



GenForward April 2017 Toplines

The first of its kind bi-monthly survey of racially and ethnically diverse young adults

GenForward is a survey of the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago

Interviews: 04/14-05/01/2017

1,853 adults 18-34

Margin of error: +/- 3.46 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among adults 18-34

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

President Trump’s budget may contain many new policy proposals. We want to ask you about a few. Please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the following proposal.

Q8. Increase military spending by cutting funding for the State Department, Environmental Protection Agency and other non-defense agencies

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Strongly approve	3	6	3	11	8
Somewhat approve	18	11	19	29	24
Somewhat disapprove	34	26	30	23	27
Strongly disapprove	44	55	46	36	41
DON'T KNOW	*	*	1	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	*	*	*
N=	528	262	518	504	1,853

Q9. Do you support or oppose increased federal spending on infrastructure?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Strongly support	10	22	13	18	16
Somewhat support	30	47	43	46	43
Somewhat oppose	33	23	24	28	28
Strongly oppose	24	6	18	7	12
DON'T KNOW	1	-	2	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	1	1	1
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Q11. Which do you think is the best approach for improving the infrastructure in the country?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Direct federal spending on infrastructure projects	39	56	46	43	44
Reducing regulations and providing tax incentives for businesses	58	42	51	56	54
DON'T KNOW	1	-	2	*	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	1	1	1
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Q12. Overall, do you think the federal budget proposals put forth by Donald Trump generally do more to help the rich, do more to help the middle class, or do more to help the poor?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
More to help the rich	69	77	77	59	66
More to help the middle class	20	19	16	35	28
More to help the poor	9	2	5	5	5
DON'T KNOW	1	-	*	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	2	*	1
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Q13. Here is a list of economic issues that some people have mentioned as ones that will be important for Donald Trump to address as president of the United States. Which 3 do you think are the most important for President Trump to deal with?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Reducing unemployment	17	19	18	18	18
Reducing the federal budget deficit	11	20	13	26	20
Reducing poverty	27	25	21	19	21
Reducing the gap between rich and poor	31	40	28	29	30

Protecting the future of Social Security	16	16	11	20	17
Reforming Welfare	9	10	8	20	15
Increasing the Minimum Wage	20	12	29	11	16
Cutting tax rates	17	15	17	14	15
Revise the tax code	6	9	10	10	9
Reducing government regulation	5	9	11	10	9
Increasing wages to keep up with the cost of living	41	21	27	29	30
Regulating financial institutions and markets	6	16	11	7	8
Reducing student debt	24	22	17	19	19
Increasing job growth	31	24	27	31	29
Renegotiating trade deals with other countries	8	8	14	10	10
Changing to a green economy	7	21	17	20	17
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	3	2	2	*	1

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Q15A -1. Do you favor increasing, decreasing, or leaving as they are taxes on the following groups?

[Split-ballot]

Millionaires / People making over one million dollars

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Increasing	70	81	76	73	74
Decreasing	15	6	9	6	8
Leaving as they are	14	11	12	21	17
DON'T KNOW	-	-	2	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1

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	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Increasing	77	66	41	90	64	71	87	78	44	87	75	60
Leave as they are	14	9	30	6	21	22	8	13	25	12	18	30
Decreasing	9	25	28	4	11	7	5	2	29	2	6	9
N=	380	103	36	179	36	41	329	94	89	211	79	209

Q15B. Do you favor increasing, decreasing, or leaving as they are taxes on the following groups?

Middle Class

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Increasing	6	9	7	3	5
Decreasing	55	54	55	59	57
Leaving as they are	38	34	38	37	37
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1
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	African American adults 18-34			Asian American adults 18-34			Latino/a adults 18-34			White adults 18-34		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Increasing	5	6	16	10	8	10	9	2	6	3	4	3
Leave as they are	46	25	21	37	35	23	39	39	33	47	27	34
Decreasing	49	69	64	53	54	66	52	59	61	50	68	61
N=	380	103	36	179	36	41	329	94	89	211	79	209

Q15C. Do you favor increasing, decreasing, or leaving as they are taxes on the following groups?

Businesses

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Increasing	35	40	32	31	33
Decreasing	22	23	21	28	25
Leaving as they are	41	35	43	40	40
DON'T KNOW	*	-	3	1	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	1	*	1
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Q15C. Do you favor increasing, decreasing, or leaving as they are taxes on the following groups?

Businesses

	African American adults 18-34			Asian American adults 18-34			Latino/a adults 18-34			White adults 18-34		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Increasing	36	35	34	44	34	28	37	32	23	44	22	25
Leave as they are	46	30	40	37	25	45	42	45	46	39	37	43
Decreasing	16	36	25	18	38	28	20	16	28	16	39	32
N=	380	103	36	179	36	41	329	94	89	211	79	209

Q15D. Do you favor increasing, decreasing, or leaving as they are taxes on the following groups?

The poor

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Increasing	10	12	5	4	6
Decreasing	72	57	75	61	65
Leaving as they are	16	29	18	35	28
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	1	*	1
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The poor

	African American adults 18-34			Asian American adults 18-34			Latino/a adults 18-34			White adults 18-34		
	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Increasing	9	17	2	5	33	15	7	4	3	3	3	6
Leave as they are	19	9	26	32	20	33	18	14	23	26	32	43
Decreasing	72	74	71	63	44	52	74	82	72	71	64	51
N=	380	103	36	179	36	41	329	94	89	211	79	209

Q17. I'm going to read you some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. As I read each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right.

Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest

Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest	46	68	57	59	57
Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good	53	31	39	40	41
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	3	1	1
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Q18.

Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy

Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy	39	23	31	34	33
Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost	59	73	63	65	64
DON'T KNOW	*	-	5	-	1
SKIP/REFUSED	2	4	1	1	1
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Q19. Which of the following best describes your view?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
The country should strengthen its environmental protections	49	72	65	52	56
Leave environmental protections as they currently are	34	21	27	33	31
The country should reduce its environmental protections	16	6	5	13	11
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	1	2	1	1
N=	528	262	518	504	1,853

PID1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or what?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Democrat	56	48	46	22	34
Republican	5	9	15	26	19
Independent	21	25	24	28	26
Something Else	16	17	15	22	19
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	1	1	1
N=	528	262	518	504	1,853

If independent, something else, or DK/REF in PID1

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

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Closer to the Republican Party	7	8	16	30	23
Closer to the Democratic Party	20	42	27	25	26
Neither	70	46	55	43	49
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*	1	*
SKIP/REFUSED	3	4	2	1	2
N=	192	108	217	238	777

If Democrat in PID1

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

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Strong Democrat	54	37	44	50	48
Not very strong Democrat	45	63	55	50	52
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	*	-	*
N=	313	129	239	131	825

If Republican in PID1

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

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Strong Republican	34	29	53	36	38
Not very strong Republican	66	71	47	63	60
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-	-	-	2	1
N=	23	25	62	135	251

PARTY ID. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Democrat (NET)	65	68	58	35	46
Strong Democrat	31	18	21	11	16
Not very strong Democrat	26	31	26	11	18
Closer to the Democratic Party	8	19	11	13	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	27	20	22	23	23
Republican (NET)	9	13	21	41	31
Closer to the Republican Party	3	4	6	16	11
Not very strong Republican	4	6	7	16	12
Strong Republican	2	3	8	9	8
N=	519	256	512	499	1,827

AGE

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
18-22	33	23	30	27	28
23-26	25	27	25	25	25
27-30	22	25	23	24	24
31-34	20	26	22	23	23
N=	528	262	518	504	1,853

GENDER

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Male	49	49	51	51	50
Female	51	51	49	49	50
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

RACE/ETHNICITY¹

	All adults 18-34
African American	15
Asian American	7
Latino/a	21
White	56
Other	1
<i>N</i> =	1,853

MARITAL STATUS

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Married	14	26	26	32	28
Widowed	-	-	*	-	*
Divorced	3	5	2	2	2
Separated	2	3	1	1	1
Never married	68	58	52	54	56
Living with partner	14	8	18	11	13
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Employed	62	65	63	71	68
Not employed	38	35	37	29	32
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

¹ All of the African American, Asian American, White, and Other respondents do not identify as Latino/a.

EDUCATION

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Less than a high school diploma	12	6	22	6	10
High school graduate or equivalent	35	17	34	28	29
Some college	41	20	32	39	37
College graduate or above	12	58	12	27	24
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

INCOME

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Under \$10,000	20	5	12	7	10
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	12	7	10	9	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	19	9	27	16	18
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	15	10	12	12	12
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8	7	11	9	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	13	19	14	17	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	8	18	6	12	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	5	13	4	12	9
\$150,000 or more	1	13	3	7	5
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UNWEIGHTED DEMOGRAPHICS

UNWEIGHTED PARTY ID. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Democrat (NET)	73	70	65	42	61
Strong Democrat	34	21	18	14	22
Not very strong Democrat	26	29	29	12	23
Closer to the Democratic Party	13	20	18	16	16
Independent/None – Don’t lean	20	14	18	16	18
Republican (NET)	7	15	17	41	21
Closer to the Republican Party	3	6	5	15	7
Not very strong Republican	2	7	7	16	8
Strong Republican	2	2	5	10	6

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UNWEIGHTED AGE

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
18-22	26	34	38	23	30
23-26	28	32	29	19	26
27-30	25	23	18	28	24
31-34	21	11	15	30	21

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UNWEIGHTED GENDER

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Male	31	51	38	48	40
Female	69	49	62	52	60

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UNWEIGHTED RACE/ETHNICITY

	All adults 18-34
African American	28
Asian American	14
Latino/a	28
White	27
Other	2

N= 1,853

UNWEIGHTED MARITAL STATUS

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Married	14	16	17	33	21
Widowed	-	-	*	-	*
Divorced	2	1	2	3	2
Separated	2	1	1	1	1
Never married	70	76	67	53	65
Living with partner	12	7	14	11	11

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UNWEIGHTED EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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Less than a high school diploma	8	2	7	3	6
High school graduate or equivalent	21	16	23	16	19
Some college	49	30	52	40	45
College graduate or above	23	52	17	42	30
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UNWEIGHTED INCOME

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Under \$10,000	16	6	12	6	11
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	13	8	13	10	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	20	9	16	11	15
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	12	10	12	10	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9	8	11	11	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16	19	17	19	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	7	15	8	14	10
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	6	12	7	13	9
\$150,000 or more	1	13	4	7	5
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