Topline Questionnaire


Note: All results shown are percentages. An asterisk (*) replaces percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5 percent. Responses may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.

ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED¹ [N=1,475]:
Q.1 Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship, or not?

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ASK ALL:
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ASK IF PROTESTANT, JUST CHRISTIAN, OR SOMETHING ELSE [N=1,237]:
BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

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¹ Throughout this questionnaire, “married” refers to those who are married or in a civil partnership.
ASK ALL:
Q.2 Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs most of the time, some of the time, only now and then, or hardly at all?

48  Most of the time
29  Some of the time
14  Only now and then
9   Hardly at all

Q.3 How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election?

30  Very closely
32  Fairly closely
24  Not too closely
15  Not at all closely

Q.4 How often would you say you vote?

46  Always
19  Nearly always
8   In about half of elections
9   Seldom
19  Never

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=1,669]:
Q.5 How long have you been [IF MARRIED: “married”; IF IN A RELATIONSHIP: “in a committed romantic relationship”]?

6   Less than 6 months
4   6 months to less than 1 year
12  1 year to less than 3 years
10  3 years to less than 5 years
12  5 years to less than 10 years
17  10 years to less than 20 years
38  20 years or more

ASK ALL:
Q.6 How often do you discuss government and politics with the following people?

A. People you work with

7   Nearly every day
14  A few times a week
13  A few times a month
21  Less often
46  Never
B. Your friends
11 Nearly every day
24 A few times a week
24 A few times a month
23 Less often
19 Never

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP:
C. Your spouse, partner, or significant other
30 Nearly every day
31 A few times a week
16 A few times a month
14 Less often
9 Never

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=1,669]:
Q.7 Which of the following are you most likely to argue with your spouse, partner, or significant other about? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1–7]
21 Money
8 Children
20 Household chores and responsibilities
6 Sex
13 Other family members
7 Politics or current events
13 How you spend your time together
13 Other [SPECIFY]

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=1,669]:
Q.8a How did you meet your current [IF MARRIED: “spouse”; IF IN A RELATIONSHIP: “partner or significant other”]? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1–7]
5 At church, a place of worship, or a religious function
17 At work or a work-related event
16 At school
26 Through friends or family
13 An online dating site or through a dating app
8 At a bar, night club, or party
9 In your neighborhood or community
6 Other [SPECIFY]
ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED AND NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=960]:

**Q.8b** Which of the following ways do you think you would be MOST likely to meet someone who you would want to date? [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1–7]

12. At church, a place of worship, or a religious function
7. At work or a work-related event
6. At school
30. Through friends or family
14. An online dating site or through a dating app
7. At a bar, night club, or party
13. In your neighborhood or community
11. Other [SPECIFY]

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=1,669]:

**Q.9** When did you first find out what your spouse, partner, or significant other’s political views were?

14. Before we started dating
48. Early on in the relationship
27. Later in the relationship
11. Still not sure of their political views

ASK ALL:

**Q.10** Have you ever searched online to find information about someone you were dating or in a relationship with?

32. Yes, have done this
68. No, have not done this

**Q.11** Even if you are not currently using an online dating site or a dating app, have you ever used an online dating site or a dating app?

34. Yes, have used
66. No, have not used

ASK IF HAVE USED ONLINE DATING APP OR WEBSITE [N=939]:

**Q.12** Thinking about when you have used an online dating site or dating app, what information did you share about yourself on your personal profile? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE]

20. Political views
76. Hobbies or interests
50. Educational background
79. Age
36. Religious beliefs
36. Career information
45. My hometown
3. None of these
ASK IF HAVE USED ONLINE DATING APP OR WEBSITE [N=939]:

Q.13 Have you ever gone on a date with someone who you met through an online dating website or dating app?

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ASK ALL:

Q.14 Even if you are not currently single or dating, when considering whether to date someone, how important is it to you personally that the person . . . [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

A. Shares your political views

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B. Shares your religious beliefs or views about religion

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C. Pays attention to politics

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D. Shares your racial or ethnic background

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E. Has similar views on having children

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F. Has at least a four-year college education

5 One of the most important
11 Very important
20 Somewhat important
26 Not too important
38 Not at all important

G. Does not smoke

35 One of the most important
23 Very important
14 Somewhat important
12 Not too important
16 Not at all important

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=1,669]:

Q.15 How different or similar are you from your partner, spouse, or significant other when it comes to the following areas?

A. Views about Donald Trump

9 Very different
11 Somewhat different
21 Somewhat similar
58 Very similar

B. Religious beliefs

10 Very different
16 Somewhat different
30 Somewhat similar
44 Very similar

C. Political views

8 Very different
15 Somewhat different
34 Somewhat similar
43 Very similar

D. Spending habits

15 Very different
30 Somewhat different
33 Somewhat similar
21 Very similar
ASK ALL:
Q.16 Even if you are not currently single or dating, how difficult would it be for you personally to date someone who does NOT share your own views on the following? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

A. Climate change

15 Impossible
19 Very difficult
22 Somewhat difficult
24 Not too difficult
21 Not at all difficult

B. Existence of God

24 Impossible
18 Very difficult
20 Somewhat difficult
19 Not too difficult
18 Not at all difficult

C. Gun rights and gun control

16 Impossible
22 Very difficult
26 Somewhat difficult
20 Not too difficult
16 Not at all difficult

D. Abortion

24 Impossible
20 Very difficult
24 Somewhat difficult
17 Not too difficult
15 Not at all difficult

E. Immigration

13 Impossible
22 Very difficult
28 Somewhat difficult
21 Not too difficult
16 Not at all difficult
F. LGBT rights

19  Impossible
20  Very difficult
23  Somewhat difficult
20  Not too difficult
15  Not at all difficult

G. Religious freedom

20  Impossible
23  Very difficult
24  Somewhat difficult
17  Not too difficult
16  Not at all difficult

H. Government spending

   6  Impossible
13  Very difficult
27  Somewhat difficult
31  Not too difficult
23  Not at all difficult

I. Affirmative action for racial minorities

12  Impossible
19  Very difficult
29  Somewhat difficult
23  Not too difficult
18  Not at all difficult

ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP [N=1,669]:

Q.17 As far as you know, would you say your [IF MARRIED: “spouse”; IF IN A RELATIONSHIP: “partner or significant other”] identifies politically as a . . .

   33  Democrat
   32  Republican
   21  Independent
    4  Other
  10  Not sure how spouse or partner identifies
ASK IF SAYS SPOUSE/PARTNER/SIGNIFICANT OTHER IDENTIFIES AS INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR NOT SURE [N=563]:

Q.18 Would you say your [IF MARRIED: “spouse”; IF IN A RELATIONSHIP: “partner or significant other”] leans more to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

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ASK ALL:

Q.19 Here are a few things that some people say can be problems in marriages or romantic relationships. How big a problem is it for a marriage or romantic relationship when . . .

A. They have different religious beliefs

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B. They have different political views

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C. The woman has a higher income than the man

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D. They have different spending habits

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Q.20 All in all, do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of Donald Trump?

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Q.21 Even if you are not currently dating or looking for a romantic relationship, would you be willing to date someone who [IF UNFAVORABLE VIEW OF TRUMP: “supports”; IF FAVORABLE VIEW OF TRUMP: “opposes”] Donald Trump?

38 Yes
62 No

ASK ALL:

Q.22 In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you disagree with, do you generally find it to be . . . [RANDOMIZE]

51 Interesting and informative
49 Stressful and frustrating

Q.23 When you have different political views than your friends and family, do you generally think it’s better to . . . [RANDOMIZE]

41 Talk about these differences, in order to try to find common ground
59 Avoid talking about these differences, because it usually makes things worse

ASK ALL:

Q.24 Now, read each statement and please say whether you agree or disagree with each one.
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

A. Couples that regularly talk about politics are generally less happy than those that do not

7 Completely agree
23 Somewhat agree
42 Somewhat disagree
28 Completely disagree

B. Online dating allows people to find a better match for themselves

9 Completely agree
45 Somewhat agree
30 Somewhat disagree
17 Completely disagree

C. Dating today is more difficult than it was a few years ago

32 Completely agree
37 Somewhat agree
22 Somewhat disagree
10 Completely disagree
D. Online dating is more dangerous than other ways of meeting people

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E. A person's political views say a lot about what kind of person they are

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**Q.25** We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of groups or individuals in the U.S. on a “feeling thermometer.” A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don’t feel particularly positive or negative toward the group. How do you feel toward [INSERT ITEM]? [Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

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B. Democrats

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C. Muslims

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*Mean response: 45.5 degrees*
D. Atheists
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18 25–49 degrees
36 50–74 degrees
18 75–100 degrees

Mean response: 44.1 degrees

E. Evangelical Christians
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19 25–49 degrees
31 50–74 degrees
27 75–100 degrees

Mean response: 50.8 degrees

F. Trump supporters
38 0–24 degrees
14 25–49 degrees
18 50–74 degrees
29 75–100 degrees

Mean response: 44.9 degrees

G. Socialists
33 0–24 degrees
20 25–49 degrees
32 50–74 degrees
14 75–100 degrees

Mean response: 40.2 degrees

Q.26 Please try to place yourself on a scale of masculinity/femininity, where 0 is completely masculine and 6 is completely feminine.

15 0 – Completely masculine
11 1
10 2
9 3
13 4
12 5
21 6 – Completely feminine
8 Neither feminine nor masculine
Survey Methodology

The January 2020 American Perspectives Survey was designed and conducted by the American Enterprise Institute. Interviews were conducted among a sample of 2,629 adults (age 18 and older) living in the United States. Interviews were conducted online using a self-administered design. All interviews were conducted among participants in YouGov’s opt-in online panel that includes adults in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Interviewing was conducted January 13–15, 2020.

Study respondents were drawn from YouGov’s panel through a process of purposive sampling whereby panelists are selected to match certain demographic criteria. Panelists are stratified by a combination of age, gender, race, and education, and each stratum is sampled to reflect the overall demographic distribution of the US population. Each sampling component is matched to an artificial sampling frame developed using the US Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement, and other databases. This method of respondent selection is designed to reduce selection bias and noncoverage issues associated with opt-in panels. It also minimizes the need for weighting.

The sample weighting was accomplished by using the joint distribution of demographic and non-demographic variables including gender, age, race, education, voter registration status, and 2016 presidential vote (or non-vote). Voter registration was imputed from the Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Demographic weighting parameters were derived from the American Community Survey. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

Using survey weights in statistical analyses ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target population. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 1.9 percentage points.