

GENFORWARD: MILLENNIALS' POLITICAL VIEWS

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GenForward's diverse sample allows for a focus on Millennials of color. Data from the survey highlights how race and ethnicity help shape the political, economic and social opinions of the country's most diverse generation.

The GenForward Survey of Millennials is led by Dr. Cathy Cohen from the University of Chicago and is fielded by NORC. The sample includes oversamples of African American, Latino/as and Asian American Millennials. A total of 1,836 respondents, ages 18-34, were interviewed between June 23 and July 10, 2017.

This report explores how Millennials view the state of education in the country, and how their views on the changes needed differ by race and ethnicity.

- Only 26% of African Americans, 31% of Asian Americans, 32% of Latinx and 20% of whites give American public schools an "A" or "B"—significantly lower than how they grade their own education. (Figure 1)
- Majorities of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups believe the three best ways to improve K-12 education are to: 1) increase school funding, 2) improve teacher training, and 3) increase teacher pay.
- A majority of Millennials support charter schools (65% of African Americans, 61% of Asian Americans, 58% of Latinx, and 55% of whites), with more support for a voucher system that supports low-income students than a universal voucher program. (Figure 2)

Figure 1. What Grade Would You Give Public Schools in the National as a Whole?

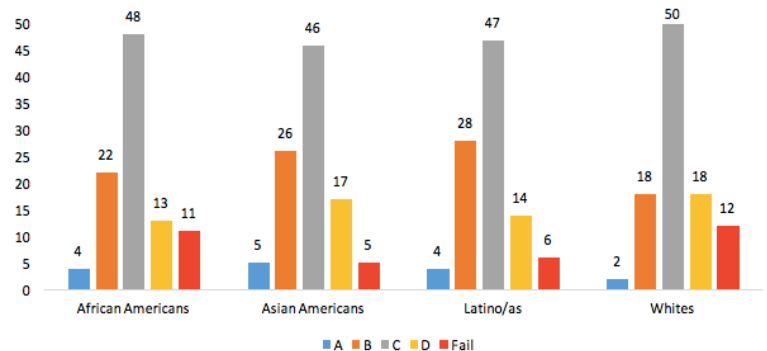
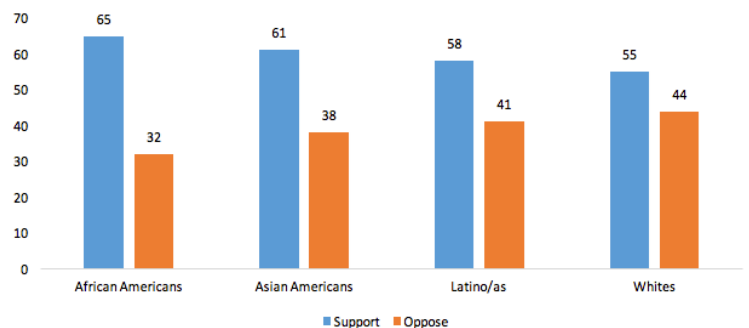
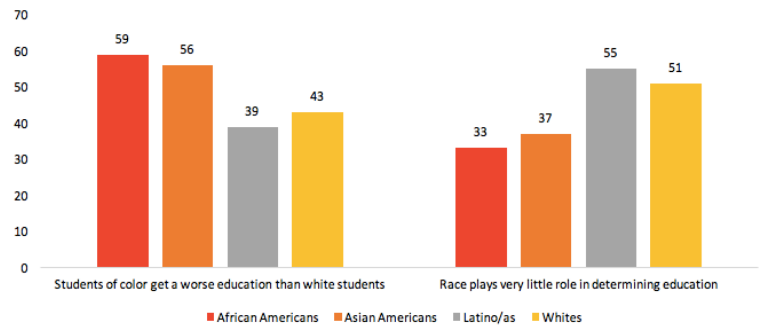


Figure 2. Do You Support or Oppose Charter Schools?



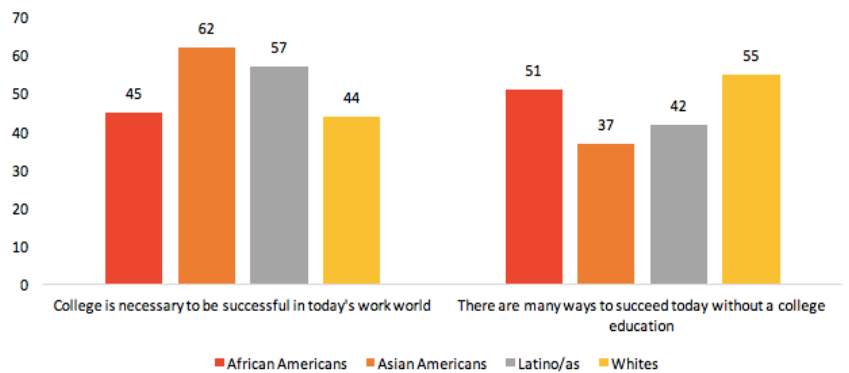
- 55% of all Millennials believe U.S. schools are not held accountable for the performance of students of color.
- Majorities of African Americans (59%) and Asian Americans (56%) say that students of color get a worse education than white students, while 55% of Latinx and 51% of whites say race plays little role in determining quality of education (Figure 3)

Figure 3. How Does Race Affect Education?



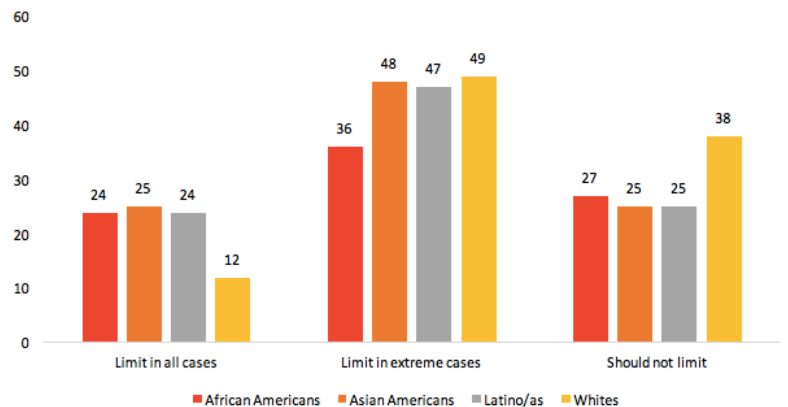
- 62% of Asian Americans and 57% of Latinx believe a college education is necessary to be successful, while 55% of whites and 51% of African Americans say there are ways to succeed today without a college degree. (Figure 4)

Figure 4. Is a College Education Necessary to Be Successful in Today's Work World?



- Over 70% of Millennials in each racial/ethnic group support free tuition at public colleges.
- Large majorities of Millennials across racial/ethnic groups support limiting, in at least extreme, cases, offensive speech on college campuses. (Figure 5)

Figure 5. Should Schools Be Able to Limit Expression of Offensive Political Views?



A total of 1,836 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