

National Survey on Invisible Divides

Topline Results

Methodology

Overall

FiveThirtyEight, PerryUndem, and YouGov conducted a national survey among n = 1,796 likely midterm voters from August 10 through August 21, 2022 using YouGov's online panel. All respondents self-report being registered to vote and say they will "probably vote" or are "almost certain" to vote in the upcoming November elections. The sample included oversamples for totals of n = 334 Black voters, n = 327 Latina/o/x voters, and n = 336 Asian American / Pacific Islander voters.

Sampling and weighting

YouGov matched respondents to a sampling frame based on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file). The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories) to produce the final weight.

Following is the full questionnaire with topline results.

Questionnaire

INCLUDE IN INTRO: This survey is about several issues facing the country. We're trying to learn how people are feeling at this moment in time. All your responses will be confidential.

1. Are you registered to vote?

Yes..... 100
No -
I'm not sure -

2. In November, there will be elections for U.S. Congress, state, and local offices. Most people don't vote in midterm elections like these. How likely are you to vote in the November midterm elections this fall?

Almost certain to vote 88
Probably vote 12
Chances are 50-50 -
Not likely to vote..... -
Will not vote..... -
I'm not sure -

3. Thinking about upcoming elections for the U.S. House of Representatives...if the elections were held next week, would you vote for the [ROTATE: Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate]?

Definitely the Democrat 41
Probably the Democrat 8
Probably the Republican 8
Definitely the Republican..... 37
Other..... 1
I'm not sure 6
I wouldn't vote -

Next are some questions about issues facing the country.

4. On voting, which concerns you more: ROTATE

Making sure that every eligible voter who
wants to vote can do so 64
Making sure that ineligible people can't vote..... 35

5. A year from now, do you think the national economy will be:
- A lot better..... 13
 - A little better 30
 - A little worse 18
 - A lot worse..... 29
 - The same / no change..... 10
6. Here are two different ways to reduce crime. Which of these would you want elected officials to focus on? ROTATE
- Increasing funding for police and getting tougher on crime, like having stricter sentencing laws and not letting people out on bail 46
 - Fully funding things that create safe communities and improve people’s quality of life, like good schools, living wage jobs, and affordable housing 54
7. Do you think police / policing in the U.S. needs:
- Major reforms 44
 - Minor reforms 38
 - No reform 9
 - I’m not sure 9
8. Which comes closest to your opinion on abortion? Abortion should be...
- Legal in all cases 32
 - Legal in most cases..... 27
 - Illegal in most cases 32
 - Illegal in all cases..... 9
9. Which comes closest to your views of the Second Amendment of the Constitution: ROTATE ORDER
- The right to bear arms is absolute and should never be limited 32
 - The right to bear arms is important, but it should have restrictions 55
 - The right to bear arms should be done away with 13

Do you favor or oppose each of these ideas...RANDOMIZE

	Strongly favor	Smwt favor	Smwt oppose	Strongly oppose
10. Building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border	40	14	12	34
11. Using taxpayer dollars to fund religious schools	11	22	23	44
12. My state government spending more on its public universities to lower the cost of tuition	36	36	15	12
13. Allowing public school teachers and coaches to lead students in Christian prayer	31	24	15	31
14. Canceling or forgiving up to \$10,000 of a person's federal student loan debt	34	21	12	33
15. Same-sex couples having the same rights and privileges to marry as opposite-sex couples	51	19	11	19
16. Increasing funds for safety net programs like SNAP/food stamps and cash assistance	36	30	21	14
17. Shifting the role of safety net programs from the government to religious organizations	11	26	24	40

18. In the U.S. there are laws that prohibit businesses from discriminating against people based on sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Recently, there is debate around whether people should be exempt from these laws if providing a service goes against their religious beliefs. Which comes closer to your view on this issue: ROTATE

People should be allowed to be exempt from laws
 if providing a service goes against their religion37
 Laws about discrimination should apply to everyone,
 whether they are religious or not63

19. Do you think students in high school should learn about: RANDOMIZE

	Yes	No
a. Different gender identities (beyond male and female)	49	51
b. The history of slavery	93	7
c. Systemic racism	59	41
d. Critical race theory	51	49
e. Non-Christian religions (like Islam, Judaism)	72	28
f. Sexual orientation	57	43
g. Comprehensive sex education	75	25
h. Sexism and gender inequality	62	38

In your view, how big of a problem is each of these in our society today? Is this a...
RANDOMIZE

	Big problem	Smwt of a problem	Small problem	Not a prob at all
20. Racism / racial inequality	44	24	24	9
21. Climate change	50	16	13	21
22. Crime	58	33	8	1
23. Crime in your own neighborhood	19	25	39	17
24. The “woke” agenda	42	15	16	27
25. Attacks on free speech	46	25	18	11
26. Discrimination against Christians	25	21	18	36
27. Illegal immigration at the border	50	22	20	7
28. Inflation / cost of living	76	19	5	1
29. Sexism / gender inequality	32	26	24	18
30. Lack of freedom of religion	23	24	20	33

Here are two ways the U.S. government could atone for or make amends for its history of slavery and discrimination. Do you favor or oppose: ROTATE

	Strongly favor	Smwt favor	Smwt oppose	Strongly oppose
31. Cash payments to descendants of slaves	16	18	14	52
32. Free or low-cost college tuition for descendants of slaves	26	22	10	42

Here are some different views people have. Do you agree or disagree with each? RANDOMIZE

	Strongly agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strongly disagree	I'm not sure
33. Most college professors teach liberal propaganda	33	15	15	24	12
34. High schools are trying to teach liberal propaganda	33	15	9	33	10
35. College makes you lose common sense	14	23	15	42	7
36. A college education is the best way to get ahead in the U.S.	15	36	27	16	7
37. Many liberals think they're better than conservatives	41	28	11	11	9
38. Many Trump voters are racist even if they don't realize it	34	17	7	38	4
39. Many Trump voters are voting against their own interests	34	13	10	31	11
40. Many people in government and politics look down on people who have blue collar jobs	37	37	11	7	9
41. I'd rather put my trust in the wisdom of ordinary people than the opinions of experts and intellectuals	19	24	20	25	11
42. There are clear answers to most of our society's problems	21	36	24	12	6
43. I can usually feel when a claim is true or false even if I can't explain how I know	15	48	16	8	14

	Strongly agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strongly disagree	I'm not sure
44. I usually consult many different opinions before forming my own view	23	48	17	7	4
45. I enjoy thinking about complex problems and new solutions	32	43	13	6	6
46. People who live in cities look down on people in rural areas	21	39	17	13	11
47. People in rural areas look down on people in cities	11	28	26	21	15

Which comes closest to your views, even if neither is exactly right? ROTATE FIRST TWO IN EACH AND RANDOMIZE

48. CHRISTIAN NATION

The federal government should declare the United States a Christian nation.....	20
The federal government should never declare any particular religion as the official religion of the United States	69
Neither/no opinion	11

49. VALUES

The federal government should advocate for Christian religious values.....	13
The federal government should advocate for moral values that are shared by people of many faiths.....	40
The federal government should not advocate for any specific set of moral values	36
Neither/no opinion.....	11

50. CHURCH AND STATE

The federal government should <u>stop</u> enforcing separation of church and state	19
The federal government should <u>enforce</u> separation of church and state.....	58
Neither/no opinion.....	22

51. FOUNDATION / CONSTITUTION

- The U.S. Constitution was inspired by God and reflects God’s vision for America 19
- The U.S. Constitution was written by human beings and reflects their vision for America, not necessarily God’s vision..... 71
- Neither/no opinion..... 10

52. Which of the following statements comes closest to your views about the Bible?

- It’s the actual word of God, to be taken literally27
- It’s inspired by God and not all should be taken literally 36
- It’s mostly a mix of history, fables, and morals recorded by humans.....37

53. Do you think America’s Founding Fathers wanted religious freedom for Christians, or for everyone including non-Christians?

- They wanted religious freedom for Christians.....23
- They wanted religious freedom for everyone, including non-Christians..... 77

54. Fewer people attend religious services now compared to in the past. Do you think this trend: ROTATE FIRST TWO

- Has a good impact on society 19
- Has a bad impact on society..... 48
- Doesn’t have much of an impact on society33

Do you agree or disagree with each? RANDOMIZE

	Strongly agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strongly disagree	I’m not sure
55. Our government should favor Christianity over other religions	12	15	13	52	8
56. God has called on conservative Christians to take control of our politics and culture	10	12	12	55	12
57. Far-right Christians are trying to impose their beliefs on everyone else	40	16	14	19	10
58. Religion is needed to keep people from being immoral	25	24	12	33	6

59. As far as you know, was Jesus' skin color: ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSE

White	24
Brown	60
Black.....	6
Other (Please specify: ____)	16

Here are a few more statements. Do you agree or disagree with each? RANDOMIZE

	Strongly agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strongly disagree	I'm not sure
60. Today, discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against Blacks, Latinos, or other racial/ethnic minorities	25	23	10	38	4
61. These days, society seems to punish men just for acting like men	26	19	12	34	8
62. Gender is based on who we know ourselves to be, not by biological sex	24	17	9	42	8
63. White men are the most attacked group in the country right now	20	17	11	45	7
64. I want there to be equal numbers of men and women in positions of power in our society	36	28	14	12	11
65. I support the Black Lives Matter movement	31	18	7	40	5
66. American democracy is in crisis and at risk of failing	54	29	7	4	6
67. Sometimes it is okay to engage in violence against other citizens to protect American culture and values	4	11	18	58	9
68. Having one strong leader for America is more important than having a democracy	6	8	14	63	8
69. Our country must avoid becoming socialist	47	13	14	18	8

	Strongly agree	Smwt agree	Smwt disagree	Strongly disagree	I'm not sure
70. The world is basically a dangerous and unpredictable place, where good people are often threatened by bad people	34	37	17	6	6
71. I feel like I'm not as free as I used to be in America	39	29	12	14	6
72. It's very important to me that people respect rule and order	51	34	8	3	4
73. America is losing important American traditions like marriage, family, religion, and the flag	42	17	10	26	4

74. Data suggest that people of color will become the majority of the U.S. population by 2050. In your view, will this change: ROTATE FIRST TWO

Strengthen our country24
 Weaken our country 17
 Neither / no difference / doesn't matter59

75. How much pride do you feel in: 1 no pride to 7 a great deal of pride; include does not apply RANDOMIZE

	1 (No pride)	2	3	4	5	6	7 (Great deal)
a. Being a man (<i>n</i> = 828)	5	3	2	16	13	14	41
b. Being a woman (<i>n</i> = 925)	2	1	2	8	13	18	55
c. Being an American	6	5	6	10	12	15	44
d. Your work or job (<i>n</i> = 918)	2	2	4	14	20	29	27
e. Your local community	2	4	6	18	24	22	20
f. Being a Christian (<i>n</i> = 899)	4	2	2	9	12	16	51
g. Being someone of your race or ethnicity	8	3	4	16	12	15	35

76. When you hear someone criticizing the United States, does it make you feel:

Very angry	22
Somewhat angry	34
Not too angry.....	22
Not at all angry	22

77. In the past 6 months or so, have you worn any clothing with the American flag on it?

Yes, several times	20
Yes, once or twice.....	16
No.....	60
I don't remember.....	4

78. In the past few years, have you happened to read any books that dealt with racism?

Yes.....	38
No.....	62

79. Most of the time, where do you get your information about what's happening with politics and government? Select any that apply. DO NOT RANDOMIZE

Local TV news	53
Local newspapers	25
State newspapers.....	8
Nightly network news (ABC, NBC, or CBS)	31
CNN.....	28
MSNBC	21
Fox News.....	29
NPR	19
National newspapers, like New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal	26
Google, Yahoo, or Apple News	28
Conservative talk radio shows	12
Newsmax, One America News (OAN), Breitbart	13
Univision or Telemundo.....	2
Facebook.....	21
Twitter.....	16
YouTube	19
TikTok.....	4
Other (SPECIFY).....	12
I don't pay much attention to news.....	5

Gender

Woman	52
Man	47
Non-binary.....	1
Other.....	1

Age

Ages 18 to 34	22
Ages 35 to 49	18
Ages 50 to 64	31
Ages 65+	28

Race / ethnicity

White	74
Black or African American	10
Latino / Hispanic	10
Asian or Asian American	5
Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native/indigenous ..	0
Two or more races	0
Other (Please specify: _____).....	0

Education

High school or less.....	28
Some college.....	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	43

Marital status

Married	49
Separated.....	2
Divorced	12
Widowed	5
Never married.....	28
Domestic / civil partnership.....	4

Household income

Less than \$10,000	5
\$10,000 - \$19,999	8
\$20,000 - \$29,999	10
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8
\$40,000 - \$49,999	5
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6
\$70,000 - \$79,999	9
\$80,000 - \$99,999	9
\$100,000 - \$119,999	6
\$120,000 - \$149,999	7
\$150,000 - \$199,999	5
\$200,000 - \$249,999	2
\$250,000 - \$349,999	2
\$350,000 - \$499,999	1
\$500,000 or more	1
Prefer not to say	10

Employment status

Full-time.....	37
Part-time.....	10
Temporarily laid off.....	0
Unemployed	5
Retired	29
Permanent disabled	6
Homemaker	5
Student.....	5
Other.....	2

Region

Northeast.....	16
Midwest.....	20
South	39
West	25

Party ID

Democrat.....	38
Republican	31
Independent	25
Other.....	4
Not sure.....	1

Political ideology

Very liberal.....	16
Somewhat liberal.....	16
Moderate.....	29
Somewhat conservative.....	21
Very conservative.....	15
DK/REF.....	3

Religion

Protestant.....	39
Roman Catholic.....	18
Mormon.....	1
Eastern or Greek Orthodox.....	1
Jewish.....	3
Muslim.....	1
Buddhist.....	1
Hindu.....	0
Atheist.....	7
Agnostic.....	7
Nothing in particular.....	16
Something else.....	6

Born again

Yes.....	30
No.....	70

Church attendance

More than once a week.....	7
Once a week.....	18
Once or twice a month.....	7
A few times a year.....	11
Seldom.....	22
Never.....	32
Don't know.....	2