

January 2018 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:
01/03 - 01/16/2018
Total N: 1,844 adults
Age Range: 18-34

NOTE: All results indicate percentages unless otherwise labeled.

MARGIN OF ERROR ESTIMATES (% pts)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
Full Sample	+/- 3.95
African Americans	+/- 6.57
Asian Americans	+/- 8.68
Latinxs	+/- 7.41
Whites	+/- 5.55

NOTE: All estimates are calculated at the 95% level of confidence

Q0. Did you vote for Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, someone else, or not vote in the 2016 presidential election?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Hillary Clinton	52	44	25	31	34
Donald Trump	3	11	7	29	19
Someone else	14	7	12	13	12
Did not vote in the 2016 presidential election	30	37	56	27	34
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	*	*	-	*
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

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

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strongly approve	2	3	4	8	6
Somewhat approve	4	13	6	19	13
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	12	19	17	17
Somewhat disapprove	17	23	17	17	17
Strongly disapprove	60	47	53	40	46
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	1	-	*
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Q2. Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strongly approve	2	1	2	2	2
Somewhat approve	9	8	11	10	10
Neither approve nor disapprove	23	20	26	27	25
Somewhat disapprove	29	33	29	35	32
Strongly disapprove	38	36	28	26	29
DON'T KNOW	-	-	2	-	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	2	*	*
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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]

Q3A. The Republican Party

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Very favorable	3	3	4	8	6
Somewhat favorable	6	13	17	21	18
Somewhat unfavorable	25	22	22	27	25
Very unfavorable	48	46	36	34	37
Don't know enough to say	17	13	18	9	12
SKIP/REFUSED	1	3	4	*	2
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

Q3B. The Democratic Party

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Very favorable	21	8	11	7	10
Somewhat favorable	44	49	41	27	34
Somewhat unfavorable	15	19	18	29	24
Very unfavorable	7	10	10	27	19
Don't know enough to say	13	12	17	9	12
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	3	1	1
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Q4. Do you think the Democratic Party cares about people like you, or not?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Yes	69	63	57	47	53
No	29	33	39	53	45
DON'T KNOW	*	3	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	3	*	1
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

Q5. Do you think the Republican Party cares about people like you, or not?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Yes	13	16	17	36	27
No	86	80	79	64	72
DON'T KNOW	*	3	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	4	*	1
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

Q6. Would you say things in this country are...

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Off on the wrong track	67	63	62	62	63
Generally headed in the right direction	12	21	12	22	18
Not sure	20	15	24	16	18
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	2	*	1
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Q7. How would you describe the nation's economy these days? Would you say...

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Very good	2	8	5	8	7
Somewhat good	15	34	29	38	32
Neither good nor poor	27	26	32	24	26
Somewhat poor	26	18	17	17	19
Very poor	20	7	9	9	10
Not sure	10	5	7	3	5
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1	*	*
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Q8. Generally speaking, how optimistic are you about your personal future—think about things like finding and keeping a good job, paying off your student loan debt, and being able to afford the lifestyle you want?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Very optimistic	30	16	14	22	21
Somewhat optimistic	24	31	44	40	38
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	18	24	17	21	20
Somewhat pessimistic	18	22	15	13	15
Very pessimistic	9	7	8	4	6
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	2	*	1
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Q9. 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 Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Democratic Candidate	57	47	37	31	37
Republican Candidate	8	10	9	25	18
Neither/Not Sure	35	41	53	44	44
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	1	*	1
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

If Neither/Not Sure

Q9A. Do you lean more towards planning to vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Democratic Candidate	34	42	23	28	28
Republican Candidate	3	15	12	20	16
Neither	62	41	64	52	56
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	2	*	1
<i>N=</i>	170	101	204	192	695

Q10. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today? Please select which one of these is the most important.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Abortion	*	*	1	2	1
National debt	2	3	3	8	6
Environment and climate change	2	4	6	9	7
Gay rights	1	*	*	-	*
Gun control	5	7	8	2	4
Health care	11	11	7	15	13
Immigration	3	4	22	3	7
Poverty	7	3	1	5	4
Income inequality	7	13	8	10	9
Unemployment	5	5	3	2	3
Economic growth	5	9	5	8	7
Military strength	1	1	*	1	1
Morality and religion in society	5	2	1	4	3
Racism	20	4	12	3	8
Social Security	2	1	1	2	1
Taxes	4	6	3	4	4
Women's rights	1	2	1	*	1
Crime	4	4	2	2	3
Foreign policy	1	3	2	4	3
Education	7	10	8	6	7
Terrorism and homeland security	3	8	3	9	7
Police brutality	4	*	1	2	2
Sexual Harassment	1	*	3	*	1
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	1	*	*
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Q11. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement:

I believe that by participating in politics I can make a difference.

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strongly agree	21	13	16	14	15
Somewhat agree	34	54	48	50	48
Somewhat disagree	30	28	24	25	26
Strongly disagree	14	4	12	11	11
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1	*	*
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Q12. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement:

I have the skills and knowledge necessary to participate in politics.

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strongly agree	23	14	15	20	19
Somewhat agree	40	35	43	42	41
Somewhat disagree	22	39	24	25	25
Strongly disagree	12	10	17	13	13
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	1	1	1
N=	503	280	504	503	1844

Q13. Please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement:

The government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves and their friends.

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strongly agree	48	38	44	38	41
Somewhat agree	36	47	38	48	44
Somewhat disagree	10	10	12	13	12
Strongly disagree	4	3	3	2	2
DON'T KNOW	-	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	1	3	*	1
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Q14. How often would you say you vote?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Always	23	16	12	20	18
Nearly always	22	23	14	33	27
Part of the time	20	28	20	20	21
Seldom	11	15	12	11	12
Never	15	9	13	11	12
Never because I have never been eligible to vote	8	7	28	4	10
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	1	*	*
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Q15. Of these, which do you think is the biggest source of division in America today?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Race	53	29	34	25	31
Partisanship	4	17	7	19	14
Ideology	13	21	12	18	16
Class	18	25	24	25	24
Religion	3	2	9	7	7
Gender	5	1	1	2	2
None of the above	4	4	10	3	5
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*	1	2	*	1
N=	503	280	504	503	1844

Q16. How effective do you feel the efforts of organizations and groups working in communities can be in producing real change in the country?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Very effective	26	13	18	18	18
Somewhat effective	49	63	56	60	57
Not very effective	18	17	16	17	18
Not effective at all	7	5	6	5	5
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	1	3	*	1
N=	503	280	504	503	1844

Q17. How effective do you feel elections are in producing real change in the country?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Very effective	14	6	16	6	9
Somewhat effective	40	58	39	46	44
Not very effective	28	25	29	41	35
Not effective at all	17	6	12	7	10
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	4	4	*	1
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

Q18. If you had to choose, which is most important to you in deciding which candidate to vote for?

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Party affiliation	9	4	5	4	5
Personal qualities	29	19	23	21	22
Positions on the issues	60	75	68	74	71
DON'T KNOW	*	-	*	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	2	2	4	*	2
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

DEMOGRAPHICS

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

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Democrat	58	49	42	28	37
Republican	4	7	10	25	17
Independent	22	27	29	32	30
Something Else	16	15	16	15	16
DON'T KNOW	-	-	1	-	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1	2	3	*	1
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

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 Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Closer to the Republican Party	6	19	9	27	19
Closer to the Democratic Party	36	45	38	30	34
Neither	58	32	43	43	44
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-	5	10	*	3
<i>N=</i>	183	114	229	214	768

If Democrat in PID1

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

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strong Democrat	50	35	41	53	48
Not very strong Democrat	50	64	59	46	52
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-	*	*	*	*
<i>N=</i>	299	145	225	156	843

*If Republican in PID1***PIDB. Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?**

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Strong Republican	63	51	40	41	43
Not very strong Republican	37	49	59	58	57
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-
SKIP/REFUSED	-	-	1	*	*
N=	21	21	50	133	233

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

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Democrat (NET)	72	70	63	42	53
Strong Democrat	29	18	18	15	18
Not very strong Democrat	29	32	26	13	19
Closer to the Democratic Party	14	20	19	14	16
Independent/None – Don't lean	23	14	22	21	21
Republican (NET)	5	15	14	38	27
Closer to the Republican Party	2	8	4	13	9
Not very strong Republican	1	3	6	15	10
Strong Republican	2	4	4	10	8
N=	503	275	493	499	1823

AGE

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
18-22	29	24	30	28	28
23-26	27	25	25	24	25
27-30	23	26	23	25	24
31-34	21	25	22	24	23
N=	503	280	504	503	1844

GENDER

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Male	49	50	51	51	50
Female	51	50	49	49	50
N=	503	280	504	503	1844

RACE/ETHNICITY¹

	All adults
African American	14
Asian American	7
Latinx	21
White	56
Other	1

N= 1844

MARITAL STATUS

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Married	15	23	21	28	25
Widowed	1	-	4	*	1
Divorced	2	6	1	2	2
Separated	2	3	1	1	1
Never married	69	60	55	58	59
Living with partner	12	8	18	11	13

N= 500 278 501 502 1835

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Employed	57	66	60	68	65
Not employed	43	34	40	32	35

N= 503 280 504 503 1844

EDUCATION

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Less than a high school diploma	11	3	20	5	9
High school graduate or equivalent	34	19	33	28	29
Some college	38	31	34	35	35
College graduate or above	17	47	14	32	27

N= 503 280 504 503 1844

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

INCOME

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Under \$10,000	15	5	11	7	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	12	6	9	8	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	19	13	20	14	16
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	14	7	15	11	12
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7	5	14	8	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19	21	20	22	21
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	5	20	7	11	10
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	4	13	5	12	9
\$150,000 or more	5	10	1	7	6
<i>N=</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>1185</i>

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

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Democrat (NET)	77	75	62	44	63
Strong Democrat	31	21	17	16	21
Not very strong Democrat	29	31	28	15	25
Closer to the Democratic Party	17	23	17	13	17
Independent/None – Don't lean	18	10	21	16	17
Republican (NET)	6	15	16	40	19
Closer to the Republican Party	2	7	6	13	7
Not very strong Republican	2	4	6	16	7
Strong Republican	2	4	4	11	5
<i>N=</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>1844</i>

UNWEIGHTED AGE

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
18-22	32	39	32	24	30
23-26	28	33	26	20	26
27-30	25	19	22	23	23
31-34	16	9	20	32	21
<i>N=</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>1844</i>

UNWEIGHTED GENDER

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Male	49	48	52	49	49
Female	51	52	48	51	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>1844</i>

UNWEIGHTED RACE/ETHNICITY

	All adults
African American	27
Asian American	15
Latinx	27
White	27
Other	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1844</i>

UNWEIGHTED MARITAL STATUS

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Married	10	12	20	31	19
Widowed	*	-	*	*	*
Divorced	1	1	3	1	2
Separated	1	1	1	1	1
Never married	77	81	59	54	65
Living with partner	10	6	17	13	12
<i>N=</i>	500	278	501	502	1835

UNWEIGHTED EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Employed	58	61	64	74	65
Not employed	42	39	36	26	35
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

UNWEIGHTED EDUCATION

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Less than a high school diploma	7	2	10	3	6
High school graduate or equivalent	27	20	25	18	23
Some college	46	32	50	40	43
College graduate or above	20	46	16	40	29
<i>N=</i>	503	280	504	503	1844

UNWEIGHTED INCOME

	African Americans	Asian Americans	Latinxs	Whites	All adults
Under \$10,000	14	6	12	7	10
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	14	7	12	10	11
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	21	10	18	11	16
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	14	10	11	11	12
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8	7	13	10	10
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16	20	18	23	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	7	16	8	10	9
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	5	13	6	12	9
\$150,000 or more	2	10	2	6	4
<i>N=</i>	293	176	316	365	1185

STUDY METHODOLOGY

The GenForward January survey is a project of Professor Cathy J. Cohen 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 1,844 interviews were conducted between January 3 and January 16, 2018 with adults ages 18-34 representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia, including completed interviews with 503 African American young adults, 280 Asian American young adults, 504 Latinx young adults, 503 white young adults, and 54 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-three 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-eight 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, Latinxs, 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 1,844 completed interviews in the GenForward January survey, 95 percent were completed by web and 5 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 26.3 percent. The weighted AAPOR RR3 panel recruitment rate is 21.3 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 88.9 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 5 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.95 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 +/- 6.57 percentage points for African Americans, +/- 8.68 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 7.41 percentage points for Latinxs, and +/- 5.55 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, Latinxs, Asian Americans, and non-Latinx whites, were used for all analyses.