Survey Overview

The GenForward Survey, founded by Dr. Cathy Cohen at the University of Chicago, is the first of its kind—a nationally representative survey of over 3,250 young adults ages 18-36 conducted bimonthly that pays special attention to the ways race and ethnicity influence how young adults, both Millennials and Gen-Zers, experience and think about the world.

Given the importance of race and ethnicity for shaping the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of young people, we believe researchers make a mistake when they present data on young adults in a manner that assumes a monolithic Millennial generation and young adult vote.

In this slide deck, we present an empirical overview of young adults’ views on politics in the United States, with a focus toward the 2020 election. A total of 3,365 interviews were conducted between February 7th and February 20th, 2020 with adults ages 18-36, including completed interviews with 894 African American young adults, 508 Asian American young adults, 914 Latinx young adults, 1018 white young adults, and 31 young adults with other racial and ethnic backgrounds.
Key Findings

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• Among Republican young adults, the top Democratic presidential candidate is Former VP Biden with 10%. However, by a large margin, Republicans want someone else at 41%.

• Among young adult Independents and young adults overall, when asked about hypothetical matchups between Donald Trump and the major Democratic presidential candidates, nearly two-thirds say they would support the Democrat if the election were held today.

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• Majorities of young adult Republicans (81%) and Democrats (82%) indicate that they **probably or definitely will vote** in 2020.

• Young adults who identify as Independents are the least likely group to say they plan to vote with 47% reporting they **definitely or probably will not vote** in November 2020. Another 27% of Independent young adults are **uncertain about whether or not they will vote**.

• Among young adult Democrats, 20% say the Democratic Party has **contacted them about the 2020 election** and 14% say they were contacted by a Democratic presidential campaign. Among young adult Republicans, 16% say the Republican Party has **contacted them about the 2020 election** and 13% say they were contacted by the Trump presidential campaign.

• The **ability to bring about needed change** is the most important quality for a candidate in the presidential election with 26% of Democrats and 21% of Republicans registering their preference for that quality. Among young adult Independents, 20% say ability to bring about needed change, but 31% say they are unsure what candidate quality matters most.

• Far more young adult Democrats (75%) are more likely to believe **the country is on the wrong track** compared to young adult Republicans (31%) and Independents (48%).
Key Findings

• Among Democrats, the most important issue is the environment and climate change with 17% of Democrats surveyed citing this issue.

• The environment and climate change is also the most important issue for Independents with 11% citing this issue, followed closely by health care at 9%.

• For young adult Republicans, the most important issue is immigration, with 12% of Republicans citing this issue as most important.

• A majority of young adult Democrats (86%) and Independents (58%) say the Senate should have convicted Donald Trump and removed him from office, but 74% of young adult Republicans say the Senate acted appropriately and Donald Trump should remain in office.

• A majority of young adult Democrats (81%) and Independents (72%), but only 33% of young adult Republicans, say they disagree with the Senate’s vote to not allow any witnesses in the impeachment trial of Donald Trump.

• Majorities of young adult Democrats (90%) and Independents (66%) believe that Donald Trump has definitely or probably improperly used his office to attack his political opponents, and a near majority of Republicans (47%) agree.
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• A majority of young adults across political parties support the wealth tax or a 2% tax on the assets of those with a net worth over $50 million and a 3% tax on the assets of those with a net worth over $1 billion, with 84% of Democrats, 67% of Independents, and 69% of Republicans supporting this policy.

• Young adults across party id support a higher tax rate on individuals making an income above one million dollars per year with 85% of young adult Democrats (85%), 65% of Independents, and 67% of Republicans registering support.

• Pluralities of young adults across political parties support establishing a public option for health care coverage like Medicare-for-all, while allowing people to stay on their private insurance with 38% of young adult Democrats, 32% of Independents and 31% of Republicans supporting this policy.
By Party Identification
Approval of Congress

A majority of young adult Democrats somewhat or strongly disapprove of Congress. Pluralities of Independent and Republican young adults report neither approving nor disapproving of Congress.

Percent that somewhat or strongly approve:
- Democrats = 18%
- Independents = 15%
- Republicans = 32%
Favorability of the Republican Party

A majority of Democrat (65%) and Independent (52%) young adults have a somewhat or very unfavorable view of the Republican Party. A majority of Republican (72%) young adults hold favorable views on the Republican Party.

Percent reporting somewhat or strongly favorable views:
- Democrats = 10%
- Independents = 17%
- Republicans = 72%
Favorability of the Democratic Party

A majority of Republican (83%) and Independent (55%) young adults have a somewhat or very unfavorable view of the Democratic Party. A majority of Democrat (73%) young adults hold favorable views on the Democratic Party.

Percent reporting somewhat or strongly favorable views:
- Democrats = 73%
- Independents = 16%
- Republicans = 13%

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A substantial majority of Democratic (78%) young adults think that the Democratic Party cares about people like them. Majorities of Independents (72%) and Republicans (77%), on the other hand, believe that the Democratic Party does not care about people like them.
Does the Republican Party Care about People Like You?

Substantial majorities of Democrats (84%) and Independents (76%) think that the Republican Party does not care about people like them. The majority of Republican (64%) young adults, on the other hand, believe that the Republican Party does care about people like them.
Direction of the country

A majority of Democratic (75%) and a plurality of Independent (48%) young adults believe that the country is going off on the wrong track. A majority of Republican (56%) young adults say things are heading in the right direction.

Percent who say that things in the country are going off on the wrong track:

- Democrats= 75%
- Independents= 48%
- Republicans = 31%
A majority of Republican (69%) young adults say the nation’s economy is very or somewhat good, but only 33% of Democrat and 28% of Independent young adults say the same.

Percent who say the nation’s economy is very or somewhat good:

- Democrats = 33%
- Independents = 28%
- Republicans = 69%

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Majorities of both Republicans (73%) and Democrats (55%) say they are optimistic about their personal futures, while a plurality of Independents (42%) share in this optimism.

Percent who are very or somewhat optimistic about their personal futures:

- Democrats = 55%
- Independents = 42%
- Republicans = 73%

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?
Unexpected Financial Burden

Majorities of Democrat (52%) and Independent (52%) young adults express concern in their ability to pay an unexpected bill, while a plurality of Republican (42%) young adults say the same.

Percent who are extremely or very worried about their ability to pay an unexpected bill:

- Democrats = 52%
- Independents = 52%
- Republicans = 42%

How worried are you about being able to pay an unexpected bill of $1,000 right away?

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Pluralities of young adults across political parties report that they are ‘not at all worried’ about their ability to pay their rent or mortgage.

Percent who are extremely or very worried about their ability to pay rent or mortgage:

- Democrats = 24%
- Independents = 27%
- Republicans = 17%
Keeping a Job or Finding a Good Job in the Future

Young adults across parties share little worry about their future job prospects. Pluralities of Republican (35%) and Independent (28%) young adults say they are “not at all worried” about keeping their current job or finding a good one in the future, while 22% of Democratic young adults say the same.

Percent who are extremely or very worried about their job:

- Democrats = 31%
- Independents = 30%
- Republicans = 22%
Among Democrats, the most important issue is the environment and climate change with 17% of Democrats surveyed citing this issue. The environment and climate change is also the most important issue for Independents with 11% citing this issue, followed closely by health care at 9%. For young adult Republicans, the most important issue is immigration, with 12% of Republicans citing this issue as most important.

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Support for 2020 Democratic candidates

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Below is a list of people who may be running in the Democratic primaries to be the party’s presidential nominee. Which one candidate do you support or do you support someone else?

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Second Choice Support for 2020 Democratic candidates

Among Democratic young adults Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is their top second choice Democratic presidential candidate with 20% support, followed closely by Senator Elizabeth Warren with 18% support. A majority of Independent (55%) and plurality of Republican (45%) young adults say “someone else” as their second choice among the Democratic presidential candidates.

Below is a list of people who may be running in the Democratic primaries to be the party’s presidential nominee. Again, if your state’s primary or caucus was being held today and if your preferred candidate was not available, who would be your second choice to vote for?

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An overwhelming majority of young adult Republicans (84%) believe Donald Trump will re-election in 2020, compared to 40% of Independents and 32% of Democrats.

Percent who say Trump will win:

- Democrats = 32%
- Independents = 40%
- Republicans = 84%

As you may have heard, Donald Trump has decided to run for re-election. Please just give me your best guess, do you think he will win the presidential election in 2020, or do you think he will lose?
Contact about 2020 Election

Among young adult Democrats, 20% say the Democratic Party has contacted them about the 2020 election and 14% say they were contacted by a Democratic presidential campaign. Among young adult Republicans, 16% say the Republican Party has contacted them about the 2020 election and 13% say they were contacted by the Trump presidential campaign.

Percent who say none of the groups or organizations have contacted them:

- Democrats = 41%
- Independents = 68%
- Republicans = 45%

Please tell us if any of the types of organizations or groups of people listed here contacted or talked to you about voting in the 2020 election. Please select all that apply. (Top 3 Selected)

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Majorities of Democratic (55%) and Republican (50%) young adults say they have quite a bit or a great deal of interest in following news about the 2020 presidential election, compared to 21% of Independent young adults.

Percent with a great deal or quite a bit of interest:

Democrats = 55%
Independents = 21%
Republicans = 50%
Majorities of Democrat (59%) and Republican (50%) young adults say they plan to participate in their state’s primary or caucus this year, but only 26% of Independent young adults say they plan to participate.

Percent who say they “definitely” or “probably” will participate:

Democrats = 59%
Independents = 26%
Republicans = 50%
2020 Election Vote Intentions

Majorities of young adult Republicans (81%) and Democrats (82%) indicate that they probably or definitely will vote in 2020. Slightly less than a majority (47%) of young adults who identify as Independents say they plan to vote. Another 27% of Independent young adults are uncertain about whether or not they will vote.

Percent who say they “definitely” or “probably” will vote:

Democrats = 82%
Independents = 47%
Republicans = 81%
Majorities of Democrat (64%) and Republican (66%) young adults say they voted in the 2016 presidential election, compared to only 33% of Independents who say they voted in 2016.

Percent who say they voted in 2016:

Democrats = 64%
Independents = 33%
Republicans = 66%

In the 2016 presidential election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?
Majorities of Democrat (58%) and Republican (51%) young adults say they voted in the 2018 midterm congressional election, compared to only 28% of Independents who say they voted in 2018.

Percent who say they voted in 2018:

Democrats = 58%
Independents = 28%
Republicans = 51%

In the 2018 midterm congressional elections, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?
2020 Election Intentions

A majority of Democrat (69%) young adults say they plan to vote for whoever is the Democratic nominee, while 59% of Republican young adults say they will vote for Donald Trump. About half of Independent (50%) young adults say they don’t know what they will do at this point.
Candidate Qualities

The ability to bring about needed change is the most important quality for a candidate in the presidential election with 26% of Democrats and 21% of Republicans registering their preference for that quality. Among young adult Independents, 20% say ability to bring about needed change, but 31% say they are unsure what candidate quality matters most.

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Among young adult Independents and young adults overall, when asked about hypothetical matchups between Donald Trump and the major Democratic presidential candidates, nearly two-thirds say they would support the Democrat if the election were held today. Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, and Michael Bloomberg have the widest margin with Trump among Democrat young adults.

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*Net advantage calculated as Democratic candidate support minus Trump support.*
Donald Trump Improperly Enriching Himself and Others

Majorities of Democrat (88%) and Independent (62%) young adults say Donald Trump has improperly used his office to enrich himself or his friends and family. Republican young adults are less prone to agree with only 41% believing Trump has improperly used his office to enrich himself or his friends and family.

Percent who say Donald Trump has “definitely” or “probably” done this:

- Democrats = 88%
- Independents = 62%
- Republicans = 41%

Since taking office, do you think Donald Trump has improperly used his office to enrich himself or his friends and family?
Donald Trump Improperly Attacking Political Opponents

Majorities of young adult Democrats (90%) and Independents (66%) believe that Donald Trump has definitely or probably improperly used his office to attack his political opponents, and a near majority of Republicans (47%) agree.

Percent who say Donald Trump has “definitely” or “probably” done this:

- Democrats = 90%
- Independents = 66%
- Republicans = 47%

Since taking office, do you think Donald Trump has improperly used his office to attack his political opponents?

- Donald Trump has definitely done this
- Donald Trump has probably done this
- Donald Trump has probably NOT done this
- Donald Trump has definitely NOT done this

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Percent who say “somewhat” or “strongly” agree:

- Democrats = 18%
- Independents = 25%
- Republicans = 65%

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Donald Trump and Foreign Policy

A majority of Republican young adults (74%) approve of the way Donald Trump is handling foreign policy, compared to only 14% of Democrat and 23% of Independent young adults who approve.

Percent who say they “strongly” or “somewhat” approve:

- Democrats = 14%
- Independents = 23%
- Republicans = 74%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling foreign policy?
Universal Basic Income

When asked whether they support a universal basic income benefit of $1,000 each month for each American 18 or older, majorities of Democrat (75%), Independent (60%), and Republican (56%) young adults say they somewhat or strongly support the policy.

Percent saying "somewhat" or "strongly" support:

- Democrats = 75%
- Independents = 60%
- Republicans = 56%
Majorities of young adults across party support the idea that the government should guarantee a job to every American adult who wants to work, with 79% of young adults Democrats, 67% of Independents and 55% of Republicans supporting the policy.

Percent who say they “somewhat” or “strongly” support:

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Raising Taxes on Millionaires

Young adults across party id support a higher tax rate on individuals making an income above one million dollars per year with 85% of young adult Democrats (85%), 65% of Independents, and 67% of Republicans registering support.

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Wealth Tax

A majority of young adults across political parties support the wealth tax or a 2% tax on the assets of those with a net worth over $50 million and a 3% tax on the assets of those with a net worth over $1 billion, with 84% of Democrats, 67% of Independents, and 69% of Republicans supporting this policy.
Pluralities of young adults across political parties support establishing a public option for health care coverage like Medicare-for-all, while allowing people to stay on their private insurance with 38% of young adult Democrats, 32% of Independents and 31% of Republicans supporting this policy.

Percent who support replacing the Affordable Care Act with a national Medicare-for-all plan:

- Democrats = 22%
- Independents = 12%
- Republicans = 12%
Full and Equal Citizen

Across party identification, young adults report that they feel like a full and equal citizen. The largest majority is for young adult Republicans with 84% reporting that they strongly or somewhat agree. For Democrats, 70% agree and 61% of Independents agree.

Percent saying they strongly disagree:

- Democrats = 9%
- Independents = 17%
- Republicans = 4%

Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements. Generally, I feel like a full and equal citizen in this country with all the rights and protections that other people have.
**Work their Way Up**

A vast majority of Republicans (80%) say they agree that African Americans should work their way up without special favors, while 53% of Independents and 44% agree.

Percent who strongly or somewhat disagree:

- Democrats = 56%
- Independents = 45%
- Republicans = 19%

Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements. Irish, Italian, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.
Generations of Slavery

Majorities of Democrat (81%) and Independent (58%) young adults say they agree that generations of slavery and discrimination created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class, while 46% of Republican young adults agree.

Percent who somewhat or strongly agree:

Democrats = 81%
Independents = 58%
Republicans = 46%
Whites Economically Losing Ground

Majorities of Democrats (69%) and Independents (56%) disagree that whites, through no fault of their own, are economically losing ground today compared to other racial and ethnic groups. However, a majority of Republicans (53%) agree that whites are losing ground.

Percent who say that whites are not losing ground economically:

- Democrats = 69%
- Independents = 56%
- Republicans = 45%
Discrimination Against Whites

A plurality of Democrats (49%) strongly oppose the idea that discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities. The majority of Independents (56%) somewhat or strongly disagree compared to 34% of Republicans.

Those who somewhat or strongly agree that discrimination against whites has become a problem:

Democrats = 31%
Independents = 41%
Republicans = 64%

Do you agree or disagree that discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities?
Feminist Demands of Men

Majorities Independent (53%) and Republican (59%) young adults somewhat or strongly disagree that feminists are making entirely reasonable demands of men. The majority of Democrats (66%) agree that feminists are making entirely reasonable demands of men.

Percent who somewhat or strongly disagree:

Democrats = 34%
Independents = 53%
Republicans = 59%
Discrimination Against Women

A vast majority of Democrats (67%) and a slim majority of Independents (53%) disagree with the idea that women who complain about discrimination cause most problems than they solve. This is compared to 32% of Republicans who disagree.

Percent who somewhat or strongly agree:

Democrats = 32%
Independents = 46%
Republicans = 66%

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Women who complain about discrimination often cause more problems than they solve.
Men Provide Financially for Women

Majorities of Democrats (55%) and Independents (51%) disagree that men should be willing to sacrifice to provide financially for women. However, the majority of Republican (64%) young adults agree.

Percent who somewhat or strongly agree:

Democrats = 45%
Independents = 47%
Republicans = 64%

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Men should be willing to sacrifice to provide financially for women.
Men Ought to Have a Woman to Adore

Majorities of Republican (70%), Democrat (50%), and Independent (54%) young adults somewhat or strongly agree that every man ought to have a woman whom he adores.

Percent who somewhat or strongly disagree:

Democrats = 50%
Independents = 44%
Republicans = 30%
Social Ideological Self-Identification

Pluralities of Democrat young adults (38%) say they consider their views on social issues as liberal. A plurality of Independent young adults (43%) indicate that they are not sure what they consider to be their views. Most Republicans consider themselves to be either conservative (39%) or moderate (32%).

Percent who say they are not sure about their social ideological self-identification:

- Democrats = 13%
- Independents = 43%
- Republicans = 12%
Economic Ideological Self-Identification

Similar to social ideological self-identification, 49% of Independent young adults are unsure about their views on economic issues. A plurality of Republican (45%) young adults consider themselves to be conservative. Most Democrats indicate that they are either liberal (33%) or moderate (26%).

Percent who say they are not sure about their economic ideological self-identification:

- Democrats = 14%
- Independents = 49%
- Republicans = 13%

Do you consider your views on economic issues like taxes and social security to be generally conservative, moderate, liberal, or progressive?
Approval of President Trump significantly varies by party identification with those identifying as Democrats (79%) being the most disapproving, next Independents (54%), and with the majority of Republicans (68%) approving of the President.

Percent that somewhat or strongly approve:

- Democrats = 10%
- Independents = 16%
- Republicans = 68%

Overall, do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
Survey Methodology
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The GenForward February 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 18-36 recruited and administered by NORC at the University of Chicago.

A total of 3,365 interviews were conducted between February 7th and February 20th, 2020 with adults ages 18-36, including completed interviews with 894 African American young adults, 508 Asian American young adults, 914 Latinx young adults, 1018 white young adults, and 31 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:

Fifty-three percent of the completed interviews are sourced from NORC’s AmeriSpeak® Panel and from the Black Youth Project (BYP) panel of young adults recruited by NORC. 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). 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 18-36. NORC contacted sampled households by U.S. mail and by telephone, inviting them to register and participate in public opinion surveys twice a month.
The AmeriSpeak panel sample was supplemented with respondents from the Dynata nonprobability online opt-in panel. Forty-seven percent of the completed interviews are sourced from the Dynata panel. To help to reduce potential bias in the nonprobability sample, Dynata attempted to balance the nonprobability respondent sample by age, race and ethnicity, gender, and partisanship. In order to incorporate the nonprobability sample, NORC used TrueNorth calibration services, an innovative hybrid calibration approach developed at NORC based on small area estimation methods in order to explicitly account for potential bias associated with the nonprobability sample. The purpose of TrueNorth calibration is to adjust the weights for the nonprobability sample so as to bring weighted distributions of the nonprobability sample in line with the population distribution for characteristics correlated with the survey variables. Such calibration adjustments help to reduce potential bias, yielding more accurate population estimates.

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 3,365 completed interviews in the GenForward July survey, 94 percent were completed by web and 6 percent by telephone. The survey completion rate is 19.7 percent. The weighted AAPOR RR3 panel recruitment rate is 15.9 percent and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.2 percent, for a cumulative AAPOR Response Rate 3 of 2.7 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 2.36 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. Among racial and ethnic subgroups, the margin of sampling error at the 95 percent confidence level is +/- 3.54 percentage points for African Americans, +/- 4.46 percentage points for Asian Americans, +/- 4.71 percentage points for Latinxs, and +/- 5.72 percentage points for whites. Among partisan groups, the margin of sampling error at the 95 percent confidence level is +/- 3.11 percentage points for Democrats, +/- 4.59 percentage points for Republicans, and +/- 5.49 percentage points for Independents.

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 18-64-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 18-36, and the 18-36-year-old populations for African Americans, Latinxs, Asian Americans, and non-Latinx whites, were used for all analyses.
Full details are available at www.genforwardsurvey.com