

## GENFORWARD: MILLENNIALS' VIEWS ON TECHNOLOGY

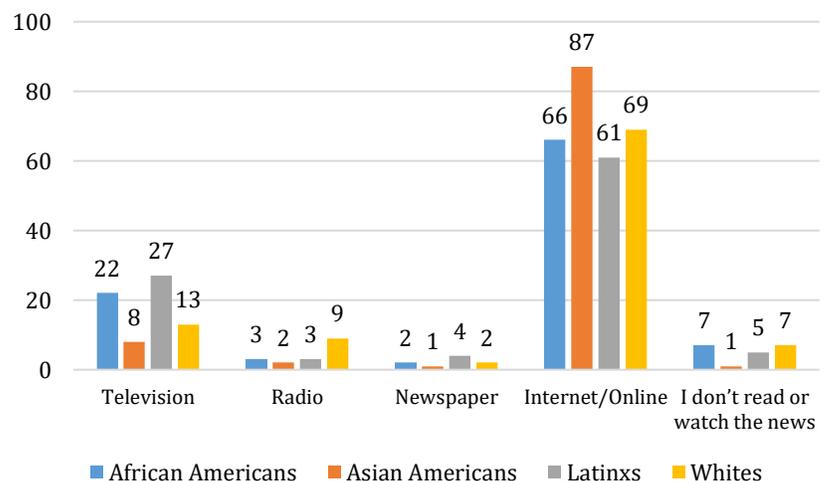
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- ✓ **GenForward is the first-ever political, social, and economic bimonthly survey of ethnically diverse young adults. It highlights how race and ethnicity help shape the opinions of the country's most diverse generation.**
- ✓ **GenForward is a nationally representative survey of Millennials led by Dr. Cathy Cohen from the University of Chicago fielded by NORC with oversamples of African American, Latinx and Asian American Millennials ages 18-34. This survey, taken from January 3 to January 16, 2018, includes interviews with 503 African American, 280 Asian American, 504 Latinx, 503 white young adults, and 54 young adults with other racial and ethnic backgrounds.**
- ✓ **It includes extensive analysis of young adults' views on technology as it relates to their own usage, news consumption, the future of work, and public policy. Key findings include:**
  - **Smartphones vs. Computers.** While roughly 90% of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups own smartphones, African American (69%) and Latinx (69%) Millennials are less likely to own and use laptop or desktop computers compared to white (87%) and Asian American (83%) Millennials.

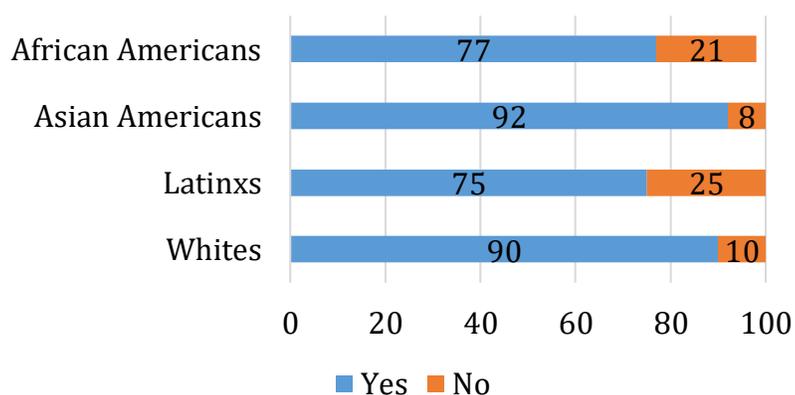
- **Television News.** Majorities of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups report getting most of their political news from online sources. However, meaningful proportions of African American (27%) and Latinx (27%) Millennials access political news via television news compared to whites (13%) and Asian Americans (8%).

Figure 5: How do you access or get most of your news?



- **How Millennials Access News Online.** A majority of African American (54%) and pluralities of Latinx (44%) and Asian American (43%) Millennials who get their news from the internet do so from social media sites. In contrast, a plurality of white Millennials (40%) go directly to news websites.
- **Technology will Decrease Jobs.** A plurality of Millennials across race and ethnicity believe advances in technology will decrease the number of jobs available.
- **Difficulty in Finding Work.** Nearly or roughly half of Latinx (46%), African American (48%), and Asian American Millennials (51%) report being somewhat or very concerned about whether they will be able to find and keep a job as technology progresses, compared to only approximately a third of white Millennials (35%)
- **Government Help for those Displaced by Technology.** Majorities of Millennials of all racial and ethnic backgrounds agree that the government should have an obligation to take care of people whose jobs are displaced by technology, even if it means raising taxes substantially.
- **Net Neutrality.** Majorities of all Millennials sampled oppose the repeal of net neutrality and support Congress passing legislation making net neutrality protections into law.

Figure 1: Do you or the people you live with subscribe to broadband (high-speed internet access) at home?

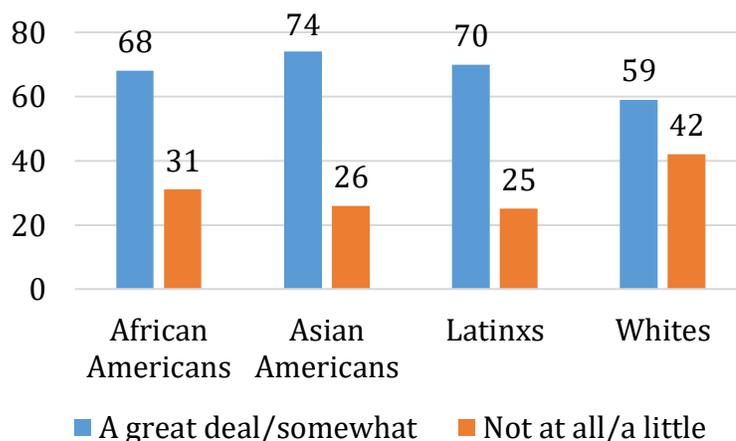


- **Broadband Inequality.** Twenty-five percent of Latinx Millennials and 21% of African American Millennials do not have or live with anyone that has a subscription to high-speed internet compared to 8% of Asian Americans and 10% of whites.
- **Broadband as a Utility.** While over 70 percent of Millennials agree that the government should fund the construction of broadband high-speed internet infrastructure, support increased among Latinxs (+11% pts) and whites (+7% pts) when framed specifically for people that do not have access to the internet, particularly rural communities and people of color.
- **Computer Training in Schools.** Majorities of African Americans (55%), Latinx (53%), whites (55%), and especially Asian Americans (63%) believe that schools should place *more* emphasis on computer programming and coding than they do currently.

- **Sharing Data with Law Enforcement for Criminal Investigations.** Bare majorities of African American (51%) and white (52%) Millennials believe that companies should share private user data with law enforcement. In contrast, less than half of Asian Americans (47%) and even fewer Latinxs (37%) share this opinion.
- **Sharing Data with Law Enforcement for Terrorism Investigations.** Majorities of Asian American (53%) and Latinx (55%) Millennials believe that the government should be able to access private data when investigating terrorism. Equivalent proportions of African Americans and whites, however, believe the opposite—companies should be able to withhold private, encrypted information from law enforcement during terrorism investigations.

- **Concerns over Privacy.** Majorities of Millennials across racial and ethnic groups worry somewhat or a great deal about the government and others having access to their private information. Interestingly, however, white Millennials are somewhat less concerned about privacy (59%) than their Asian American (74%), Latinx (70%), and African American (68%) peers.

Figure 20: To what degree are you worried about the government and others having access to your private information?



**A total of 1,844 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](http://www.GenForwardSurvey.com)