



Top Line Results

Just Facts 2019 U.S. Nationwide Survey

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Survey Type: Live Interview Telephone

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

Weighting Applied: Gender & Age to reflect likely voter U.S. population

Q0. To begin, am I speaking to you on a landline or cellphone?

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Landline	212	29.8	29.8
Cellphone	499	70.2	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

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

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
I vote every time there is an opportunity	519	73.0	73.0
I try to vote in most elections, but I sometimes miss one	192	27.0	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%	303	42.6	42.6
U.S. fourth graders rank in the top 50%	334	46.9	89.5
Unsure	74	10.3	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	375	52.7	52.7
More than \$150,000 per classroom per year	257	36.2	88.9
Unsure	79	11.1	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	308	43.3	43.3
More than half are qualified for military service	367	51.6	94.8
Unsure	36	5.1	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	314	44.1	44.1
No, they do not decline	327	45.9	90.0
Unsure	71	10.0	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	307	43.1	43.1
Taxes are less than \$30,000 per household per year	310	43.6	86.6
Unsure	95	13.4	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	562	78.9	78.9
Upper 1%	130	18.3	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	341	47.9	47.9
Government spending is less than \$40,000 per household per year	302	42.4	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	258	36.2	36.2
More on national defense	415	58.3	94.5
Unsure	39	5.5	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	550	77.3	77.3
Federal debt is less than \$122,000 per household	99	13.9	91.2
Unsure	62	8.8	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	131	18.4	18.4
The national debt has grown faster	547	76.8	95.2
Unsure	31	4.4	99.6
Refused	3	.4	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

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

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Yes	444	62.4	62.4
No	244	34.3	96.7
Unsure	21	3.0	99.7
Refused	2	.3	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	452	63.5	63.5
No	226	31.8	95.3
Unsure	30	4.2	99.5
Refused	4	.5	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	281	39.5	39.5
No	399	56.0	95.5
Unsure	32	4.5	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%	52	7.3	7.3
1% to less than 5%	142	20.0	27.3
More than 5%	470	66.1	93.4
Unsure	46	6.5	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	156	21.9	21.9
Solar panels	226	31.8	53.7
Natural gas power plants	287	40.3	94.0
Unsure	40	5.7	99.6
Refused	3	.4	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	329	46.3	46.3
Ethanol	101	14.1	60.4
Biodiesel	183	25.7	86.2
Unsure	95	13.4	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	56	7.8	7.8
Natural gas power plants	106	14.9	22.7
Coal power plants	282	39.6	62.3
Nuclear power plants	231	32.5	94.8
Unsure	35	4.9	99.8
Refused	2	.2	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%	83	11.6	11.6
1% to 10%	289	40.6	52.2
More than 10%	331	46.5	98.6
Unsure	9	1.2	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	543	76.3	76.3
No	140	19.7	96.0
Unsure	26	3.6	99.6
Refused	3	.4	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	157	22.0	22.0
Harm	498	70.0	92.1
Unsure	55	7.8	99.8
Refused	1	.2	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	402	56.6	56.6
Lesser	270	38.0	94.5
Unsure	36	5.1	99.6
Refused	3	.4	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	601	84.5	84.5
No	93	13.1	97.6
Unsure	15	2.1	99.8
Refused	2	.2	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	353	49.6	49.6
No	320	45.0	94.5
Unsure	35	4.9	99.5
Refused	4	.5	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	286	40.3	40.3
\$20,000 to \$40,000 per year	288	40.4	80.7
More than \$40,000 per year	95	13.4	94.0
Unsure	41	5.7	99.8
Refused	2	.2	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

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	318	44.7	44.7
The Democrat nominee	291	40.9	85.6
A third-party candidate	40	5.7	91.3
Unsure	52	7.4	98.7
Refused	10	1.3	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Q27. Is your age:

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
18-34	66	9.3	9.3
35-64	377	52.9	62.2
65 or older	262	36.8	99.1
Unsure	1	.1	99.1
Refused	6	.9	100.0
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Q28. Gender

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Male	337	47.4	47.4
Female	374	52.6	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

Time Zone

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Eastern	359	50.4	50.4
Central	183	25.8	76.2
Mountain	37	5.1	81.3
Pacific	123	17.3	98.7
Alaska	5	.7	99.4
Hawaii	4	.6	100.0
Total	711	100.0	

State

	Count	Percent	Cumulative Percent
AK	5	.7	.7
AL	17	2.5	3.2
AR	9	1.3	4.5
AZ	12	1.6	6.1
CA	88	12.4	18.6
CO	2	.3	18.8
CT	13	1.8	20.6
DC	1	.2	20.8
FL	39	5.5	26.3
GA	15	2.2	28.5
HI	6	.8	29.3
IA	13	1.8	31.0
ID	3	.4	31.4
IL	22	3.1	34.5
IN	15	2.1	36.6
KS	7	.9	37.6
KY	12	1.7	39.3
LA	15	2.1	41.4
MA	12	1.7	43.1
MD	13	1.8	44.9
ME	3	.4	45.3
MI	28	3.9	49.2
MN	17	2.4	51.6
MO	18	2.6	54.2
MS	5	.8	54.9
MT	8	1.2	56.1
NC	23	3.2	59.3
ND	2	.3	59.6
NE	5	.7	60.3
NH	3	.4	60.7
NJ	18	2.5	63.3
NM	4	.6	63.9
NV	8	1.1	65.0
NY	47	6.6	71.5
OH	24	3.3	74.8
OK	7	1.0	75.9
OR	11	1.5	77.4
PA	31	4.4	81.7
RI	3	.5	82.2
SC	13	1.8	84.0
SD	3	.5	84.4
TN	9	1.3	85.8
TX	36	5.0	90.8
UT	8	1.1	91.9
VA	21	3.0	94.9
VT	1	.1	95.0
WA	17	2.3	97.3
WI	16	2.2	99.5
WV	3	.4	99.9
WY	1	.1	100.0
Total	711	100.0	