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New Polling of Millennials of Color on Political Climate, Trump, and Congress

(Washington, DC) Today, the GenForward survey, a project of the University of Chicago, released new polling data on millennials' views of the Trump Administration, Congress, and the current political climate. The study, produced by Dr. Cathy Cohen, is composed of more than 1,800 interviews with adults ages 18-34, broken down by race and ethnicity, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The new research shows a decisive majority of Millennials of color—more than 70%—disapprove of President's job performance, and more than 58% of African American, Asian American and Latino Millennials disapprove of how Congress handles its job.

Unlike standard opinion polling, GenForward surveys include significant data on the views of young people of color, who are often under-sampled, leaving their unique and important perspectives out of the conversation about our country's political landscape. The survey examines how millennials view President Trump's performance in office, rates their approval of Congress, and investigates what they feel are the most important issues facing the nation today.

"Our findings suggest that any political party or politician seeking to attract the Millennial vote will need to pay attention to the ways race and ethnicity shape their political preferences. They are not one big homogenous group," said Dr. Cathy J. Cohen, GenForward lead researcher and David and Mary Winton Green Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Chicago.

Key findings from the new survey, conducted between April 14 and May 1, 2017, include:

- The majorities of African American (78%), Asian American (70%), and Latino/a (71%) Millennials disapprove of President Trump's performance as president. Whites are more divided in their approval of President, with 34% approval and 47% disapproval.
- The majorities of African American (66%), Asian American (58%), and Latino/a (58%) Millennials disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job; while a near majority of Whites (48%) expressed disapproval.
- Millennials of all racial and ethnic groups hold negative views of the economy, with only 13% of African Americans, 28% of Asian Americans, 19% of Latino/as, and 29% of whites reporting that the national economy today is very or somewhat good.
- African American Millennials listed racism, Health care, Education and Poverty as their top concerns, while Asian American Millennials listed Health care, Education, and Immigration; Latino Millennials, Immigration, Racism, and Terrorism and Homeland

Security; and Whites, Health care, Terrorism and Homeland Security, and the National Debt.

The full GenForward survey can be found [here](#).

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

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