



Top Line Results

Just Facts 2018 U.S. Nationwide Survey - Unweighted Results

Conducted: 10/02/2018 through 10/13/2018

Survey Type: Live Interview Telephone

N = 1,000N

Margin of Error at 95% Confidence Level: N/A

Weighting Applied: None

Q1. Which of the following best describes how you participate in elections:

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
I vote every time there is an opportunity	715	71.5	71.5
I try to vote in most elections, but I sometimes miss one	285	28.5	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q2. Relative to other nations, how do you believe U.S. fourth graders rank in terms of their reading and math ability?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
U.S. fourth graders rank in the bottom 50%	447	44.7	44.7
U.S. fourth graders rank in the top 50%	435	43.5	88.2
Unsure	117	11.7	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q3. On average across the United States, how much do you think public schools spend per year to educate each classroom of students?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Less than \$150,000 per classroom per year	566	56.6	56.6
More than \$150,000 per classroom per year	325	32.5	89.1
Unsure	108	10.8	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q4. In your mind, what portion of 17- to 24-year-olds in the U.S. are unqualified for military service because of weak educational skills, poor physical fitness, illegal drug usage, medical conditions, or criminal records?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
More than half are unqualified for military service	425	42.5	42.5
More than half are qualified for military service	521	52.1	94.6
Unsure	51	5.1	99.7
Refused	3	.3	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q5. When conventional public schools are subject to school choice programs that allow students to leave for private or charter schools, do you think the children who remain in the public schools academically decline?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes, they decline	468	46.8	46.8
No, they do not decline	429	42.9	89.7
Unsure	102	10.2	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q6. The average U.S. household spends about \$29,000 per year on food, housing, and clothing combined. If we broke down all combined federal, state, and local taxes to a per household cost, do you think this would amount to more or less than an average of \$29,000 per household per year?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Taxes are more than \$29,000 per household per year	457	45.7	45.7
Taxes are less than \$29,000 per household per year	419	41.9	87.6
Unsure	120	12.0	99.6
Refused	4	.4	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q7. On average, who would you say pays a greater portion of their income in federal taxes: The middle class or the upper 1% of income earners?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Middle class	761	76.1	76.1
Upper 1%	213	21.3	97.4
Unsure	24	2.4	99.8
Refused	2	.2	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q8. Now, changing the subject from taxes to spending, suppose we broke down all government spending to a per household cost – do you think the combined spending of federal, state and local governments amounts to more or less than \$40,000 per household per year?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Government spending is more than \$40,000 per household per year	432	43.2	43.2
Government spending is less than \$40,000 per household per year	458	45.8	89.0
Unsure	109	10.9	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q9. Do you think the federal government spends more money on social programs, such as Medicare, education, and food stamps ... or does the federal government spend more money on national defense, such as the Army, Navy, and missile defense?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
More on social programs	344	34.4	34.4
More on national defense	607	60.7	95.1
Unsure	48	4.8	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q9A. What about federal government debt? The average U.S. household owes about \$122,000 in consumer debt, such as mortgages and credit cards. Thinking about all federal government debt broken down to a per household basis, do you think the average federal debt per U.S. household amounts to more or less than the average consumer debt per U.S. household?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Federal debt is more than \$122,000 per household	729	72.9	72.9
Federal debt is less than \$122,000 per household	181	18.1	91.0
Unsure	88	8.8	99.8
Refused	2	.2	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q10. From the time that the Great Recession ended in 2009, which do you think has grown at a faster rate, the U.S. economy or the national debt?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
The U.S. economy has grown faster	174	17.4	17.4
The national debt has grown faster	802	80.2	97.6
Unsure	20	2.0	99.6
Refused	4	.4	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q11. Would you say the earth has become measurably warmer since the 1980s?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	680	68.0	68.0
No	285	28.5	96.5
Unsure	35	3.5	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q12. Again, thinking about the whole planet, do you think the number and intensity of hurricanes and tropical storms have generally increased since the 1980s?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	671	67.1	67.1
No	282	28.2	95.3
Unsure	47	4.7	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q13. Now, just thinking about the United States, in your opinion, is the air generally more polluted than it was in the 1980s?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	421	42.1	42.1
No	530	53.0	95.1
Unsure	49	4.9	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q14. If the U.S. stopped recycling and buried all of its municipal trash for the next 100 years in a single landfill that was 30 feet high, how much of the nation's land area would you think this landfill would cover?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Less than 1%	82	8.2	8.2
1% to less than 5%	204	20.4	28.6
More than 5%	630	63.0	91.6
Unsure	78	7.8	99.4
Refused	6	.6	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q15. Without government subsidies, which of these technologies do you think is least expensive method for generating electricity?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Wind turbines	241	24.1	24.1
Solar panels	344	34.4	58.5
Natural gas power plants	358	35.8	94.3
Unsure	56	5.6	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q16. Without government subsidies, which of these fuels do you believe is least expensive for powering automobiles?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Gasoline	470	47.0	47.0
Ethanol	170	17.0	64.0
Biodiesel	231	23.1	87.1
Unsure	129	12.9	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q17. Worldwide, which of these technologies do you think generates the most electricity?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Solar panels	97	9.7	9.7
Natural gas power plants as power plants	143	14.3	24.0
Coal power plants	326	32.6	56.6
Nuclear power plants	345	34.5	91.1
Unsure	88	8.8	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q18. On an average day, what portion of U.S. households with children do you believe will have at least one child who experiences hunger?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Less than 1%	136	13.6	13.6
1% to 10%	372	37.2	50.8
More than 10%	466	46.6	97.4
Unsure	26	2.6	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q19. Do you think Social Security’s financial problems stem from politicians looting the program and spending the money on other programs?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	802	80.2	80.2
No	155	15.5	95.7
Unsure	43	4.3	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q20. Some policymakers are proposing that individuals be allowed to save and invest some of their Social Security taxes in personal accounts instead of paying these taxes to the Social Security program. In your view, do you think such proposals generally improve or harm the finances of the Social Security program?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Improve	231	23.1	23.1
Harm	678	67.8	90.9
Unsure	89	8.9	99.8
Refused	2	.2	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q21. In 1960, governments paid for 24% of all healthcare costs in the U.S. Do you think governments now pay a greater portion or a lesser portion of all healthcare costs in the U.S.?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Greater	541	54.1	54.1
Lesser	398	39.8	93.9
Unsure	60	6.0	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q22. When health insurance copayments are high, people tend to spend less on healthcare. Do you think that this reduced spending typically has a negative impact on their health?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	819	81.9	81.9
No	151	15.1	97.0
Unsure	30	3.0	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q23. In 2010, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare.” This law uses price controls to save money in the Medicare program. Do you think these price controls will worsen Medicare patients’ access to care?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	469	46.9	46.9
No	452	45.2	92.1
Unsure	76	7.6	99.7
Refused	3	.3	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q24. What portion of adult females living in the U.S. say that they have been the victim of an act that fits the legal definition of rape?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Less than 1%	114	11.4	11.4
1% to 5%	269	26.9	38.3
More than 5%	554	55.4	93.7
Unsure	53	5.3	99.0
Refused	10	1.0	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q25. If a federal election for Congress were held today, do you think you would be more likely to vote for Democrats, Republicans, or third-party candidates?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Democrat	417	41.7	41.7
Republican	422	42.2	83.9
Third-party candidate	82	8.2	92.1
Unsure	67	6.7	98.8
Refused	12	1.2	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Q26. Is your age

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
18-34	91	9.1	9.1
35-64	468	46.8	55.9
65 or older	437	43.7	99.6
Refused	4	.4	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Gender (by observation)

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Male	508	50.8	50.8
Female	492	49.2	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

Region

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Eastern timezone	508	50.8	50.8
Central timezone	256	25.6	76.4
Mountain timezone	44	4.4	80.8
Pacific timezone	184	18.4	99.2
Alaska	7	.7	99.9
Hawaii	1	.1	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	

State

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
AK	7	.7	.7
AL	16	1.6	2.3
AR	9	.9	3.2
AZ	10	1.0	4.2
CA	103	10.3	14.5
CO	9	.9	15.4
CT	11	1.1	16.5
DC	3	.3	16.8
DE	5	.5	17.3
FL	62	6.2	23.5
GA	32	3.2	26.7
HI	1	.1	26.8
IA	16	1.6	28.4
ID	5	.5	28.9
IL	35	3.5	32.4
IN	26	2.6	35.0
KS	13	1.3	36.3
KY	11	1.1	37.4
LA	22	2.2	39.6
MA	19	1.9	41.5
MD	15	1.5	43.0
ME	6	.6	43.6
MI	29	2.9	46.5
MN	16	1.6	48.1
MO	25	2.5	50.6
MS	7	.7	51.3
MT	8	.8	52.1
NC	35	3.5	55.6
ND	1	.1	55.7
NE	6	.6	56.3
NH	4	.4	56.7
NJ	25	2.5	59.2
NM	3	.3	59.5
NV	14	1.4	60.9
NY	52	5.2	66.1
OH	45	4.5	70.6
OK	18	1.8	72.4
OR	25	2.5	74.9
PA	44	4.4	79.3
RI	5	.5	79.8
SC	16	1.6	81.4
SD	5	.5	81.9
TN	21	2.1	84.0
TX	52	5.2	89.2
UT	5	.5	89.7
VA	23	2.3	92.0
VT	2	.2	92.2
WA	42	4.2	96.4
WI	24	2.4	98.8
WV	8	.8	99.6
WY	4	.4	100.0
Total	1000	100.0	