	*	0

TREND:

		<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Very dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Your family life					
	Jun 25-Jul 8, 2019	46	36	13	5	*
	May 14-24, 2019	52	36	8	4	*
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	46	38	11	5	*
	Aug 8-21, 2017	39	39	15	6	*
	Nov 17-Dec 1, 2016	46	38	13	4	*
b.	Your social life					
	Jun 25-Jul 8, 2019	28	45	20	7	*
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	27	46	19	8	*
	Aug 8-21, 2017	24	46	21	8	*
c.	The quality of life in your local community					
	Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	27	51	16	5	*

ASK ALL:

FIN_SIT	How would you describe your household's financial situation?	<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
29	Live comfortably	8	28	72
41	Meet your basic expenses with a little leftover for extras	36	52	25
22	Just meet your basic expenses	39	17	2
7	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses	17	3	*
*	No Answer	*	*	0

TREND:

	<u>Live comfortably</u>	<u>Meet your basic expenses with a little leftover for extras</u>	<u>Just meet your basic expenses</u>	<u>Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 ¹	25	36	24	14	1

ASK IF DOES NOT LIVE COMFORTABLY OR NO ANSWER (FIN_SIT=2-99) [n=4,408]:

FIN_SITFUT	In the future, do you think your household will have enough money to live comfortably?	<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
63	Yes	56	68	84
36	No	43	31	16
1	No answer	1	1	0

¹ In 2014, n=2,811 respondents took the survey via web and n=343 respondents completed this survey via paper questionnaire delivered by mail.

ASK ALL:

FIN_SITMOST How would you describe the financial situation of MOST AMERICANS?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
5	Live comfortably	7	4	4
38	Meet their basic expenses with a little left over for extras	36	38	41
47	Just meet their basic expenses	43	49	49
9	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses	14	8	4
1	No answer	1	*	1

ASK ALL:

FIN_SITCOMM How would you describe the financial situation of MOST PEOPLE IN THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
22	Live comfortably	16	21	38
45	Meet their basic expenses with a little left over for extras	39	49	46
26	Just meet their basic expenses	35	25	13
6	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses	9	5	3
*	No answer	*	*	*

ASK ALL:

FIN_SITGROWUP Now thinking about when you were growing up, how would you describe your family's financial situation for most of the time WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
22	Lived comfortably	23	21	26
36	Met basic expenses with a little left over for extras	32	37	42
29	Just met their basic expenses	30	30	23
12	Didn't even have enough to meet basic expenses	15	12	8
*	No answer	*	*	*

ASK IF FORM 2 AND NOT RETIRED (F_E1=2) [n=3,380]:

JOBTRAIN Looking ahead, how important do you think it will be for you to get training and develop new skills throughout your work life in order to keep up with changes in the workplace?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
51	Essential	50	51	54
30	Important, but not essential	36	29	24
17	Not important	13	18	20
2	No answer	1	2	2

ASK ALL:

GOVPRIORITY How much of a priority should each of the following be for the federal government to address? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Making health care more affordable

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
72	A top priority	77	71	64
22	Important, but lower priority	19	22	28
4	Not too important	3	5	5
2	Should not be done	2	3	3
*	No answer	*	*	*

b. Reducing illegal immigration

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A top priority	35	41	37
35	Important, but lower priority	37	33	33
22	Not too important	23	22	26
4	Should not be done	5	3	4
*	No answer	*	*	*

c. Reducing economic inequality

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
42	A top priority	52	39	36
37	Important, but lower priority	35	38	38
14	Not too important	8	16	17
6	Should not be done	4	7	9
1	No answer	2	1	*

d. Addressing climate change

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
49	A top priority	52	46	52
28	Important, but lower priority	30	28	23
16	Not too important	13	17	17
7	Should not be done	5	8	9
1	No answer	1	1	*

e. Dealing with terrorism

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
65	A top priority	66	67	58
27	Important, but lower priority	25	26	33
7	Not too important	7	6	8
1	Should not be done	1	*	1
*	No answer	*	*	*

GOVPRIORITY CONTINUED ...

f. Reducing gun violence

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
58	A top priority	62	56	58
28	Important, but lower priority	26	30	28
9	Not too important	8	10	10
3	Should not be done	3	4	4
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK IF REDUCING INEQUALITY IS A TOP PRIORITY OR IMPORTANT (GOVPRIORITYc=1,2)
[n=5,448]:

WHYREDINEQ Please indicate if each of the following are a reason why you think reducing economic inequality should be **[IF GOVPRIORITYc=1: a top priority; IF GOVPRIORITYc=2: important]** for the federal government to address. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Economic inequality goes against our country's values

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
41	Major reason	46	40	34
39	Minor reason	36	40	43
19	Not a reason	18	18	22
1	No answer	1	1	1

b. Economic inequality limits people's opportunities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
70	Major reason	71	71	71
24	Minor reason	24	23	24
5	Not a reason	5	5	5
1	No answer	*	1	1

c. Economic inequality has a harmful effect on economic growth

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
56	Major reason	61	56	49
35	Minor reason	32	36	40
8	Not a reason	6	7	10
1	No answer	1	1	1

d. Economic inequality gives the wealthy too much political influence and access

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
75	Major reason	75	77	72
19	Minor reason	20	17	20
5	Not a reason	4	5	7
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

QCEN1		Have you ever heard of the United States census, or have you not heard of this?		
		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
95	Yes, have heard	91	96	99
5	No, have not heard	9	4	1
*	No answer	*	*	0

TREND:

	<u>Yes, have heard</u>	<u>No, have not heard</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 7-16, 2018	90	9	*

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS²:

	<u>Yes, have heard</u>	<u>No, have not heard</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	88	11	*
Jan 6-10, 2010	84	15	*

ASK IF HAVE NOT HEARD OR NO ANSWER (QCEN1=2,99) [n=219]:

QCEN1a		The census is the count of all people who live in the United States. Have you ever heard of that before, or have you not heard of that?		
		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
53	Yes, have heard	48	63	46
47	No, have not heard	52	37	54
*	No answer	0	*	0

TREND:

	<u>Yes, have heard</u>	<u>No, have not heard</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 7-16, 2018	45	54	1

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS²:

	<u>Yes, have heard</u>	<u>No, have not heard</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	48	50	3
Jan 6-10, 2010	49	51	0

COMBO TABLE BASED QCEN1/QCEN1a, BASED ON TOTAL:

		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
95	Have heard of census (QCEN1=1)	91	96	99
5	Have not heard/No answer to QCEN1	9	4	1
3	Have heard of census when described	4	3	*
2	Have still not heard of census when described	5	2	*
*	No answer to QCEN1a	0	*	0

² The 2010 surveys were conducted via telephone (landline and cellphone), and due to the [difference in modes](#), results may not be directly comparable to those of the 2018 and 2019 surveys that were conducted online.

QCEN1/QCEN1a TREND BASED ON TOTAL:

	Have not heard/No answer to <u>QCEN1</u>	Have heard of census when <u>described</u>	Have still not heard of census when <u>described</u>	No answer to <u>QCEN1a</u>	Have heard of census (QCEN1=1)
Nov 7-16, 2018	10	4	5	-	90

NO QUESTION QCEN2**ASK IF HAVE HEARD OF THE CENSUS (QCEN1=1 OR QCEN1a=1) [n=6,781]:**

QCEN3 Have you seen or heard anything recently – within the last month or so – about the census, or have you not seen or heard anything recently?

BASED ON TOTAL:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
54	Yes, have seen or heard something recently	45	55	67
44	No, have not seen or heard anything recently	51	43	33
*	No answer	*	*	0
2	Have not heard of census (QCEN1a=2)	5	2	*

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS (BASED ON TOTAL)³:

	Yes, have seen or heard something <u>recently</u>	No, have not seen or heard anything <u>recently</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)	<i>Have not heard of census (QCEN1a=2)</i>
Mar 10-14, 2010	79	14	*	6
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	48	*	8

ASK ALL:

QCEN4 How likely are you to participate in the 2020 census? By participate, we mean fill out a census form.

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
64	Definitely will participate	50	69	80
20	Probably will participate	25	19	14
10	Might or might not participate	15	8	4
4	Probably will not participate	5	3	1
2	Definitely will not participate	4	1	*
*	No answer	0	*	0

³ The 2010 surveys were conducted via telephone (landline and cellphone), and due to the [difference in modes](#), results may not be directly comparable to those of the 2018 and 2019 surveys that were conducted online.

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS⁴:

	Definitely <u>will</u>	Probably <u>will</u>	Might or <u>might not</u>	Probably <u>will not</u>	Definitely <u>will not</u>	Already filled out and mailed <u>in form (VOL.)</u>	Other <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	68	17	5	4	3	2	*	1
Jan 6-10, 2010	58	23	10	4	2	NA	NA	2

ASK ALL:

QCEN5

How important do you think the census is for the United States?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
63	Very important	57	63	73
31	Somewhat important	34	31	24
5	Not too important	7	5	3
1	Not at all important	2	1	*
*	No answer	*	*	*

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS⁵:

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	66	23	4	3	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	60	30	5	3	3

TREND:

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 7-16, 2018	58	33	6	2	*

ASK ALL:

QCEN6

Do you believe that filling out the census form would...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
19	Benefit you personally	19	18	20
2	Harm you personally	4	1	1
78	Neither benefit nor harm you	76	80	78
*	No answer	*	*	*

TREND:

	<u>Benefit you personally</u>	<u>Harm you personally</u>	<u>Neither benefit nor harm you</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Nov 7-16, 2018	25	2	72	1

⁴ The question wording in 2010 was, "How likely are you to participate in the 2010 census? By participate, we mean fill out and mail in a census form. Would you say you ... **[READ RESPONSE OPTIONS]**" Additionally, the 2010 surveys were conducted via telephone (landline and cellphone), and due to the [difference in modes](#), results may not be directly comparable to those of the 2018 and 2019 surveys that were conducted online.

⁵ The 2010 surveys were conducted via telephone (landline and cellphone), and due to the [difference in modes](#), results may not be directly comparable to those of the 2018 and 2019 surveys that were conducted online.

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS⁶:

	Personally <u>benefit</u>	Personally <u>harm</u>	Neither benefit nor <u>harm</u>	Both benefit and harm <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	33	5	57	1	5
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	3	66	NA	5

ASK ALL:

QCEN7

Do you believe that filling out the census form would...

		Lower <u>income</u>	Middle <u>income</u>	Upper <u>income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
48	Benefit your community	43	49	57
3	Harm your community	5	2	2
48	Neither benefit nor harm your community	52	48	41
1	No answer	*	1	1

TREND:

	Benefit your <u>community</u>	Harm your <u>community</u>	Neither benefit nor harm your <u>community</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Nov 7-16, 2018	50	2	46	1

QUESTION ASKED IN PREVIOUS YEARS⁷:

	Benefit your <u>community</u>	Harm your <u>community</u>	Neither benefit nor harm your <u>community</u>	Both benefit and harm your community <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	62	3	29	1	5

ASK ALL:

GOVRESP

Do you think each of the following is something the federal government has a responsibility to provide for all Americans? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

a. An adequate standard of living

		Lower <u>income</u>	Middle <u>income</u>	Upper <u>income</u>
<u>Total</u>				
56	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	72	50	44
43	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	27	50	56
1	No answer	1	1	*

⁶ The question wording in 2010 was, "Do you believe that answering and sending back your census form would personally benefit you in any way, personally harm you, or neither benefit nor harm you?" Additionally, the 2010 surveys were conducted via telephone (landline and cellphone), and due to the [difference in modes](#), results may not be directly comparable to those of the 2018 and 2019 surveys that were conducted online.

⁷ The 2010 surveys were conducted via telephone (landline and cellphone), and due to the [difference in modes](#), results may not be directly comparable to those of the 2018 and 2019 surveys that were conducted online.

GOVRESP CONTINUED ...

b. Adequate housing

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
49	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	66	43	37
50	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	33	57	63
1	No answer	1	1	1

c. High quality K-12 education

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
80	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	86	79	76
19	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	14	20	23
1	No answer	1	*	*

d. A college education

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
36	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	53	29	19
64	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	46	70	80
1	No answer	1	1	1

e. Adequate income in retirement

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
59	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	75	54	41
40	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	23	45	59
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

f. Adequate medical care

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
73	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	85	68	62
27	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	14	31	38
*	No answer	*	1	1

GOVRESP CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

g. Health insurance

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
64	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	79	59	53
35	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	20	41	47
1	No answer	1	1	0

h. Access to high-speed internet

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
28	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	33	25	27
71	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	66	74	73
1	No answer	1	*	*

ASK ALL:

ECON1

Thinking about the nation's economy, how would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
10	Excellent	6	11	17
46	Good	37	49	54
35	Only fair	43	34	26
8	Poor	15	6	3
*	No answer	*	*	0

TREND:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	14	43	32	11	*
Nov 7-16, 2018	13	46	31	9	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	12	45	32	11	*
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017	2	37	43	17	0
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	2	30	47	21	*
Apr 29-May 27, 2014	1	18	50	30	1

ASK ALL:

ECON1B

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
20	Better	20	21	18
32	Worse	33	30	38
48	About the same	47	49	44
*	No answer	*	*	*

TREND:

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	About the <u>same</u>	No <u>answer</u>
July 22-Aug 4, 2019 ⁸	28	28	44	*

ASK ALL:

ECON3

How much, if at all, do you think each of the following is contributing to your opinion about how the economy is doing? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

a. The availability of jobs

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	A great deal	43	45	48
39	A fair amount	38	40	40
13	Not too much	14	13	10
3	Not at all	4	2	2
1	No answer	1	*	1

b. How the stock market is doing

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
25	A great deal	21	25	29
45	A fair amount	41	45	49
22	Not too much	26	21	17
8	Not at all	10	8	4
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

c. Prices for food and consumer goods

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
37	A great deal	44	38	24
45	A fair amount	35	48	56
15	Not too much	15	13	17
3	Not at all	6	1	3
1	No answer	*	*	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

d. The cost of health care

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
43	A great deal	48	44	32
30	A fair amount	27	30	35
19	Not too much	16	18	24
8	Not at all	8	7	8
1	No answer	*	1	1

⁸ In the survey conducted from July 22- August 4, 2019, response options for this question were not randomized.

ECON3 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

e. Real estate values

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
27	A great deal	28	28	23
46	A fair amount	40	49	53
20	Not too much	21	19	20
6	Not at all	10	4	3
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

f. Gas prices

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
23	A great deal	34	21	12
40	A fair amount	37	42	36
28	Not too much	21	29	41
7	Not at all	6	7	10
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

g. The federal budget deficit

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
32	A great deal	40	29	27
34	A fair amount	32	36	31
24	Not too much	19	25	31
8	Not at all	7	8	9
1	No answer	2	1	2

h. Wages and incomes

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper Income</u>
48	A great deal	52	47	46
40	A fair amount	32	42	45
9	Not too much	11	8	8
3	Not at all	5	1	1
1	No answer	*	1	1

i. The country's tax system

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
36	A great deal	39	36	32
40	A fair amount	36	41	41
18	Not too much	18	18	21
5	Not at all	5	4	5
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

ECON4

Not all people face the same financial pressures. Thinking about YOUR own household's financial situation, how much, if at all, does each of the following affect YOUR household's financial situation? **[SHOW ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ECON3; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

- a. The availability of jobs in your area

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
28	A great deal	36	25	20
30	A fair amount	29	30	29
27	Not too much	22	30	31
15	Not at all	13	15	20
*	No answer	1	*	*

- b. How the stock market is doing

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
16	A great deal	13	14	25
28	A fair amount	22	28	39
34	Not too much	34	36	26
21	Not at all	30	21	9
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- c. Prices for food and consumer goods

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	A great deal	57	46	22
35	A fair amount	26	36	43
16	Not too much	11	16	30
4	Not at all	5	2	5
*	No answer	*	*	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- d. The cost of health care

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
43	A great deal	49	46	28
30	A fair amount	25	31	38
21	Not too much	18	19	28
5	Not at all	7	4	6
*	No answer	1	*	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- e. Real estate values in your area

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	A great deal	31	29	24
32	A fair amount	27	33	39
26	Not too much	25	26	29
12	Not at all	16	12	7

1 No answer

1 * *

ECON4 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

f. Gas prices

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	A great deal	42	26	14
35	A fair amount	34	39	27
26	Not too much	15	27	44
9	Not at all	9	8	15
*	No answer	1	*	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

g. The federal budget deficit

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
16	A great deal	26	12	10
23	A fair amount	25	21	19
38	Not too much	32	42	43
22	Not at all	16	24	27
1	No answer	2	1	1

h. Wages and incomes

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
51	A great deal	57	51	42
30	A fair amount	26	31	33
13	Not too much	10	13	18
6	Not at all	7	5	7
1	No answer	1	*	*

i. The country's tax system

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
35	A great deal	34	35	33
40	A fair amount	37	41	44
19	Not too much	19	20	20
5	Not at all	8	4	3
1	No answer	1	*	*

ASK ALL:

INEQ1

Thinking about the level of economic inequality in the country these days... Would you say there is... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
61	Too much economic inequality	58	62	65
13	Too little economic inequality	22	10	6
23	About the right amount of economic inequality	17	26	27
3	No answer	2	2	2

ASK IF THINKS THERE IS TOO MUCH INEQUALITY (INEQ1=1) [n=4,391]:

INEQ2 Do you think that... [RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]		Lower income	Middle income	Upper income
Total				
70	Some amount of economic inequality is acceptable	59	72	85
29	No amount of economic inequality is acceptable	40	27	14
1	No answer	1	1	*

COMBO TABLE BASED ON INEQ1/INEQ2:

Total		Lower income	Middle income	Upper income
61	Net too much inequality	58	62	65
42	Some amount of inequality is acceptable	35	45	55
18	No amount of inequality is acceptable	23	17	9
*	No answer to INEQ2	1	*	*
13	Too little inequality	22	10	6
23	Right amount of inequality	17	26	27
3	No answer to INEQ1	2	2	2

ASK IF THINKS THERE IS TOO MUCH INEQUALITY (INEQ1=1) [n=4,391]:

INEQ3 In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think our economic system...		Lower income	Middle income	Upper income
Total				
19	Requires only minor changes	13	20	23
67	Requires major changes	69	66	69
14	Needs to be completely rebuilt	18	13	8
1	No answer	*	1	1

ASK IF THINKS THERE IS TOO MUCH INEQUALITY (INEQ1=1) [n=4,391]:

INEQ4 How much responsibility, if any, should each of the following have in reducing economic inequality in our country? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

a. The federal government

Total		Lower income	Middle income	Upper income
66	A lot	69	65	65
27	Some	25	27	26
5	Only a little	5	5	5
2	None	1	3	3
*	No answer	*	*	*

b. State governments

Total		Lower income	Middle income	Upper income
52	A lot	61	50	43
40	Some	31	42	47
5	Only a little	5	5	7

2	None	1	3	3
1	No answer	*	*	1

INEQ4 CONTINUED ...

c. Large businesses and corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
62	A lot	63	63	60
29	Some	29	28	29
6	Only a little	5	5	6
3	None	2	3	4
*	No answer	*	*	*

d. Churches and other religious organizations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
13	A lot	17	11	8
29	Some	32	29	25
26	Only a little	25	26	25
32	None	25	33	40
*	No answer	*	*	1

e. Wealthy individuals

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
46	A lot	49	46	44
36	Some	36	36	35
11	Only a little	10	11	13
6	None	5	7	8
*	No answer	*	*	1

ASK ALL:

INEQ5 How much, if at all, do you think each of the following contributes to economic inequality in this country? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

a. The outsourcing of jobs to other countries

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	Contributes a great deal	46	49	36
37	Contributes a fair amount	35	37	41
13	Contributes not too much	13	11	19
4	Contributes not at all	6	3	4
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

b. Our current trade policies with other countries

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	Contributes a great deal	35	28	22
42	Contributes a fair amount	40	42	43
22	Contributes not too much	19	24	26
5	Contributes not at all	5	4	8
2	No answer	1	2	1

INEQ5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

c. The automation of jobs

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
30	Contributes a great deal	38	29	21
43	Contributes a fair amount	40	45	45
21	Contributes not too much	15	21	28
4	Contributes not at all	5	4	4
2	No answer	2	1	2

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

d. Too much regulation of major corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
15	Contributes a great deal	18	15	11
29	Contributes a fair amount	33	28	22
30	Contributes not too much	26	32	33
25	Contributes not at all	22	24	33
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

e. Not enough regulation of major corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
37	Contributes a great deal	39	38	35
31	Contributes a fair amount	34	30	27
19	Contributes not too much	17	20	22
11	Contributes not at all	9	10	16
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

f. Some people work harder than others

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
34	Contributes a great deal	34	33	35
32	Contributes a fair amount	31	34	29
22	Contributes not too much	23	21	23
11	Contributes not at all	11	11	12
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

g. Our tax system

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	Contributes a great deal	49	44	41
35	Contributes a fair amount	35	34	34
14	Contributes not too much	11	15	18
5	Contributes not at all	4	6	7
1	No answer	2	1	1

INEQ5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

h. The different life choices people make

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
42	Contributes a great deal	36	44	49
36	Contributes a fair amount	39	35	32
16	Contributes not too much	18	15	15
5	Contributes not at all	6	5	3
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

Some people start out with more opportunities than

i. others

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
40	Contributes a great deal	43	39	38
37	Contributes a fair amount	36	38	38
17	Contributes not too much	15	18	19
5	Contributes not at all	6	5	4
1	No answer	1	*	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

j. Problems with our educational system

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
44	Contributes a great deal	48	42	45
40	Contributes a fair amount	36	42	38
12	Contributes not too much	10	12	15
3	Contributes not at all	4	3	2
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

k. Discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
32	Contributes a great deal	37	32	24
30	Contributes a fair amount	32	29	30
24	Contributes not too much	19	25	30
13	Contributes not at all	11	13	15
1	No answer	1	1	1

NO ITEM I**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

The growing number of legal immigrants working in

m. the U.S.

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
23	Contributes a great deal	28	23	15
26	Contributes a fair amount	27	25	20
32	Contributes not too much	28	33	40

18	Contributes not at all	17	17	24
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

INEQ6

Thinking about children growing up in this country these days, how much, if at all, do you think their family's financial situation impacts their ability to succeed in life?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
51	A great deal	57	48	49
37	A fair amount	33	40	37
10	Not too much	9	11	12
1	Not at all	1	1	1
*	No answer	*	*	0

ASK ALL:

INEQ7

Thinking about children growing up IN THE AREA WHERE YOU LIVE these days, how much, if at all, do you think their family's financial situation impacts their ability to succeed in life?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
44	A great deal	52	40	43
40	A fair amount	37	42	38
14	Not too much	9	16	17
2	Not at all	2	2	2
1	No answer	1	*	*

ASK ALL:

INEQ8

Regardless of whether or not you support each of the following policies, how much, if at all, do you think each of the following proposals would do to reduce economic inequality in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- a. Increasing the federal minimum wage

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A great deal	49	37	28
28	A fair amount	28	28	29
20	Not too much	15	22	23
12	Not at all	7	13	19
1	No answer	*	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- b. Making college tuition free at both public two-year and four-year colleges

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A great deal	52	35	27
27	A fair amount	27	27	29
18	Not too much	11	20	23
15	Not at all	10	17	20
1	No answer	1	1	*

INEQ8 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

- c. Increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
46	A great deal	56	44	40
24	A fair amount	24	25	23
18	Not too much	14	19	20
11	Not at all	6	11	17
*	No answer	*	*	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- d. Expanding Medicare so that it covers Americans of all ages

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
41	A great deal	52	36	34
26	A fair amount	26	26	28
18	Not too much	14	20	19
14	Not at all	8	17	18
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- e. Ensuring that workers have the skills they need for today's jobs

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
56	A great deal	56	58	53
35	A fair amount	34	34	39
6	Not too much	7	5	6
2	Not at all	2	2	1
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

- f. Making college tuition free at public two-year colleges

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	A great deal	57	42	32
29	A fair amount	27	29	36
15	Not too much	11	17	18
10	Not at all	4	12	13
1	No answer	*	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

- g. Eliminating college debt

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A great deal	52	36	28
29	A fair amount	27	29	31
18	Not too much	16	18	21
13	Not at all	5	16	18

1	No answer	*	1	1
---	-----------	---	---	---

INEQ8 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

h. Reducing illegal immigration

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	A great deal	31	31	21
24	A fair amount	24	24	20
31	Not too much	29	31	38
15	Not at all	15	14	21
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

i. Expanding government benefits for the poor

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
30	A great deal	46	23	20
30	A fair amount	30	31	32
25	Not too much	18	29	26
14	Not at all	5	16	20
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

j. Breaking up large corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
26	A great deal	31	25	19
32	A fair amount	35	31	29
27	Not too much	23	28	31
14	Not at all	8	15	20
1	No answer	2	1	1

RANDOMIZE INEQ9 AND INEQ10/INEQ11**ASK ALL:**

INEQ9

In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think it would be better for the government to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
14	Give direct assistance to people who are poor in the form of cash payments or tax credits	24	10	9
83	Invest in education and job training programs for people who are poor	74	88	89
2	No answer	2	2	2

ASK FORM 1[n=3,442]:

INEQ10

In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
--------------	--	-------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------

68	Should raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans	76	67	61
29	Should NOT raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans	21	30	37
3	No answer	2	3	2

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

INEQ11 In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think the government...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
10	Should raise taxes on people like you	7	8	20
89	Should NOT raise taxes on people like you	91	91	79
2	No answer	2	1	1

ASK ALL:

ECON5

Do you think the country's current economic conditions are helping or hurting the following groups? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 IN REVERSE FOR ALL ITEMS FOR A RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS WITH 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

a. You and your family

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
8	Helping a lot	5	7	16
23	Helping a little	17	24	31
31	Hurting a little	32	32	25
16	Hurting a lot	28	12	3
22	Neither helping nor hurting	17	25	24
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

b. People who are wealthy

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
53	Helping a lot	49	54	64
16	Helping a little	13	16	17
6	Hurting a little	7	6	5
4	Hurting a lot	6	3	2
19	Neither helping nor hurting	24	20	11
1	No answer	*	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

c. The middle class

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
10	Helping a lot	7	10	14
22	Helping a little	23	21	24
31	Hurting a little	31	30	33
27	Hurting a lot	27	29	23
10	Neither helping nor hurting	11	10	7
1	No answer	1	1	*

ECON5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

d. People who are poor

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
11	Helping a lot	7	11	15
16	Helping a little	14	17	18
14	Hurting a little	12	16	12
50	Hurting a lot	58	46	47
8	Neither helping nor hurting	8	8	8
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

e. Older adults

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
8	Helping a lot	6	8	12
18	Helping a little	17	19	21
28	Hurting a little	28	26	33
34	Hurting a lot	38	35	23
10	Neither helping nor hurting	9	12	11
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

f. Young adults

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
10	Helping a lot	8	11	14
17	Helping a little	17	18	17
31	Hurting a little	32	31	31
30	Hurting a lot	31	29	28
10	Neither helping nor hurting	10	10	10
1	No answer	2	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

g. People who are white

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
21	Helping a lot	21	20	26
25	Helping a little	20	25	29
16	Hurting a little	17	16	16
7	Hurting a lot	13	5	3
29	Neither helping nor hurting	27	32	25
2	No answer	2	2	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

h. People who are black

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
--------------	--	-------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------

13	Helping a lot	10	12	20
17	Helping a little	15	19	15
23	Hurting a little	24	24	19
25	Hurting a lot	32	22	25
20	Neither helping nor hurting	18	22	20
1	No answer	1	2	1

ECON5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

i. People who are Hispanic

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
14	Helping a lot	14	13	18
16	Helping a little	14	17	17
25	Hurting a little	23	27	23
22	Hurting a lot	29	18	23
21	Neither helping nor hurting	20	22	19
2	No answer	1	2	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

j. People without college degrees

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
9	Helping a lot	6	8	14
15	Helping a little	13	15	15
30	Hurting a little	26	33	30
32	Hurting a lot	41	27	28
14	Neither helping nor hurting	12	16	12
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

k. People with college degrees

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
18	Helping a lot	16	17	24
32	Helping a little	29	32	38
21	Hurting a little	22	21	19
9	Hurting a lot	15	6	4
19	Neither helping nor hurting	17	22	14
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

ECIMP

How much power and influence do you think each of the following have in TODAY'S ECONOMY? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN REVERSE FOR ALL ITEMS FOR A RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

a. Politicians

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
84	Too much power and influence	82	86	81
5	Not enough power and influence	6	4	5
10	About the right amount	10	9	14
1	No answer	1	1	1

ECIMP CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

b. Technology companies

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
61	Too much power and influence	59	61	66
8	Not enough power and influence	11	6	4
30	About the right amount	29	31	29
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

c. Labor unions

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
31	Too much power and influence	28	31	35
36	Not enough power and influence	38	36	36
32	About the right amount	31	32	27
2	No answer	2	2	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

d. Banks and other financial institutions

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
64	Too much power and influence	61	66	65
7	Not enough power and influence	12	4	3
29	About the right amount	26	30	31
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

e. Small businesses

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
4	Too much power and influence	5	3	2
73	Not enough power and influence	78	73	70
22	About the right amount	16	24	28
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

f. Large corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
82	Too much power and influence	83	83	78
3	Not enough power and influence	5	3	2
14	About the right amount	11	14	18
1	No answer	2	*	1

ECIMP CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

g. People who are wealthy

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
82	Too much power and influence	85	82	77
3	Not enough power and influence	4	2	3
15	About the right amount	10	16	20
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

h. People who are poor

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
5	Too much power and influence	5	6	5
75	Not enough power and influence	82	72	72
19	About the right amount	12	21	22
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

i. The middle class

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
5	Too much power and influence	10	3	1
72	Not enough power and influence	69	73	74
23	About the right amount	20	23	24
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

j. Health insurance companies

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
74	Too much power and influence	64	81	81
9	Not enough power and influence	17	5	4
16	About the right amount	18	14	14
1	No answer	1	1	1

TREND⁹:

	<u>Too much power and influence</u>	<u>Not enough power and influence</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
b. Technology companies May 29-Jun 11, 2018	55	7	37	*
c. Labor unions May 29-Jun 11, 2018	30	39	30	1
d. Banks and other financial institutions				

⁹ There are no trends available for items a, f, g, h, i and j.

	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	72	5	23	*
e.	Small businesses				
	May 29-Jun 11, 2018	2	76	21	1

RANDOMIZE YOUTHSPOORT AND PROFSPORT**ASK ALL:**

YOUTHSPOORT Thinking about the effect that COMPETITIVE YOUTH SPORTS are having on U.S. society, overall would you say that it is... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE FOR ALL ITEMS FOR A RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS, SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS PROFSPORT]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
20	Very positive	21	19	19
52	Somewhat positive	51	54	52
20	Somewhat negative	18	20	20
4	Very negative	5	4	5
4	No answer	6	3	4

ASK ALL:

PROFSPORT Thinking about the effect that PROFESSIONAL SPORTS are having on U.S. society, overall would you say that it is... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE FOR ALL ITEMS FOR A RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS, SHOW IN SAME ORDER AS YOUTHSPOORT]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
10	Very positive	16	9	6
42	Somewhat positive	39	42	44
32	Somewhat negative	28	34	36
11	Very negative	11	11	10
5	No answer	7	4	3

ASK ALL:

SPEAKOUT How acceptable, if at all, do you think it is for professional athletes to speak out publicly about political issues?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
34	Very acceptable	32	33	40
28	Somewhat acceptable	34	26	23
19	Not too acceptable	18	20	18
17	Not at all acceptable	12	19	18
3	No answer	4	2	1

ASK ALL:

SPORTPOL How important is it to you, if at all, that professional athletes who you support share your political views?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
7	Very important	12	5	4
15	Somewhat important	17	14	12
23	Not too important	22	23	25
30	Not at all important	21	33	38
25	I do not follow professional sports	27	25	21

1	No answer	1	*	*
---	-----------	---	---	---

ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD/CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THE HOUSEHOLD (F_PARENT=1)**[n=1,736]:**

COMPSPORT Do you have a child that is currently or has ever played competitive youth sports?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
28	Yes, currently	21	33	35
29	Yes, but not currently	28	29	28
43	No, never	50	38	37
1	No answer	2	*	0

DISPLAY TO ALL:

The next few questions are about your financial situation and how you are getting along these days. This information is used by researchers to answer questions like how do views on economic policies differ, if at all, for people at different income levels. You can skip any question that you are not comfortable answering.

ASK ALL:WORRY2 How often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

- a. The amount of debt you have

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
24	Every day	39	21	9
16	Almost every day	19	17	10
26	Sometimes	22	29	26
16	Rarely	9	17	24
16	Never	10	16	30
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK IF EMPLOYED (F_E3=1,2) [n=4,317]:

- b. Losing your job

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
12	Every day	21	10	5
8	Almost every day	14	7	5
29	Sometimes	29	30	27
29	Rarely	22	30	35
21	Never	13	21	28
1	No answer	1	1	*

- c. Paying your bills

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
25	Every day	44	19	7
16	Almost every day	21	16	7
28	Sometimes	22	32	24
18	Rarely	8	21	32
12	Never	4	12	30
1	No answer	1	1	*

WORRY2 CONTINUED ...

- d. The cost of health care for you and your family

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
22	Every day	36	18	8
17	Almost every day	19	19	10
35	Sometimes	29	36	41
15	Rarely	8	17	26
9	Never	7	9	14
1	No answer	1	1	*

- e. Being able to save enough for your retirement

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
26	Every day	42	22	12
19	Almost every day	18	20	14
32	Sometimes	23	35	40
12	Rarely	9	11	18
10	Never	8	9	15
2	No answer	1	2	1

**ASK ALL:
FINANCE**

Do you have any of the following types of savings or investment accounts?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b WITH ITEM c ALWAYS LAST]

- a. A savings account

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
69	Yes, have this	48	78	89
29	No, do not have this	51	20	10
2	No answer	1	1	1

- b. An IRA, 401K, or a similar kind of retirement account

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
55	Yes, have this	26	65	87
43	No, do not have this	73	33	12
2	No answer	1	2	1

- c. Personal investments in stocks, bonds or mutual funds other than those held in an IRA or 401K

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
35	Yes, have this	14	38	68
63	No, do not have this	85	61	31
2	No answer	1	2	1

ASK ALL:**DEBT**Do you have any of the following types of loans or debt? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Credit card debt

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
52	Yes, have this	51	59	41
46	No, do not have this	48	40	58
1	No answer	1	1	*

b. Car loan

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
40	Yes, have this	30	46	44
59	No, do not have this	68	53	56
2	No answer	1	1	*

c. Student loans

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
23	Yes, have this	26	23	18
76	No, do not have this	74	76	81
1	No answer	1	1	*

d. A mortgage or a home loan

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
41	Yes, have this	19	50	60
57	No, do not have this	80	49	40
2	No answer	1	1	*

e. Debt from medical bills

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	Yes, have this	42	28	10
69	No, do not have this	57	71	89
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK ALL:**BENEFITS**Have you or anyone in your household received any of the following government services and benefits in the past 12 months? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Food assistance, such as SNAP benefits

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
14	Yes, have received this in the past 12 months	36	5	1
85	No, have not received this in the past 12 months	63	94	99
1	No answer	1	1	*

BENEFITS CONTINUED ...

b. Medicaid benefits

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
22	Yes, have received this in the past 12 months	46	13	4
76	No, have not received this in the past 12 months	53	86	96
1	No answer	1	1	*

c. Unemployment benefits

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
5	Yes, have received this in the past 12 months	6	4	3
94	No, have not received this in the past 12 months	93	95	96
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

INC_SDT1

In a previous survey we asked you about your income. The next question asks for slightly more detail for different income levels.

Last year, that is in 2018, what was your total income from all sources, before taxes?

<u>Total</u>	
24	Less than \$30,000
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000
6	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000
5	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000
19	\$100,000 or more
7	No answer

ASK IF FAMILY INCOME IS \$30,000 OR LESS (INC_SDT1=1) [n=1,310]:

INC_SDT2 And in 2018, would you say that your total family income from all sources, before taxes, was...

<u>Total</u>	
24	Less than \$5,000
16	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
13	\$10,000 to less than \$15,000
13	\$15,000 to less than \$20,000
17	\$20,000 to less than \$25,000
16	\$25,000 to less than \$30,000
2	No answer

ASK IF FAMILY INCOME IS \$100,000 OR MORE (INC_SDT1=9) [n=1,643]:

INC_SDT3 And in 2018, would you say that your total family income from all sources, before taxes, was...

<u>Total</u>	
31	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
25	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
11	\$150,000 to less than \$175,000
9	\$175,000 to less than \$200,000
6	\$200,000 to less than \$225,000
4	\$225,000 to less than \$250,000
11	\$250,000 or more
3	No answer

COMBO TABLE BASED ON INC_SDT1/INC_SDT2/INC_SDT3

<u>Total</u>	
24	Less than \$30,000
6	Less than \$5,000
4	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
3	\$10,000 to less than \$15,000
3	\$15,000 to less than \$20,000
4	\$20,000 to less than \$25,000
4	\$25,000 to less than \$30,000
*	No answer to INC_SDT2
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000
6	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000
5	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000
19	\$100,000 or more
6	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
5	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
2	\$150,000 to less than \$175,000
2	\$175,000 to less than \$200,000
1	\$200,000 to less than \$225,000
1	\$225,000 to less than \$250,000
2	\$250,000 or more
1	No answer to INC_SDT3
7	No answer to INC_SDT1

*****PARTY AND PARTYLN ARE FROM FRAME FILE VARIABLES. THESE QUESTIONS WERE NOT ASKED IN THIS WAVE AND SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE TOPLINE FOR RELEASE*****

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
27	Republican	17	31	32
31	Democrat	35	29	32
28	Independent	29	28	28
13	Something else	18	11	7
1	No answer to PARTY	2	1	1
17	Lean Rep	16	18	16
21	Lean Dem	25	19	19