

GENFORWARD: THE 2017 POLITICAL CLIMATE

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- ✓ **GenForward is the first-ever political, social, and economic survey of ethnically diverse young adults. It highlights how race and ethnicity help shape the opinions of the country's most diverse generation.**
- ✓ **GenForward is a nationally representative survey of Millennials led by Dr. Cathy Cohen from the University of Chicago fielded by NORC with oversamples of African American, Latino/as and Asian American Millennials ages 18-34. This survey, taken from April 14 to May 1, 2017, includes interviews with 528 African American, 262 Asian American, 518 Latino/a, 504 white young adults, and 41 young adults with other racial and ethnic backgrounds.**
- ✓ **It examines how Millennials are responding to the political upheaval of 2017. After a fraught and divisive election, Americans find themselves with a new political reality. Young people, particularly young people of color, are concerned. Key findings include:**

- 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.
- Congress is no more popular than President Trump among young people of color, and less popular than Trump among young whites.
- African Americans (26%), Asian Americans (33%), and whites (32%) all identify health care as one of the three most important problems facing the country.

Figure 1. Approval and Disapproval of Donald Trump as President

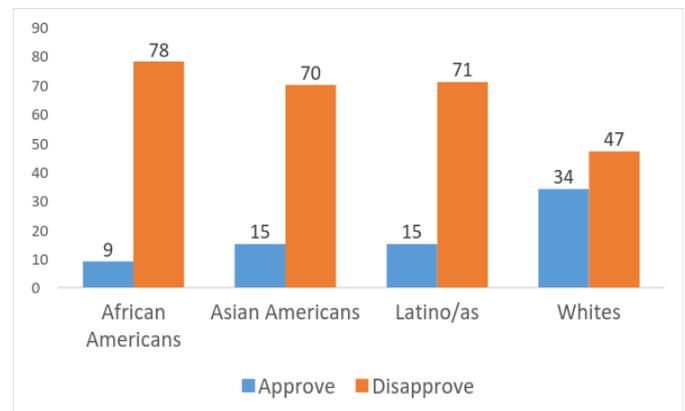
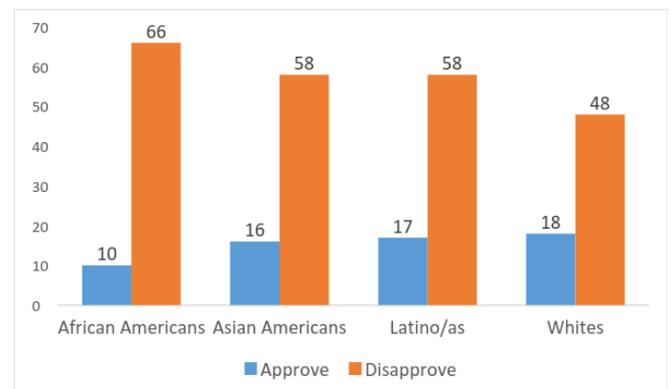
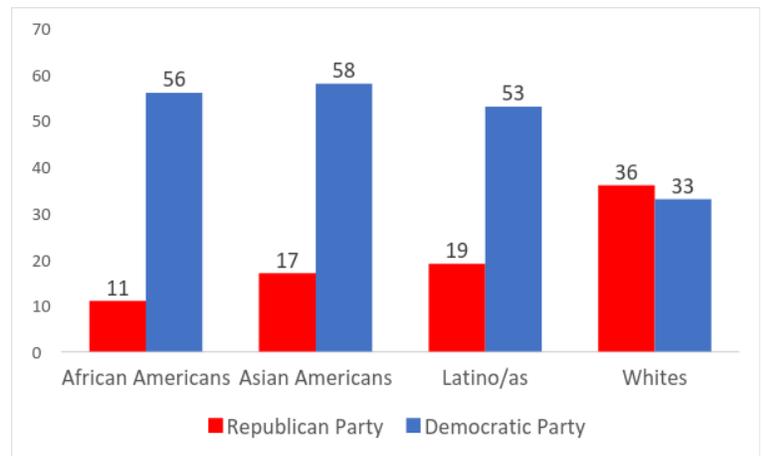


Figure 2. Approval Ratings of the Way Congress is Handling its Job



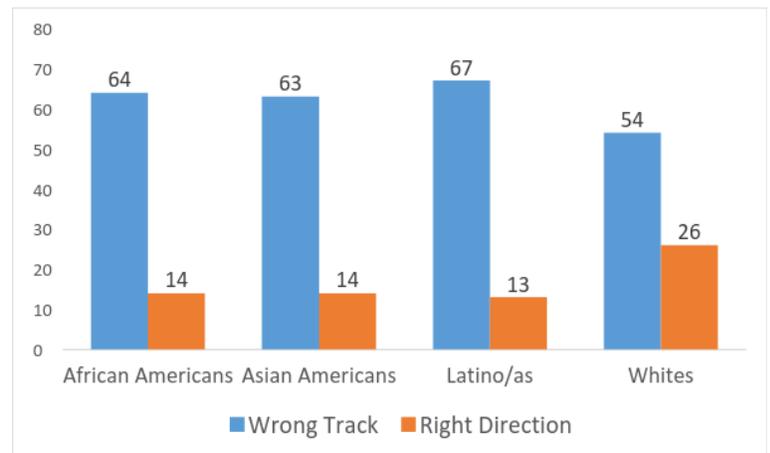
- African American, Latino/as and Asian American millennials view the Democratic Party much more favorably than the Republican Party while white millennials have fairly negative views toward both parties.

Figure 3. Favorability Ratings of the Republican and Democratic Parties



- 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.

Figure 4. Are Things in This Country Off on the Wrong Track or Headed in the Right Direction?



- Majorities of Millennials in all racial and ethnic groups say that the country today is on the wrong track: 64% of African Americans, 63% of Asian Americans, 67% of Latino/as, and 54% of whites say that the country is off on the wrong track.

- There continue to be large differences across race and ethnicity in perceptions about the most important problem in America. For example, African Americans and Latino/as list racism as one of the three most important problems in the country, but this issue is not one of the top three issues for young whites or Asian Americans.

A total of 1,853 interviews were conducted representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The survey was offered in English and Spanish and via telephone and web modes.

The full report on this data can be found at the GenForward website:
www.GenForwardSurvey.com