



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.

Q1. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	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	5	13	9
Somewhat approve	6	9	10	21	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	15	13	18	16
Somewhat disapprove	11	20	15	18	16
Strongly disapprove	67	50	56	29	42
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*	*	*	*
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

Q2. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	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	2	5	2	3	3
Somewhat approve	8	11	15	15	13
Neither approve nor disapprove	24	25	25	34	30
Somewhat disapprove	19	32	31	25	26
Strongly disapprove	47	26	27	23	28
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*	1	*	*
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Q3. 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.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

The Republican Party

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Very favorable	4	4	5	10	8
Somewhat favorable	7	13	14	26	20
Somewhat unfavorable	18	27	23	22	22
Very unfavorable	43	44	43	29	35
Don't know enough to say	26	9	15	13	15
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	*	*	1
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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
Very favorable	23	12	15	7	11
Somewhat favorable	33	46	38	26	31
Somewhat unfavorable	11	20	20	28	23
Very unfavorable	8	10	11	26	19
Don't know enough to say	24	11	15	12	15
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	*	*	*
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Q4. Would you say things in this country are...

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Off on the wrong track	64	63	67	54	59
Generally headed in the right direction	14	14	13	26	20
Not sure	22	24	20	19	20
SKIP/REFUSED	1	-	*	*	*
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Q7A. What do you think are the three most important problems facing this country today? Please select which three of these are the most important.

[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
Abortion	4	3	2	7	5
National debt	6	11	13	22	17
Environment and climate change	6	21	14	21	17
Gay rights	6	1	3	4	4
Gun control	16	8	18	4	9
Health care	26	33	23	32	29
Immigration	8	23	47	21	25
Poverty	24	8	9	13	14
Income inequality	13	16	12	16	15
Unemployment	15	15	7	13	12
Economic growth	8	14	8	18	14
Military strength	4	5	4	6	5
Morality and religion in society	6	5	7	9	8
Racism	37	21	39	16	24
Social Security	4	3	4	5	4
Taxes	9	13	7	12	11
Women's rights	8	8	6	6	6
Crime	23	11	8	12	13
Foreign policy	7	18	8	11	10
Education	24	28	20	21	22
Terrorism and homeland security	13	17	24	25	22
Police brutality	23	6	11	3	8
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	*	*	*
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Q7B. Please rank these three problems facing this country today in order of their importance to you.

[SHOW ITEMS SELECTED IN Q7A]

African American adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	1	2	1
National debt	1	2	3
Environment and climate change	2	2	2
Gay rights	2	2	2
Gun control	7	3	6
Health care	10	9	7
Immigration	2	3	3
Poverty	7	9	7
Income inequality	3	4	6
Unemployment	3	7	5
Economic growth	3	2	2
Military strength	1	1	2
Morality and religion in society	3	3	1
Racism	19	8	10
Social Security	1	*	3
Taxes	2	2	5
Women's rights	1	5	2
Crime	5	9	9
Foreign policy	3	2	1
Education	9	11	4
Terrorism and homeland security	8	3	3
Police brutality	5	8	9

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Asian American adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	2	*	1
National debt	4	1	6
Environment and climate change	8	4	9
Gay rights	*	1	*
Gun control	3	3	2
Health care	16	11	6
Immigration	5	7	11
Poverty	*	6	2
Income inequality	5	6	5
Unemployment	4	7	4
Economic growth	5	4	5
Military strength	2	2	1
Morality and religion in society	2	1	2
Racism	5	3	13
Social Security	*	1	2
Taxes	4	6	3
Women's rights	3	2	3
Crime	1	7	3
Foreign policy	7	6	5
Education	13	8	7
Terrorism and homeland security	9	3	5
Police brutality	-	4	1

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Latino/a adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	*	1	1
National debt	1	3	9
Environment and climate change	3	6	4
Gay rights	1	1	1
Gun control	2	6	10
Health care	8	8	7
Immigration	20	17	10
Poverty	3	2	4
Income inequality	2	6	4
Unemployment	2	3	3
Economic growth	4	2	3
Military strength	1	*	3
Morality and religion in society	2	2	3
Racism	18	13	8
Social Security	1	1	2
Taxes	3	2	2
Women's rights	1	2	3
Crime	4	2	2
Foreign policy	5	2	1
Education	6	7	7
Terrorism and homeland security	12	6	4
Police brutality	3	6	2

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White adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	1	4	2
National debt	8	7	7
Environment and climate change	10	6	5
Gay rights	-	1	3
Gun control	2	1	1
Health care	10	11	11
Immigration	7	6	8
Poverty	5	5	3
Income inequality	4	4	8
Unemployment	3	5	5
Economic growth	5	5	8
Military strength	1	3	2
Morality and religion in society	7	1	1
Racism	4	5	6
Social security	1	1	4
Taxes	3	5	4
Women's rights	1	2	4
Crime	5	5	2
Foreign policy	3	4	3
Education	7	9	5
Terrorism and homeland security	14	6	4
Police brutality	1	1	2

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All adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	1	3	2
National debt	5	5	7
Environment and climate change	7	5	5
Gay rights	1	1	2
Gun control	3	2	4
Health care	10	10	9
Immigration	9	8	8
Poverty	4	5	4
Income inequality	3	5	6
Unemployment	3	5	5
Economic growth	4	4	6
Military strength	1	2	2
Morality and religion in society	5	1	2
Racism	9	7	8
Social Security	1	1	3
Taxes	3	4	4
Women's rights	1	2	3
Crime	4	5	3
Foreign policy	4	4	3
Education	7	8	6
Terrorism and homeland security	12	6	4
Police brutality	2	3	3

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Q23. How would you describe the nation's economy these days? Would you say...

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Very good	1	3	1	1	1
Somewhat good	12	25	18	28	23
Neither good nor poor	28	28	43	27	31
Somewhat poor	31	27	19	29	27
Very poor	20	13	13	13	14
DON'T KNOW	7	3	6	2	4
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	*	*	1
<i>N=</i>	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
<i>N=</i>	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
<i>N=</i>	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	*	*	-	*
<i>N=</i>	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	1	-	-	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
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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

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
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

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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

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Employed	64	66	65	77	68
Not employed	36	34	35	23	32

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UNWEIGHTED 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	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
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

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
<i>N</i> =	528	262	518	504	1,853

Study Methodology

The GenForward April survey is a project of the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago. Interviews were conducted with a representative sample from GenForwardSM, a nationally representative survey panel of adults ages 18-34 recruited and administered by NORC at the University of Chicago and funded by grants to the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

A total of 1,853 interviews were conducted between April 14 and May 1, 2017 with adults ages 18-34 representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia, including completed interviews with 528 African American young adults, 262 Asian American young adults, 518 Latino/a young adults, 504 white young adults, and 41 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-nine percent of the completed interviews are sourced from NORC's AmeriSpeak[®] Panel. 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).

Forty-one percent of the completed interviews are sourced from the Black Youth Project (BYP) panel of young adults recruited by NORC. 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, Latino/as, and Asian Americans ages 18-34. NORC contacted sampled households by U.S. mail and by telephone, inviting them to register and participate in public opinion surveys twice a month.

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 1,853 completed interviews in the GenForward April survey, 93 percent were completed by web and 7 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 32 percent. The weighted household panel recruitment rate is 22.4 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 94.2 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 6.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.46 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 +/- 6.81 percentage points for African Americans, +/- 8.24 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 7.19 percentage points for Latino/as, and +/- 6.43 percentage points for whites.

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 18-34 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 18-34, and the 18-34 year-old populations for African Americans, Latino/as, Asian Americans, and non-Latino/a whites, were used for all analyses.