



GenForward August 2017 Toplines

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

GenForward is a survey associated with the University of Chicago

Interviews:

June 23 – July 10, 2017

1,836 adults 18-34

Margin of error: +/- 3.94 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	5	6	3	9	7
Somewhat approve	5	11	9	20	15
Neither approve nor disapprove	14	15	19	16	16
Somewhat disapprove	15	16	15	19	17
Strongly disapprove	61	51	53	36	45
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

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	4	2	3	3
Somewhat approve	6	14	11	16	13
Neither approve nor disapprove	23	22	30	29	28
Somewhat disapprove	28	27	22	29	27
Strongly disapprove	39	33	34	23	29
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	*	*	*	1
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

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]

Q3A. 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	3	9	6
Somewhat favorable	8	12	15	24	19
Somewhat unfavorable	28	22	22	22	23
Very unfavorable	44	46	40	32	36
Don't know enough to say	16	16	17	14	15
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	2	*	1
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

Q3B. 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	25	15	15	7	12
Somewhat favorable	39	44	39	27	33
Somewhat unfavorable	15	15	20	24	21
Very unfavorable	5	8	12	27	20
Don't know enough to say	15	17	14	14	15
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	1	*	*
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

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	70	65	60	59	61
Generally headed in the right direction	12	16	16	25	20
DON'T KNOW	18	19	23	16	18
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	1	*	*
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Q5. 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	4	5	2	3	3
Somewhat good	16	31	19	34	28
Neither good nor poor	30	33	41	25	30
Somewhat poor	24	21	24	22	23
Very poor	19	7	8	10	11
Not sure	6	4	6	5	5
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	*	*	*
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Q6. Next we would like for you to think about the upcoming congressional elections that will be held in 2018. In the congressional elections in 2018, do you plan to vote for a Democratic or Republican candidate?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Democratic Candidate	58	55	46	32	40
Republican Candidate	5	11	12	28	20
Neither/Not Sure	36	33	40	40	39
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1	*	1
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

[If Neither/Not Sure]

Q6A. Do you lean more towards planning to vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Democratic Candidate	31	33	27	23	26
Republican Candidate	7	8	13	24	18
Neither/Not Sure	59	59	59	53	56
SKIP/REFUSED	2	*	1	1	1
N =	169	79	198	192	660

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	3	1	2	6	4
National debt	6	10	10	20	15
Environment and climate change	8	21	21	23	20
Gay rights	6	1	4	2	3
Gun control	14	13	13	7	10
Health care	39	48	33	45	42
Immigration	7	18	40	11	17
Poverty	17	12	10	13	13
Income inequality	15	16	14	14	14
Unemployment	17	15	15	15	15
Economic growth	12	18	12	16	15
Military strength	2	3	1	6	4
Morality and religion in society	6	2	5	5	5
Racism	35	15	27	14	20
Social Security	6	7	2	6	5
Taxes	8	13	13	10	11
Women's rights	5	6	3	7	6
Crime	16	8	7	11	11
Foreign policy	7	19	11	11	11
Education	24	28	22	26	25
Terrorism and homeland security	10	12	18	24	20
Police brutality	27	7	13	3	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	*	1	1
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

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
National debt	1	2	3
Environment and climate change	4	1	3
Gay rights	1	2	3
Gun control	5	3	6
Health care	18	13	9
Immigration	*	2	5
Poverty	6	6	5
Income inequality	4	4	8
Unemployment	5	6	6
Economic growth	2	6	4
Military strength	*	-	2
Morality and religion in society	4	2	1
Racism	15	11	9
Social Security	2	3	1
Taxes	1	3	5
Women's rights	*	2	3
Crime	5	6	4
Foreign policy	1	2	3
Education	10	8	7
Terrorism and homeland security	7	2	1
Police brutality	9	11	7

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Asian American adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	-	-	1
National debt	2	5	3
Environment and climate change	8	7	6
Gay rights	-	1	-
Gun control	4	4	5
Health care	23	17	8
Immigration	5	8	6
Poverty	7	2	3
Income inequality	5	6	5
Unemployment	3	3	9
Economic growth	6	7	5
Military strength	1	1	1
Morality and religion in society	1	*	1
Racism	4	3	8
Social Security	1	2	4
Taxes	4	6	3
Women's rights	2	2	2
Crime	4	1	3
Foreign policy	3	7	9
Education	11	8	9
Terrorism and homeland security	5	3	4
Police brutality	1	3	2
N=	251	251	251

Latino/a adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	1	*	*
National debt	2	4	4
Environment and climate change	9	6	6
Gay rights	*	2	2
Gun control	5	4	5
Health care	13	14	7
Immigration	17	13	10
Poverty	4	5	1
Income inequality	3	4	6
Unemployment	6	4	6
Economic growth	4	3	5
Military strength	*	*	1
Morality and religion in society	4	*	1
Racism	6	7	14
Social Security	1	*	1
Taxes	1	7	4
Women's rights	*	2	1
Crime	2	3	2
Foreign policy	2	4	5
Education	7	8	7
Terrorism and homeland security	9	7	2
Police brutality	3	2	7
N=	521	521	521

White adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	1	3	2
National debt	6	6	8
Environment and climate change	12	6	4
Gay rights	-	1	1
Gun control	1	2	4
Health care	20	14	10
Immigration	2	4	6
Poverty	4	4	4
Income inequality	4	5	4
Unemployment	4	6	6
Economic growth	6	5	5
Military strength	3	2	1
Morality and religion in society	3	*	1
Racism	4	4	6
Social security	1	2	3
Taxes	2	5	4
Women's rights	2	2	3
Crime	2	6	3
Foreign policy	2	4	5
Education	6	10	10
Terrorism and homeland security	14	7	4
Police brutality	1	1	1
N=	510	510	510

All adults 18-34

	Most Important Issue	Second Most Important Issue	Third Most Important Issue
Abortion	1	2	2
National debt	4	5	6
Environment and climate change	10	6	4
Gay rights	*	1	2
Gun control	2	3	5
Health care	19	14	9
Immigration	5	6	6
Poverty	5	4	3
Income inequality	4	5	5
Unemployment	4	5	6
Economic growth	5	5	5
Military strength	2	1	1
Morality and religion in society	3	*	1
Racism	6	5	8
Social Security	1	2	3
Taxes	2	5	4
Women's rights	1	2	3
Crime	2	5	3
Foreign policy	2	4	5
Education	7	9	9
Terrorism and homeland security	11	6	3
Police brutality	3	3	3
N=	1,836	1,836	1,836

Q8. Do you think that President Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Honest and trustworthy	5	9	8	19	14
Not honest and trustworthy	78	70	72	62	67
Don't know enough to say	17	21	20	18	18
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	*	1	1
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

Q9. How much of the time do you think you can trust President Trump to do what is right for the country -- just about always, most of the time, or only some of the time?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Just about always	3	6	3	9	7
Most of the time	6	12	8	25	18
Only some of the time	32	35	33	33	33
Never	58	47	52	32	41
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	4	1	2
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

Q11. Do you think that President Trump will be president for the entire four years of his term, or not?

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
Yes	26	37	31	54	44
No, he will be impeached	48	37	38	30	35
No, he will resign	11	9	11	9	10
No, he will leave office for some other reason	14	14	16	7	10
DON'T KNOW	*	4	*	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	3	*	1
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

Q12. Which would you most like to see from Democrats in Congress:

	African American adults 18-34	Asian American adults 18-34	Latino/a adults 18-34	White adults 18-34	All adults 18-34
I would prefer for them to work with the Trump administration and other Republicans to try to find compromise	35	39	38	63	52
I would prefer for them to stick to their principles and resist the policies that the Trump administration and other Republicans are trying to pass.	62	60	59	36	47
DON'T KNOW	1	-	-	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	1	4	*	1
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

Q13. Whom of the following do you believe would be the best leader for 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
Bernie Sanders	28	32	41	35	35
Hillary Clinton	11	10	10	5	7
Barack Obama	49	43	29	21	28
Nancy Pelosi	1	2	1	1	1
Chuck Schumer	1	1	1	3	2
Someone else	10	13	16	34	25
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*	*	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	*	3	1	1
N=	506	251	521	510	1,836

DEMOGRAPHICS

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	60	51	44	27	37
Republican	6	9	14	31	22
Independent	22	27	19	25	23
Something Else	11	12	23	16	17
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	1	*	1
N=	506	251	521	509	1,835

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	6	11	10	24	18
Closer to the Democratic Party	36	49	41	29	34
Neither	56	36	47	47	47
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	4	1	1	1
N=	164	96	219	202	709

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	49	39	40	58	49
Not very strong Democrat	51	61	60	42	51
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	-	*	-	*
<i>N=</i>	323	138	245	151	869

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	32	53	31	40	40
Not very strong Republican	66	47	68	60	60
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	2	-	1	-	*
<i>N=</i>	19	17	57	156	257

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)	81	71	61	39	51
Strong Democrat	30	20	17	16	18
Not very strong Democrat	31	31	26	11	19
Closer to the Democratic Party	12	20	18	12	14
Independent/None – Don't lean	19	15	20	19	19
Republican (NET)	8	14	19	42	30
Closer to the Republican Party	2	5	4	10	7
Not very strong Republican	4	4	10	19	14
Strong Republican	2	5	5	13	9
<i>N=</i>	498	248	516	507	1,817

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	30	26	30	27	28
23-26	27	24	25	24	25
27-30	23	26	22	25	24
31-34	20	23	22	24	23
<i>N</i> =	506	251	521	510	1,836

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	48	49	51	50	50
Female	52	51	49	50	50
<i>N</i> =	506	251	521	510	1,836

RACE/ETHNICITY¹

	All adults 18-34
African American	15
Asian American	7
Latino/a	21
White	56
Other	1

N= 1,836

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	13	25	23	30	26
Widowed	*	-	1	*	*
Divorced	4	3	1	3	3
Separated	2	4	3	1	2
Never married	68	60	56	56	58
Living with partner	14	8	16	11	12
<i>N</i> =	506	251	521	510	1,836

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

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	59	60	59	62	61
Not employed	41	40	41	38	39
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

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	11	7	20	7	11
High school graduate or equivalent	33	18	34	25	28
Some college	39	20	36	37	36
College graduate or above	17	55	11	31	26
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

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	18	6	11	6	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	14	7	11	10	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	19	11	24	16	18
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	12	10	15	10	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9	9	9	6	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	12	23	16	22	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	8	13	6	11	10
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	6	12	6	12	10
\$150,000 or more	1	9	1	7	5
<i>N=</i>	506	251	521	510	1,836

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)	79	75	64	43	64
Strong Democrat	33	25	17	18	23
Not very strong Democrat	31	31	30	12	25
Closer to the Democratic Party	15	19	17	13	16
Independent/None – Don't lean	15	14	20	14	16
Republican (NET)	6	12	16	44	20
Closer to the Republican Party	2	5	5	13	6
Not very strong Republican	2	4	7	17	8
Strong Republican	2	3	4	14	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	32	37	31	21	29
23-26	27	29	24	18	24
27-30	24	22	24	30	25
31-34	16	11	22	31	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	42	49	43	50	45
Female	58	51	57	50	55

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UNWEIGHTED RACE/ETHNICITY

	All adults 18-34
African American	28
Asian American	14
Latino/a	28
White	27
Other	3

N= 1,836

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	11	15	21	35	22
Widowed	*	-	1	*	*
Divorced	2	1	2	3	2
Separated	1	*	3	*	1
Never married	64	78	58	51	64
Living with partner	11	6	16	10	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	59	63	62	72	64
Not employed	41	37	38	28	36

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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	7	3	9	4	6
High school graduate or equivalent	25	16	22	14	20
Some college	47	33	52	39	44
College graduate or above	21	48	17	43	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	7	11	6	11
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	14	7	15	10	12
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	19	9	17	12	15
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	12	11	15	9	12
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9	7	10	9	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15	22	16	22	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	8	12	8	12	10
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	6	14	7	12	9
\$150,000 or more	2	11	2	7	4
<i>N</i> =	506	251	521	510	1,836

STUDY METHODOLOGY

The GenForward 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 1,836 interviews were conducted between June 23 and July 10, 2017 with adults ages 18-34 representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia, including completed interviews with 506 African American young adults, 251 Asian American young adults, 521 Latino/a young adults, 510 white young adults, and 48 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:

- Sixty-two 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).
- Thirty-nine 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 1,836 completed interviews in the GenForward February survey, 94 percent were completed by web and 6 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 28.7 percent. The weighted household panel recruitment rate is 20.5 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 91.1 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 5.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.94 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 +/- 5.83 percentage points for African Americans, +/- 8.09 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 6.19 percentage points for Latino/as, and +/- 6.02 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 BYP/AmeriSpeak panel weights 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.