

RealClear Opinion Research

Sample: N=2,014 U.S. Registered Voters

Interviewing Period: 21– 24 September 2019

Mode: Online (English)

95% Credibility Interval of +/- 2.38 percentage points

1. Gender

Male..... 49%
Female 51%

2. In which state do you live?

[See Region recode on last page]

3. Age

18-24 12%
25-34 22%
35-44 16%
45-54 11%
55-64 13%
65+ 27%

4. Which of the following best describes your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic..... 64%
Hispanic..... 16%
Black, Non-Hispanic 12%
Asian 5%
Other, Non-Hispanic..... *
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic..... 1%
Two or more races, Hispanic..... *
Refused *

[IF AGE 18-24, ASK]

5. With regard to school, are you **currently enrolled** at any of the following? (n=206)

High school..... 14%
Trade/Vocational 5%
2-year or junior college or community college 17%
4-year college or university 28%
Graduate school 6%
Business school or professional 4%
Not enrolled in college/university,
but taking at least one course *
Not currently enrolled in any of these 29%

[IF AGE 25+, ASK]

6. What is the highest level of education you've completed? (n=1,772)

Net: College	38%
Net: Less Than College.....	62%
Some high school or less	2%
High school or equivalent.....	19%
Some college, but no degree	21%
Associate's degree / Trade school degree	20%
Bachelor's degree.....	23%
Graduate degree	12%
Doctorate degree.....	3%

7. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Employed full-time	36%
Employed part-time	8%
Self-employed	7%
Not employed	33%
Not employed/homemaker	11%
Student	4%

8. We understand that plenty of people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes	100%
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9. When it comes to politics, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

Democratic	42%
Republican	31%
Independent/Unaffiliated	28%

10. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

Net: Liberal.....	34%
Net: Moderate	32%
Net Conservative	34%
Liberal.....	20%
Moderate, leaning liberal	14%
Moderate	32%
Moderate, leaning conservative	12%
Conservative	22%

11. How likely is it that you will vote in the general election for president in 2020?

Definitely will be voting	75%
Net: All Others	25%
Probably will be voting.....	12%
50-50	11%
Probably won't be voting	2%
Definitely won't be voting.....	1%

12. How likely is it that you will vote in your state’s primary or caucus for president in 2020?

Definitely will be voting 64%

Net: All Others 36%

Probably will be voting..... 14%

50-50 14%

Probably won’t be voting 4%

Definitely won’t be voting..... 4%

13. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

Yes 57%

No..... 43%

14. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are ...

Generally headed in the right direction..... 36%

Off on the wrong track 50%

Not sure what direction the country is headed in 14%

The following few questions are about K-12 education in the United States today.

15. How would you rate the overall performance of the K-12 public school system in the United States today?

Excellent..... 8%

Good..... 32%

Only fair 37%

Poor 18%

Don't know 4%

16. How would you rate the overall performance of the K-12 public school system in your local community today?

Excellent..... 13%

Good..... 39%

Only fair 28%

Poor 15%

Don't know 5%

17. Looking ahead to the next 20 years, do you think the American public school system will be:

A model for excellence around the world 9%

A solid system, but not one of the very best..... 29%

An average system..... 33%

Below average, students from other counties will be better educated 23%

Poor and unable to adapt to shifting priorities 6%

How important is it that the United States K-12 public education system prepare students to:

18. Read and write

Net: Important	84%
Net: Neutral	15%
Net: Not Important	1%
1: Not at all Important	*
2	*
3	2%
4	6%
5	6%
6	10%
7: Extremely Important	74%

19. Be good citizens

Net: Important	76%
Net: Neutral	22%
Net: Not Important	2%
1: Not at all Important	1%
2	*
3	3%
4	8%
5	11%
6	15%
7: Extremely Important	60%

20. Stay safe from violence and physical harm

Net: Important	75%
Net: Neutral	23%
Net: Not Important	2%
1: Not at all Important	1%
2	1%
3	3%
4	9%
5	11%
6	16%
7: Extremely Important	59%

21. Enter the workforce

Net: Important	72%
Net: Neutral	26%
Net: Not Important	2%
1: Not at all Important	1%
2	*
3	3%
4	10%
5	13%
6	19%
7: Extremely Important	52%

22. Think critically

Net: Important	70%
Net: Neutral	26%
Net: Not Important	4%
1: Not at all Important	2%
2	2%
3	3%
4	10%
5	13%
6	19%
7: Extremely Important	51%

23. Have knowledge of American history

Net: Important	70%
Net: Neutral	28%
Net: Not Important	3%
1: Not at all Important	1%
2	2%
3	3%
4	11%
5	14%
6	20%
7: Extremely Important	50%

24. Vote

Net: Important	69%
Net: Neutral	27%
Net: Not Important	3%
1: Not at all Important	2%
2	1%
3	4%
4	11%
5	12%
6	17%
7: Extremely Important	53%

25. Be free thinkers

Net: Important..... 69%
Net: Neutral 28%
Net: Not Important..... 3%

1: Not at all Important 1%
 2 1%
 3 4%
 4 11%
 5 13%
 6 21%
 7: Extremely Important 49%

26. Be curious

Net: Important..... 66%
Net: Neutral 32%
Net: Not Important..... 2%

1: Not at all Important 1%
 2 1%
 3 4%
 4 12%
 5 17%
 6 24%
 7: Extremely Important 42%

27. Respect America

Net: Important..... 66%
Net: Neutral 29%
Net: Not Important..... 6%

1: Not at all Important 3%
 2 3%
 3 4%
 4 12%
 5 13%
 6 15%
 7: Extremely Important 51%

28. Be happy

Net: Important..... 65%
Net: Neutral 31%
Net: Not Important..... 4%

1: Not at all Important 2%
 2 2%
 3 4%
 4 14%
 5 13%
 6 17%
 7: Extremely Important 48%

29. Compete globally

Net: Important	52%
Net: Neutral	42%
Net: Not Important	5%
1: Not at all Important	3%
2	2%
3	6%
4	17%
5	19%
6	20%
7: Extremely Important	33%

30. Go to college

Net: Important	48%
Net: Neutral	48%
Net: Not Important	4%
1: Not at all Important	2%
2	2%
3	7%
4	20%
5	21%
6	17%
7: Extremely Important	31%

31. Challenge the status quo

Net: Important	46%
Net: Neutral	46%
Net: Not Important	7%
1: Not at all Important	5%
2	3%
3	4%
4	21%
5	21%
6	18%
7: Extremely Important	28%

32. Engage in civil discourse

Net: Important	41%
Net: Neutral	46%
Net: Not Important	13%
1: Not at all Important	8%
2	5%
3	7%
4	20%
5	19%
6	16%
7: Extremely Important	24%

How would you rate the performance of **America's K-12 public education system** on the following factors?

Preparing students to:

33. Read and write

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	46%
Net: Neutral	41%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	8%
1: Poor	4%
2	4%
3	7%
4	15%
5	19%
6	24%
7: Excellent	22%
Don't know	5%

34. Be good citizens

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	29%
Net: Neutral	53%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	13%
1: Poor	7%
2	6%
3	11%
4	20%
5	22%
6	14%
7: Excellent	14%
Don't know	6%

35. Stay safe from violence and physical harm

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	31%
Net: Neutral	46%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	16%
1: Poor	9%
2	7%
3	10%
4	18%
5	18%
6	15%
7: Excellent	16%
Don't know	6%

36. Enter the workforce

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	31%
Net: Neutral	52%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	12%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	5%
3	10%
4	19%
5	23%
6	17%
7: Excellent.....	13%
Don't know.....	6%

37. Think critically

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	27%
Net: Neutral	50%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	16%
1: Poor.....	9%
2	7%
3	10%
4	19%
5	20%
6	14%
7: Excellent.....	13%
Don't know.....	7%

38. Have knowledge of American history

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	30%
Net: Neutral	48%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	16%
1: Poor.....	10%
2	7%
3	10%
4	17%
5	21%
6	15%
7: Excellent.....	16%
Don't know.....	5%

39. Vote

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	33%
Net: Neutral	47%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	12%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	6%
3	9%
4	19%
5	20%
6	15%
7: Excellent.....	18%
Don't know.....	8%

40. Be free thinkers

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	30%
Net: Neutral	45%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	17%
1: Poor.....	10%
2	7%
3	9%
4	17%
5	19%
6	16%
7: Excellent.....	15%
Don't know.....	7%

41. Be curious

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	31%
Net: Neutral	53%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	10%
1: Poor.....	6%
2	4%
3	10%
4	21%
5	22%
6	18%
7: Excellent.....	13%
Don't know.....	6%

42. Respect America

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	31%
Net: Neutral	45%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	17%
1: Poor.....	10%
2	7%
3	9%
4	18%
5	18%
6	14%
7: Excellent.....	17%
Don't know.....	7%

43. Be happy

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	27%
Net: Neutral	51%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	13%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	6%
3	12%
4	20%
5	19%
6	13%
7: Excellent.....	13%
Don't know.....	9%

44. Compete globally

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	23%
Net: Neutral	51%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	17%
1: Poor.....	9%
2	8%
3	13%
4	19%
5	18%
6	12%
7: Excellent.....	11%
Don't know.....	9%

45. Go to college

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	27%
Net: Neutral	56%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	10%
1: Poor.....	6%
2	4%
3	9%
4	20%
5	27%
6	15%
7: Excellent.....	12%
Don't know.....	6%

46. Challenge the status quo

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	27%
Net: Neutral	51%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	13%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	6%
3	10%
4	20%
5	21%
6	14%
7: Excellent.....	13%
Don't know.....	8%

47. Engage in civil discourse

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	25%
Net: Neutral	51%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	14%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	7%
3	11%
4	20%
5	20%
6	12%
7: Excellent.....	12%
Don't know.....	11%

How would you rate the performance of your **local K-12 schools** on the following factors?

Preparing students to:

48. Read and write

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	46%
Net: Neutral	38%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	9%
1: Poor	6%
2	3%
3	6%
4	14%
5	18%
6	22%
7: Excellent	23%
Don't know	7%

49. Be good citizens

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	33%
Net: Neutral	47%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	12%
1: Poor	7%
2	5%
3	9%
4	18%
5	20%
6	18%
7: Excellent	14%
Don't know	8%

50. Stay safe from violence and physical harm

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	36%
Net: Neutral	42%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	13%
1: Poor	7%
2	6%
3	8%
4	15%
5	19%
6	19%
7: Excellent	17%
Don't know	9%

51. Enter the workforce

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	32%
Net: Neutral	48%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	12%
1: Poor.....	8%
2	4%
3	7%
4	17%
5	24%
6	20%
7: Excellent.....	12%
Don't know.....	8%

52. Think critically

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	29%
Net: Neutral	47%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	14%
1: Poor.....	9%
2	5%
3	9%
4	16%
5	21%
6	16%
7: Excellent.....	13%
Don't know.....	10%

53. Have knowledge of American history

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	32%
Net: Neutral	46%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	13%
1: Poor.....	8%
2	5%
3	10%
4	15%
5	21%
6	17%
7: Excellent.....	15%
Don't know.....	8%

54. Vote

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	34%
Net: Neutral	43%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	13%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	5%
3	9%
4	15%
5	19%
6	18%
7: Excellent.....	15%
Don't know.....	11%

55. Be free thinkers

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	31%
Net: Neutral	44%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	15%
1: Poor.....	9%
2	6%
3	9%
4	16%
5	20%
6	17%
7: Excellent.....	15%
Don't know.....	9%

56. Be curious

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	30%
Net: Neutral	49%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	12%
1: Poor.....	6%
2	5%
3	8%
4	18%
5	22%
6	17%
7: Excellent.....	12%
Don't know.....	10%

57. Respect America

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	34%
Net: Neutral	42%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	14%
1: Poor.....	8%
2	6%
3	8%
4	17%
5	18%
6	16%
7: Excellent.....	18%
Don't know.....	9%

58. Be happy

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	29%
Net: Neutral	49%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	11%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	5%
3	9%
4	18%
5	21%
6	16%
7: Excellent.....	14%
Don't know.....	11%

59. Compete globally

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	25%
Net: Neutral	47%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	17%
1: Poor.....	10%
2	7%
3	11%
4	17%
5	19%
6	14%
7: Excellent.....	11%
Don't know.....	12%

60. Go to college

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	31%
Net: Neutral	48%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	12%
1: Poor.....	8%
2	4%
3	8%
4	18%
5	23%
6	18%
7: Excellent.....	14%
Don't know.....	8%

61. Challenge the status quo

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	27%
Net: Neutral	47%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	15%
1: Poor.....	7%
2	8%
3	9%
4	19%
5	19%
6	16%
7: Excellent.....	11%
Don't know.....	12%

62. Engage in civil discourse

Net: Excellent (Top 2)	27%
Net: Neutral	46%
Net: Poor (Bottom 2)	14%
1: Poor.....	9%
2	6%
3	9%
4	18%
5	18%
6	16%
7: Excellent.....	11%
Don't know.....	14%

[ROTATE Q63-Q65]

Moving on to higher education. Do you support or oppose:

63. No-interest federal student loans

Net: Support..... 73%
Net: Oppose 20%

Strongly support 47%
 Somewhat support 26%
 Somewhat oppose..... 10%
 Strongly oppose 10%
 Don't know..... 7%

64. Free two-year community college

Net: Support..... 71%
Net: Oppose 24%

Strongly support 47%
 Somewhat support 24%
 Somewhat oppose..... 11%
 Strongly oppose 13%
 Don't know..... 5%

65. Canceling student loan debt for Americans who enter careers in public service

Net: Support..... 62%
Net: Oppose 30%

Strongly support 34%
 Somewhat support 27%
 Somewhat oppose..... 13%
 Strongly oppose 17%
 Don't know..... 8%

[SPLIT SAMPLE Q66-Q67 & Q68-Q69]

[ROTATE Q66-Q67]

Do you support or oppose:

66. Canceling student loan debt for all Americans who have student loans (n=985)

Net: Support..... 54%
Net: Oppose 39%

Strongly support 33%
 Somewhat support 21%
 Somewhat oppose..... 17%
 Strongly oppose 23%
 Don't know..... 7%

67. Canceling student loan debt for Americans who have student loans and a household income of less than \$250,000 a year (n=1,029)

Net: Support	56%
Net: Oppose	36%
Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose.....	16%
Strongly oppose	20%
Don't know.....	8%

[ROTATE Q68-Q69]

Do you support or oppose:

68. Making two- and four-year public colleges and universities tuition free for all Americans (n=985)

Net: Support	59%
Net: Oppose	34%
Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose.....	15%
Strongly oppose	20%
Don't know.....	7%

69. Making two- and four-year public colleges and universities tuition free for low and middle-income Americans (n=1,029)

Net: Support	63%
Net: Oppose	30%
Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose.....	14%
Strongly oppose	15%
Don't know.....	8%

70. Which one of these best describes your religious preference or spiritual outlook?

Catholic	24%
Protestant	22%
Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian	12%
Jewish	4%
LDS/Mormon	2%
Muslim	1%
Another religion	8%
No religious preference	17%
Secular humanist.....	*
Atheist	4%
Agnostic.....	6%

71. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	20%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	23%
Never	25%

72. Which of the following best describes the area in which you live?

Suburban	46%
Urban	30%
Rural	15%
Small town	9%

[IF EMPLOYED FULL-TIME, PART-TIME, OR SELF EMPLOYED, ASK]

73. What kind of work do you do? (n=1,186)

Professional: Examples would be lawyer, doctor, teacher, nurse, accountant	22%
Manager, executive, or official: Examples would be store manager, business exec.	18%
Business owner	10%
Clerical/Office/Sales: Examples would be secretary, receptionist, sales clerk	15%
Service work: Examples would be waiter/waitress, hairstylist, police or fireman, janitor, nurses' aid	13%
Skilled trades: Examples would be electrician, plumber, carpenter	7%
Semi-skilled: Examples would be assembly line worker, truck driver, bus driver	5%
Other	11%

74. The next question is about the total income of YOUR HOUSEHOLD for the PAST 12 MONTHS. Please include your income PLUS the income of all members living in your household (including cohabiting partners and armed forces members living at home). Please count income BEFORE TAXES and from all sources (such as wages, salaries, tips, net income from a business, interest, dividends, child support, alimony, and Social Security, public assistance, pensions, or retirement benefits).

Less than \$25,000	22%
\$25,000-\$49,999	29%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18%
\$75,000-\$99,999	11%
\$100,000-\$124,999	6%
\$125,000-\$149,999	4%
\$150,000-\$174,999	2%
\$175,000-\$199,999	2%
\$200,000 or more	2%
Don't know	4%

75. Which of the following best describes your marital status?

Married	41%
Living with partner/significant other	9%
Single, never married	29%
Separated or divorced	15%
Widowed.....	5%

76. How many children, if any, do you have under the age of 18 living at home?

0	69%
1	16%
2	10%
3	4%
4 or more	2%

[IF Q76 = 1 OR MORE, ASK]

77. Do you have children in any of the following: (n=724)

Public, non-charter school.....	53%
Public charter school	16%
Religious or parochial school	6%
Non-religious private school	5%
Home schooling.....	7%
Other (please specify)	2%
I do not have school aged children.....	16%

78. Region

Northeast.....	19%
Midwest	20%
South	39%
West	22%

**Post-stratification weights calculated for this survey. Weights were calculated based on the 2017 Current Population Survey. The survey was fielded to N=2,371 adults from an online sample, 2,014 of whom reported that they were registered to vote. Gender, age, race and ethnicity, educational attainment, and census division were used for weighting. Additionally, to correct for non-coverage bias factors associated with online behaviors were used to adjust the sample. Among registered voters, respondents had a mean weight of 1.00, a median weight of 0.81 and a standard deviation of .68.*