



Top Line Results

Just Facts 2019 U.S. Nationwide Survey - Unweighted

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Survey Type: Live Interview Telephone

N = 711N

Margin of Error at 95% Confidence Level: +/- 3.6%

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	536	75.4	75.4
I try to vote in most elections, but I sometimes miss one	175	24.6	100.0
Total	711	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%	310	43.6	43.6
U.S. fourth graders rank in the top 50%	326	45.9	89.5
Unsure	74	10.4	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	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	359	50.5	50.5
More than \$150,000 per classroom per year	258	36.3	86.8
Unsure	94	13.2	100.0
Total	711	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 poor physical fitness, weak educational skills, illegal drug usage, medical conditions, or criminal records?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
More than half are unqualified for military service	305	42.9	42.9
More than half are qualified for military service	373	52.5	95.4
Unsure	32	4.5	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	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	317	44.6	44.6
No, they do not decline	322	45.3	89.9
Unsure	72	10.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q6. The average U.S. household spends about \$30,000 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 \$30,000 per household per year?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Taxes are more than \$30,000 per household per year	298	41.9	41.9
Taxes are less than \$30,000 per household per year	319	44.9	86.8
Unsure	94	13.2	100.0
Total	711	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	554	77.9	77.9
Upper 1%	137	19.3	97.2
Unsure	20	2.8	100.0
Total	711	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	336	47.3	47.3
Government spending is less than \$40,000 per household per year	306	43.0	90.3
Unsure	69	9.7	100.0
Total	711	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	272	38.3	38.3
More on national defense	398	56.0	94.2
Unsure	41	5.8	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q10. 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	545	76.7	76.7
Federal debt is less than \$122,000 per household	104	14.6	91.3
Unsure	62	8.7	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q11. 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	140	19.7	19.7
The national debt has grown faster	534	75.1	94.8
Unsure	35	4.9	99.7
Refused	2	.3	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q12. Would you say the earth has become measurably warmer since the 1980s?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	432	60.8	60.8
No	254	35.7	96.5
Unsure	24	3.4	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q13. 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	436	61.3	61.3
No	241	33.9	95.2
Unsure	32	4.5	99.7
Refused	2	.3	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q14. 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	278	39.1	39.1
No	400	56.3	95.4
Unsure	33	4.6	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q15. 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%	53	7.5	7.5
1% to less than 5%	145	20.4	27.8
More than 5%	457	64.3	92.1
Unsure	55	7.7	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q16. Without government subsidies, which of these technologies do you think is the least expensive method for generating electricity?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Wind turbines	151	21.2	21.2
Solar panels	210	29.5	50.8
Natural gas power plants	310	43.6	94.4
Unsure	38	5.3	99.7
Refused	2	.3	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q17. Without government subsidies, which of these fuels do you believe is least expensive for powering automobiles?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Gasoline	349	49.1	49.1
Ethanol	101	14.2	63.3
Biodiesel	165	23.2	86.5
Unsure	93	13.1	99.6
Refused	3	.4	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q18. Worldwide, which of these technologies do you think generates the most electricity?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Solar panels	53	7.5	7.5
Natural gas power plants	101	14.2	21.7
Coal power plants	301	42.3	64.0
Nuclear power plants	219	30.8	94.8
Unsure	36	5.1	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q19. 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%	89	12.5	12.5
1% to 10%	290	40.8	53.3
More than 10%	320	45.0	98.3
Unsure	11	1.5	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q20. 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	549	77.2	77.2
No	137	19.3	96.5
Unsure	23	3.2	99.7
Refused	2	.3	100.0
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Q21. 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	166	23.3	23.3
Harm	485	68.2	91.6
Unsure	59	8.3	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q22. 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	403	56.7	56.7
Lesser	266	37.4	94.1
Unsure	40	5.6	99.7
Refused	2	.3	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q23. 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	595	83.7	83.7
No	95	13.4	97.0
Unsure	20	2.8	99.9
Refused	1	.1	100.0
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Q24. 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	365	51.3	51.3
No	304	42.8	94.1
Unsure	39	5.5	99.6
Refused	3	.4	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q25. Including government benefits and private charity, how much worth of goods and services do the poorest 20% of U.S. households consume on average each year?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Less than \$20,000 per year	289	40.6	40.6
\$20,000 to \$40,000 per year	284	39.9	80.6
More than \$40,000 per year	91	12.8	93.4
Unsure	45	6.3	99.7
Refused	2	.3	100.0
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Q26. If the election for president of the United States were held today, do you think you would vote for Donald Trump, the eventual Democrat nominee, or a third-party candidate?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Donald Trump	338	47.5	47.5
The Democrat nominee	279	39.2	86.8
A third-party candidate	36	5.1	91.8
Unsure	50	7.0	98.9
Refused	8	1.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q27. Is your age:

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
18-34	52	7.3	7.3
35-64	308	43.3	50.6
65 or older	345	48.5	99.2
Unsure	1	.1	99.3
Refused	5	.7	100.0
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Q28. Gender

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Male	387	54.4	54.4
Female	324	45.6	100.0
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Time Zone

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Eastern	287	40.4	40.4
Central	263	37.0	77.4
Mountain	56	7.9	85.2
Pacific	97	13.6	98.9
Alaska	4	.6	99.4
Hawaii	4	.6	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

State

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
AK	4	.6	.6
AL	22	3.1	3.7
AR	7	1.0	4.6
AZ	19	2.7	7.3
CA	69	9.7	17.0
CO	3	.4	17.4
CT	10	1.4	18.8
DC	1	.1	19.0
FL	31	4.4	23.3
GA	12	1.7	25.0
HI	5	.7	25.7
IA	20	2.8	28.6
ID	3	.4	29.0
IL	31	4.4	33.3
IN	12	1.7	35.0
KS	9	1.3	36.3
KY	10	1.4	37.7
LA	20	2.8	40.5
MA	9	1.3	41.8
MD	10	1.4	43.2
ME	2	.3	43.5
MI	20	2.8	46.3
MN	24	3.4	49.6
MO	26	3.7	53.3
MS	8	1.1	54.4
MT	13	1.8	56.3
NC	19	2.7	58.9
ND	3	.4	59.4
NE	8	1.1	60.5
NH	2	.3	60.8
NJ	15	2.1	62.9
NM	6	.8	63.7
NV	6	.8	64.6
NY	38	5.3	69.9
OH	19	2.7	72.6
OK	11	1.5	74.1
OR	8	1.1	75.2
PA	24	3.4	78.6
RI	3	.4	79.0
SC	11	1.5	80.6
SD	4	.6	81.2
TN	8	1.1	82.3
TX	55	7.7	90.0
UT	11	1.5	91.6
VA	19	2.7	94.2
VT	1	.1	94.4
WA	14	2.0	96.3
WI	22	3.1	99.4
WV	2	.3	99.7
WY	2	.3	100.0
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