



# American Community Life Topline Questionnaire

Total N=5,058 adults. | Interview dates: June 11– August 16, 2021.

*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 ALL:

**Q.1** Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live?

29	Excellent
56	Good
12	Only fair
2	Poor
*	Refused

**Q.2** Looking ahead 5 years, do you expect things in the community where you live to...

33	Get better
15	Get worse
51	Stay about the same
*	Refused

**Q.3** In a normal year, that is not including the past 12 months, how often do you do the following?

a. Visit a local public library

2	More than once a week
5	Once a week
15	Once or twice a month
20	A few times a year
27	Seldom
32	Never
*	Refused

b. Have friends, family, or neighbors over to your home

11	More than once a week
15	Once a week
30	Once or twice a month
26	A few times a year
13	Seldom
5	Never
*	Refused

c. Attend a local event or community meeting

2	More than once a week
5	Once a week
16	Once or twice a month
26	A few times a year
28	Seldom
22	Never
1	Refused

d. Take a walk around your neighborhood

36	More than once a week
15	Once a week
17	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
13	Seldom
8	Never
1	Refused

e. Spend time at a local park, dog park, playground, or community garden

14	More than once a week
14	Once a week
20	Once or twice a month
20	A few times a year
17	Seldom
14	Never
*	Refused

f. Have a conversation with someone in your community you did not know well

7	More than once a week
9	Once a week
19	Once or twice a month
23	A few times a year
29	Seldom
12	Never
*	Refused

g. Go to a local coffee shop or café

8	More than once a week
13	Once a week
20	Once or twice a month
17	A few times a year
21	Seldom
21	Never
1	Refused

h. Spend time at a local bar or cocktail lounge

3	More than once a week
5	Once a week
13	Once or twice a month
14	A few times a year
21	Seldom
43	Never
1	Refused

i. Have dinner out at a restaurant in your community

9	More than once a week
20	Once a week
34	Once or twice a month
20	A few times a year
11	Seldom
6	Never
*	Refused

j. Attend religious services

8	More than once a week
19	Once a week
6	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
20	Seldom
36	Never
1	Refused

k. Do volunteer work in the community

3	More than once a week
4	Once a week
8	Once or twice a month
17	A few times a year
29	Seldom
38	Never
*	Refused

**Q.4** These days, how closely do you follow....

a. News about your local community

19	Very closely
46	Somewhat closely
26	Not very closely
8	Not at all closely
*	Refused

b. News about national politics

26	Very closely
41	Somewhat closely
24	Not very closely
9	Not at all closely
*	Refused

**Q.5** How closely connected do you feel to your neighborhood and the people who live there?

9	Very close
42	Somewhat close
38	Not too close
10	Not at all close
*	Refused

**Q.6** If you counted the number of people you consider to be your close friend and who, in turn, would also consider you to be their close friend, how many people would that be?

5	None
7	One
15	Two
17	Three
13	Four
13	Five
8	Six
3	Seven
4	Eight
1	Nine
13	Ten or more
*	Refused

**Q.7** Thinking about your close friends, would you say that they generally have...

17	Mostly liberal political views
42	A mix of liberal and conservative political views
20	Mostly conservative political views
20	Not sure
*	Refused

**Q.8** Do you have a close friend or immediate family member who... **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Is black

29	Yes, close friend
6	Yes, immediate family member
16	Yes, both close friend and family member
48	No
1	Refused

b. Voted for Donald Trump

20	Yes, close friend
15	Yes, immediate family member
33	Yes, both close friend and family member
31	No
2	Refused

c. Is white

31	Yes, close friend
8	Yes, immediate family member
49	Yes, both close friend and family member
12	No
1	Refused

d. Voted for Joe Biden

24 Yes, close friend  
13 Yes, immediate family member  
39 Yes, both close friend and family member  
23 No  
2 Refused

e. Is Muslim

9 Yes, close friend  
2 Yes, immediate family member  
3 Yes, both close friend and family member  
85 No  
1 Refused

f. Is an atheist

18 Yes, close friend  
8 Yes, immediate family member  
12 Yes, both close friend and family member  
61 No  
1 Refused

g. Is Jewish

17 Yes, close friend  
3 Yes, immediate family member  
5 Yes, both close friend and family member  
75 No  
1 Refused

h. Is Hispanic

25 Yes, close friend  
8 Yes, immediate family member  
16 Yes, both close friend and family member  
51 No  
1 Refused

i. Is Asian or Pacific Islander

18 Yes, close friend  
4 Yes, immediate family member  
7 Yes, both close friend and family member  
70 No  
1 Refused

j. Did not go to college

22 Yes, close friend  
15 Yes, immediate family member  
40 Yes, both close friend and family member  
22 No  
1 Refused

k. Is an evangelical Christian

15 Yes, close friend  
10 Yes, immediate family member  
21 Yes, both close friend and family member  
52 No  
1 Refused

l. Is Mormon

7 Yes, close friend  
3 Yes, immediate family member  
3 Yes, both close friend and family member  
86 No  
1 Refused

m. Is transgender

8 Yes, close friend  
4 Yes, immediate family member  
3 Yes, both close friend and family member  
85 No  
1 Refused

Thinking about your neighborhood or the place where you live...

**Q.9** Do you personally know someone who is very active in your neighborhood or your local community and regularly coordinates neighborhood activities and events?

37 Yes, know someone like this  
63 No, do not know anyone like this  
\* Refused

**ASK IF KNOW SOMEONE, RANDOM 20% OF SAMPLE [N=362]:**

**Q.10** Can you share a bit more about who this person is and what kinds of things they do in the neighborhood?

OPEN-END

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.11** How often do you get local news and information from local online forums or discussion groups, such as community Facebook groups or Nextdoor?

21 Often  
32 Sometimes  
22 Hardly ever  
24 Never  
\* Refused

**Q.12** What local news topics and information are you generally MOST interested in?

26	Local crime
7	Real estate in the area
10	Local arts and culture, such as museums, concerts and theater
10	Things to buy or sell
5	Local sports
4	Local jobs and employment opportunities
22	Local community activities and gatherings, such as festivals
4	Something else [SPECIFY]
10	None of these
1	Refused

**Q.13** In your local community, do you have a local coffee shop, bar, restaurant, park, or other public place that you go to regularly?

56	Yes
44	No
*	Refused

**ASK IF HAVE A REGULAR PUBLIC PLACE [N=2,921]:**

**Q.14a** When you go there, do you generally recognize other people from your community who go there, or do you not generally recognize other people there?

63	Yes, recognize other people there
36	No, do not recognize other people there
*	Refused

**Q.14b** How would you describe this place? Is it a...

29	Coffee shop or cafe
5	Book store, corner store, or other commercial space
29	Bar or restaurant
2	Barbershop, hair salon, or nail salon
24	Public park, dog park, or community garden
2	Community center
3	Library
3	Gym or fitness center
1	School
2	Other [SPECIFY]
*	Refused

**Q.14c** How often would you say you go there?

24	More than once a week
27	Once a week
35	Once or twice a month
10	A few times a year
2	Seldom
1	Never
*	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.15** How willing to help their neighbors are people in your area?

27 Very willing  
53 Fairly willing  
16 Not too willing  
4 Not at all willing  
1 Refused

**Q.16** Thinking about the people in your neighborhood, would you say that the people there generally have...

8 Mostly liberal political views  
46 A mix of liberal and conservative political views  
17 Mostly conservative political views  
29 Not sure  
\* Refused

**Q.17** How would you describe the current place you live?

14 Big city  
20 Small city  
21 Suburb of a big city  
11 Suburb of a small city  
18 Town  
16 Rural area  
\* Refused

**Q.18** What best describes your neighborhood or the place where you live...

5 A dense city center that includes primarily large apartment and condo buildings  
19 A dense urban area that includes a mix of apartment and condo buildings, row houses, or small single-family homes  
38 Less dense neighborhood or area that includes mostly single-family homes with smaller yards that are close together  
27 A neighborhood or area with exclusively single-family homes, large yards or properties that are farther apart  
11 A rural area where houses are mostly very far apart  
1 Refused

**Q.19** What do you think is the MOST important problem in your local community?

4 Corruption in local government  
5 Lack of funding for public education  
15 Crime  
3 Illegal immigration  
9 Lack of spending on public infrastructure such as roads and bridges  
11 Drug addiction and abuse  
10 Poverty and homelessness  
3 Access to health care  
9 Too few good jobs  
14 Taxes are too high  
2 Pollution or other environmental problems  
4 Public health issues, such as obesity and smoking  
2 Lack of access to parks or green spaces  
6 Other (Please specify)  
2 Refused



**Q.20** If you could live in anywhere in the United States that you wanted to, where would you prefer to live? **[LIST IN ORDER]**

- 9 Big city
- 16 Small city
- 19 Suburb of a big city
- 14 Suburb of a small city
- 15 Town
- 27 Rural area
- 1 Refused

**Q.21** Would you prefer to live in...

- 57 A community where the houses are larger and farther apart, but schools, stores, and restaurants are several miles away
- 42 A community where the houses are smaller and closer to each other, but schools, stores, and restaurants are within walking distance
- 1 Refused

**Q.22** Are you the parent or legal guardian of any minors under the age of 18 living with you?

- 31 Yes
- 69 No
- \* Refused

**Q.23** How far away do you live from the following? *{New}*

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 [N=1,583]:**

a. Where your child (or children) goes to school

- 27 Walking distance
- 43 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)
- 20 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)
- 7 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)
- 2 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)
- \* More than an hour
- 1 Refused

**ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST SELDOM [N=3,185]:**

b. Where you attend church or religious services

- 15 Walking distance
- 38 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)
- 27 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)
- 12 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)
- 4 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)
- 2 More than an hour
- 2 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

c. Your favorite restaurant, bar, or coffee shop

14 Walking distance  
41 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)  
27 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)  
11 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)  
4 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)  
1 More than an hour  
1 Refused

d. Your favorite form of entertainment, such as a movie theater, music performance space, arcade, bowling alley, or something similar

6 Walking distance  
26 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)  
34 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)  
20 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)  
9 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)  
4 More than an hour  
1 Refused

e. A local park, community garden, or recreation area

34 Walking distance  
36 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)  
19 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)  
7 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)  
2 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)  
1 More than an hour  
1 Refused

f. A community center or library

18 Walking distance  
47 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)  
24 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)  
7 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)  
2 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)  
1 More than an hour  
1 Refused

g. A grocery store, corner market or place where you regularly buy groceries **[N=4,213]<sup>1</sup>**

23 Walking distance  
54 Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)  
17 Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)  
5 A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)  
1 A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)  
\* More than an hour  
\* Refused

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<sup>1</sup> Due to an error, items G and H were left off the initial survey. These questions were re-asked to the all original respondents From August 6 to August 16.

h. Regardless of if you go or are a member, the nearest gym/fitness or indoor recreation center  
**[N=4,213]**

15	Walking distance
46	Very short trip by car or public transportation (5-10 minutes)
26	Short trip by car or public transportation (10-20 minutes)
9	A moderate trip by car or public transportation (20-30 Minutes)
2	A longer trip by car or public transportation (30 Minutes to an hour)
1	More than an hour
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.24** Thinking about the place you currently live, is there...

47	A sidewalk running directly in front of my home
22	Sidewalks nearby where I live, but not directly in front of my home
30	No sidewalks near where I live
*	Refused

**Q.25** How much time if any do you spend outside your home, including working in the garden or in the yard, playing or spending time on a porch or stoop?

56	Often
27	Once in a while
14	Rarely
4	Never
*	Refused

**Q.26** Are there certain places in your neighborhood or local area where you do not feel welcome or do you feel you would be welcome pretty much everywhere?

21	Certain places do not feel welcome
78	Feel welcome pretty much everywhere
1	Refused

**Q.27** How much of a say do you feel you have on the decisions that are made about what happens in your neighborhood or the area you live?

9	A lot
50	A little
41	None at all
1	Refused

**Q.28** When you walk around your neighborhood do you see garbage, litter, broken glass, or graffiti...?

3	Everywhere
9	In a lot of places
17	Only in certain areas
32	In very few places
38	Not anywhere close to where I live
*	Refused

**Q.29** What is your current relationship status? Are you...

17	Single and never married
5	In a committed relationship, but not living together
10	Living with a partner
51	Married
9	Divorced
2	Separated
5	Widowed
*	Refused

**ASK IF HAS SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN [N=1,583]:**

**Q.30** What type of school does your child(ren) attend, if any? **[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

71	Public
3	Public magnet
6	Private-parochial/religious
3	Private nonreligious
6	Charter
9	Homeschool
*	Other [SPECIFY]
6	Daycare, preschool, too young to attend
2	Refused

**Q.31** During a normal school year, how often, if at all, do you attend the following types of school events?

a. School sporting event, concert, performance, or similar event

7	More than once a week
7	Once a week
14	Once or twice a month
30	A few times a year
17	Seldom
25	Never
1	Refused

b. PTA meeting

1	More than once a week
2	Once a week
8	Once or twice a month
15	A few times a year
20	Seldom
53	Never
1	Refused

c. Bake sale or other school fundraising activity

1	More than once a week
1	Once a week
7	Once or twice a month
27	A few times a year
23	Seldom
40	Never
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:****RELIG** What is your present religion, if any?

28	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
17	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
6	Atheist (do not believe in God)
6	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
12	Nothing in particular
22	Just Christian
*	Unitarian Universalist
1	Something else [SPECIFY]
1	Refused

**ASK IF ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC OR NOTHING IN PARTICULAR [N=1,193]:****Q.JID** Do you consider yourself to be Jewish for any reason?

1	Yes
99	No
*	Refused

**ASK IF PROTESTANT, JUST CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE [N=2,302]:****BORN** Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

49	Yes
50	No
*	Refused

**IF PROTESTANT OR JUST CHRISTIAN, ASK [N=2,171]:****DENOM** As far as your present religion, what denomination or church, if any, do you identify with most closely? Are you...

28	Baptist
7	Methodist
7	Lutheran
5	Presbyterian
7	Pentecostal (such as Assemblies of God)
2	Episcopalian or Anglican
7	Church of Christ, or Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)
1	Congregational or United Church of Christ
1	Holiness (Nazarenes, Wesleyan Church, Salvation Army)
1	Reformed (include Reformed Church in America; Christian Reformed) Church of God
19	Nondenominational or Independent Church
3	Something else (SPECIFY)
12	Or none in particular
*	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.32** Even if you don't identify as religious, would you say you still feel a connection to a religion as part of your ethnic background or cultural heritage?

70 Yes  
29 No  
1 Refused

**Q.33** Even if you do not attend religious services regularly, are you personally a member of a local church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other house of worship, or not?

42 Yes, I am  
56 No, I am not  
1 Refused

**IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR, ASK: [N=2,213]**

**Q.34** Typically when you attend religious services, what is the race or ethnicity of most of the other people attending?

52 All or most are White  
14 All or most are Black or African American  
3 All or most are Asian, Pacific Islander, or Asian American  
7 All or most are Hispanic or Latino  
4 All or most are some other race or ethnicity  
19 No one racial group makes up a majority  
1 Refused

**Q.35a** Thinking about the place of worship you attend services most often, would you say that the people there generally have...

5 Mostly liberal political views  
40 A mix of liberal and conservative political views  
25 Mostly conservative political views  
30 Not sure  
1 Refused

**ASK IF ATTEND SELDOM OR NEVER [N=2,815]:**

**Q.35b** Even if you do not regularly attend religious services, would you say that the people regularly attending religious services in your local community generally have... {New}

5 Mostly liberal political views  
30 A mix of liberal and conservative political views  
24 Mostly conservative political views  
40 Not sure  
\* Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.36** How closely connected do you feel to people who are... [INSERT RELIG RESPONSE; IF IDENTIFY AS "NOTHING IN PARTICULAR" INSERT: "NOT RELIGIOUS"; IF IDENTIFY AS SOMETHING ELSE INSERT: ""]?

24 Very close  
47 Somewhat close  
18 Not too close  
9 Not at all close  
1 Refused

**ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST A FEW TIMES A YEAR [N=2,213]:**

**Q.37** How often do you spend time with people at your church or place of worship outside of formal services?

- 11 More than once a week
- 17 Once a week
- 18 Once or twice a month
- 23 A few times a year
- 20 Seldom
- 11 Never
- 1 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.38** How much, if at all, do churches and houses of worship where you live contribute to the local community? Would you say they contribute...

- 22 A lot
- 36 Some
- 14 Not too much
- 5 Not at all
- 22 Not sure
- 1 Refused

**Q.39** How much do you favor or oppose the following?

a. Changing the names of streets, schools, military bases, and other public buildings that are named after Confederate leaders

- 20 Strongly favor
- 22 Favor
- 29 Oppose
- 28 Strongly oppose
- 2 Refused

b. Cutting some funding from police departments in your community and shifting it to social services

- 14 Strongly favor
- 23 Favor
- 27 Oppose
- 35 Strongly oppose
- 2 Refused

c. Giving blacks and other minorities preference in college admissions to make up for past inequalities

- 11 Strongly favor
- 27 Favor
- 30 Oppose
- 30 Strongly oppose
- 2 Refused

d. Having police more regularly patrol your neighborhood

20 Strongly favor  
50 Favor  
22 Oppose  
7 Strongly oppose  
2 Refused

e. Building more housing for low-income people in your community

22 Strongly favor  
46 Favor  
21 Oppose  
9 Strongly oppose  
2 Refused

f. Deporting all immigrants who are living in the US illegally back to their home country

18 Strongly favor  
23 Favor  
34 Oppose  
22 Strongly oppose  
2 Refused

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,494]:**

g. Redrawing school district boundaries to create more racially diverse school districts

13 Strongly favor  
42 Favor  
29 Oppose  
13 Strongly oppose  
3 Refused

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,564]:**

h. Redrawing school district boundaries to create more economically diverse school districts

15 Strongly favor  
45 Favor  
28 Oppose  
9 Strongly oppose  
4 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.40** In general, how much do you trust the following groups to do the right thing?

a. People in your neighborhood or the immediate local area where you live

15 A great deal  
57 A fair amount  
22 Not too much  
6 Not at all  
1 Refused



**ASK IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR, ASK [N=2,213]:**

b. People at your church or place of worship

41	A great deal
47	A fair amount
9	Not too much
2	Not at all
1	Refused

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,494]:**

c. Federal government

4	A great deal
33	A fair amount
43	Not too much
19	Not at all
1	Refused

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,564]:**

d. Local government in your area

6	A great deal
51	A fair amount
33	Not too much
8	Not at all
2	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

e. The local news media

6	A great deal
43	A fair amount
34	Not too much
17	Not at all
1	Refused

f. The police in your local community

23	A great deal
51	A fair amount
19	Not too much
7	Not at all
1	Refused

**Q.41** Please tell me which of these statements you agree with more....

68	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard
31	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people
1	Refused

**Q.42** Which statement comes closer to your views?

44	Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort
54	There's not much ordinary citizens can do influence the government in Washington
2	Refused

**Q.43** How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel about the following...?

a. Drinking unfiltered tap water in your home

30 Very comfortable  
24 Somewhat comfortable  
21 Somewhat uncomfortable  
26 Very uncomfortable  
\* Refused

b. Taking a walk after dark by yourself around your neighborhood

33 Very comfortable  
33 Somewhat comfortable  
19 Somewhat uncomfortable  
14 Very uncomfortable  
\* Refused

c. Leaving the door to your home unlocked when you are home

28 Very comfortable  
25 Somewhat comfortable  
20 Somewhat uncomfortable  
27 Very uncomfortable  
\* Refused

**Q.44** Generally speaking, would you say...

3 People can almost always be trusted  
46 People can usually be trusted  
38 You usually can't be too careful in dealing with people  
12 You almost always can't be too careful in dealing with people  
1 Refused

**Q.45** Now, read each statement and please say how much you agree or disagree with each one.  
**[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,494]:**

a. People with very strong religious beliefs are often too intolerant of others

16 Completely agree  
44 Somewhat agree  
29 Somewhat disagree  
9 Completely disagree  
1 Refused

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,564]:**

b. People with very strong political beliefs are often too intolerant of others

22 Completely agree  
50 Somewhat agree  
21 Somewhat disagree  
4 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

c. It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites

10 Completely agree  
27 Somewhat agree  
28 Somewhat disagree  
32 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

d. Immigrants coming to the US today burden local communities by using more than their share of social services

18 Completely agree  
29 Somewhat agree  
30 Somewhat disagree  
21 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

e. If people work hard they almost always get what they want

13 Completely agree  
48 Somewhat agree  
28 Somewhat disagree  
10 Completely disagree  
1 Refused

f. Police officers generally treat blacks and other minorities the same as whites

12 Completely agree  
26 Somewhat agree  
33 Somewhat disagree  
28 Completely disagree  
1 Refused

**Q.46** Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views...

76 The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interest  
23 The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans  
1 Refused

**Q.47** How often in the past 4 weeks have you felt that... **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. You are left out

6 Very often  
8 Often  
24 Sometimes  
32 Rarely  
30 Never  
1 Refused

b. You are isolated from others

6	Very often
9	Often
25	Sometimes
27	Rarely
32	Never
1	Refused

c. You lack companionship

6	Very often
8	Often
23	Sometimes
27	Rarely
34	Never
1	Refused

d. There are people you feel close to

38	Very often
29	Often
21	Sometimes
8	Rarely
3	Never
1	Refused

e. There is nowhere you really belong

6	Very often
7	Often
21	Sometimes
27	Rarely
39	Never
1	Refused

f. There are people you can talk to

36	Very often
30	Often
21	Sometimes
9	Rarely
3	Never
1	Refused

g. There are people you can turn to

34	Very often
30	Often
23	Sometimes
9	Rarely
3	Never
1	Refused

**Q.48** When you think about yourself and what makes you who you are, how important are the following?

a. Your racial or ethnic background

11 One of the most important  
19 Very important  
29 Somewhat important  
22 Not too important  
18 Not at all important  
1 Refused

b. Your gender

12 One of the most important  
26 Very important  
29 Somewhat important  
18 Not too important  
14 Not at all important  
1 Refused

c. Your sexual orientation

11 One of the most important  
21 Very important  
26 Somewhat important  
21 Not too important  
20 Not at all important  
1 Refused

d. Your religious beliefs or identity

17 One of the most important  
21 Very important  
23 Somewhat important  
18 Not too important  
21 Not at all important  
1 Refused

e. Your political views

7 One of the most important  
20 Very important  
35 Somewhat important  
22 Not too important  
15 Not at all important  
1 Refused

f. Your hometown or where you are from

6 One of the most important  
20 Very important  
32 Somewhat important  
24 Not too important  
17 Not at all important  
1 Refused

g. Your job or what you do for a living

10	One of the most important
25	Very important
32	Somewhat important
17	Not too important
15	Not at all important
1	Refused

**Q.49** How long have you lived at your current address?

10	Less than one year
14	1–2 years
17	3–4 years
18	5–9 years
42	10 or more years
*	Refused

# Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by the American Enterprise Institute. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 5,058 adults (age 18 and older), with oversamples of Church of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) and Jewish respondents living in the United States, including all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Interviews were conducted both online using a self-administered design and by telephone using live interviewers. All interviews were conducted among participants using a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the national US adult population run by NORC at the University of Chicago. Interviewing was conducted between June 11 and August 16, 2021.

Weighting was accomplished in two separate stages. First, panel base weights were calculated for every household based on the probability of selection from the NORC National Frame, the sampling frame that is used to sample housing units for AmeriSpeak.<sup>1</sup> Household level weights were then assigned to each eligible adult in every recruited household. In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, division (US Census definitions), housing type, telephone usage, and religion. The parameter for religious affiliation was derived from the 2020 American National Social Network Survey. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the US Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the results.

The use of 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 +/- 1.86 percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.82.

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<sup>1</sup> The National Frame is representative of over 97 percent of US households and includes additional coverage of hard-to-survey population segments, such as rural and low-income households, that are underrepresented in other sample frames. AmeriSpeak uses US mail notifications, NORC telephone interviewers, and in-person field interviewers to recruit panel households.