



# American National Family Life Topline Questionnaire

Total N=5,030 adults. | Interview dates: November 23 – December 14, 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:

**SCR1** Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married?

49	Married
12	Living with a partner
11	Divorced
2	Separated
5	Widowed
21	Never been married
*	Refused

## ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, SEPARATED, OR WIDOWED [N= 3,480]:

**SCR2** Have you ever been divorced?

25	Yes
74	No
*	Refused

## ASK IF NEVER MARRIED, DIVORCED, SEPARATED, OR WIDOWED [N= 1,901]:

**SCR3** Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship, or not?

24	Yes
72	No
4	Not sure
*	Refused

## ASK ALL:

**SCR4** Are you the parent or legal guardian of any minors under the age of 18 living with you, do you have children who are grown, or do you not have any children? Please select all that apply. **[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

32	Yes, children under age 18
38	Yes, adult children
36	No children <b>[EXCLUSIVE]</b>
*	Refused

**ASK IF HAS ANY CHILDREN [N= 3,278]**

**SCR5** How many children have you ever had? Please count all that were born alive at any time (including any you had from a previous marriage).

22	One
36	Two
23	Three
17	Four or more
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**SCR6** How many living brothers and sisters do you have, if any? If you do not have any siblings, please enter 0.

9	None
26	One
25	Two
15	Three
24	Four or more
1	Refused

Thinking about things in the country today...

**Q.1** All in all, do you think things in the US have mostly been getting better or mostly getting worse?

26	Mostly getting better
74	Mostly getting worse
*	Refused

**ASK IF THINKS THINGS ARE MOSTLY GETTING BETTER [N= 1,343]:**

**Q.2a** And would you say that things have been getting better slowly over time, or would you say it is happening very quickly?

90	Slowly over time
9	Happening very quickly
*	Refused

**ASK IF THINKS THINGS ARE MOSTLY GETTING WORSE [N= 3,673]:**

**Q.2b** And would you say that things have been getting worse slowly over time, or would you say it is happening very quickly?

39	Slowly over time
61	Happening very quickly
*	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.3** Thinking about the future of the United States, would you say you are...

6	Very optimistic
41	Somewhat optimistic
38	Somewhat pessimistic
15	Very pessimistic
*	Refused

**Q.4** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of your life? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Your social life

13	Completely satisfied
29	Very satisfied
38	Somewhat satisfied
15	Not too satisfied
5	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

b. Your personal health

10	Completely satisfied
32	Very satisfied
40	Somewhat satisfied
14	Not too satisfied
4	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

c. The quality of life in your local community

11	Completely satisfied
34	Very satisfied
42	Somewhat satisfied
11	Not too satisfied
3	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

d. The amount of time you have to yourself

20	Completely satisfied
32	Very satisfied
30	Somewhat satisfied
14	Not too satisfied
4	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

e. The relationship you have or had with your parents

28	Completely satisfied
32	Very satisfied
26	Somewhat satisfied
10	Not too satisfied
5	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

**ASK IF MARRIED, HAVE PARTNER, OR IN RELATIONSHIP [N= 3,587]:**

f. Your relationship with your spouse or partner

36	Completely satisfied
36	Very satisfied
20	Somewhat satisfied
5	Not too satisfied
2	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

**ASK IF HAS SIBLINGS [N=4,506]:**

g. Your relationship with your siblings

20	Completely satisfied
31	Very satisfied
30	Somewhat satisfied
13	Not too satisfied
5	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

**ASK IF HAS CHILDREN (ANY AGE) [N=3,278]:**

h. Your relationship with your child or children

38	Completely satisfied
37	Very satisfied
18	Somewhat satisfied
5	Not too satisfied
2	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.5** All in all, how favorable or unfavorable is your view of...?

a. Joe Biden

11	Very favorable
32	Somewhat favorable
19	Somewhat unfavorable
37	Very unfavorable
1	Refused

b. Donald Trump

16	Very favorable
20	Somewhat favorable
15	Somewhat unfavorable
48	Very unfavorable
1	Refused

c. The Republican Party

10	Very favorable
28	Somewhat favorable
27	Somewhat unfavorable
34	Very unfavorable
1	Refused

d. The Democratic Party

9	Very favorable
34	Somewhat favorable
24	Somewhat unfavorable
33	Very unfavorable
1	Refused

**ASK FORM 1 [N= 2,468]:**

**Q.6** In your opinion, how well do the following phrases describe the average Republican voter today?  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

a. Too extreme in their positions

25	Very well
34	Somewhat well
25	Not too well
14	Not at all well
2	Refused

b. Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions

14	Very well
28	Somewhat well
32	Not too well
25	Not at all well
2	Refused

c. Respects people who disagree with them

9	Very well
28	Somewhat well
31	Not too well
30	Not at all well
2	Refused

d. Wants to fundamentally change the country

18	Very well
36	Somewhat well
28	Not too well
15	Not at all well
2	Refused

**ASK FORM 2 [N= 2,562]:**

**Q.7** In your opinion, how well do the following phrases describe the average Democratic voter today?  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

a. Too extreme in their positions

22	Very well
33	Somewhat well
31	Not too well
13	Not at all well
1	Refused

b. Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions

15	Very well
39	Somewhat well
25	Not too well
20	Not at all well
1	Refused

- c. Respects people who disagree with them

6	Very well
36	Somewhat well
30	Not too well
27	Not at all well
1	Refused

- d. Wants to fundamentally change the country

27	Very well
40	Somewhat well
22	Not too well
10	Not at all well
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.8** Please tell me how much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

- a. Religion causes more problems in society than it solves

12	Completely agree
23	Mostly agree
39	Mostly disagree
26	Completely disagree
1	Refused

- b. It is important for children to be brought up in a religion so they can learn good values

21	Completely agree
37	Mostly agree
24	Mostly disagree
17	Completely disagree
1	Refused

- c. The world would be a better place if people from other countries were more like Americans

4	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
45	Mostly disagree
26	Completely disagree
1	Refused

- d. I sometimes doubt whether God exists

13	Completely agree
17	Mostly agree
23	Mostly disagree
46	Completely disagree
1	Refused

e. Society is better off when men and women stick to the jobs and tasks they are naturally suited for

7	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
36	Mostly disagree
27	Completely disagree
1	Refused

f. In order to get ahead in life these days, it's necessary to get a college education

11	Completely agree
43	Mostly agree
32	Mostly disagree
15	Completely disagree
*	Refused

g. Marriage has become old fashioned and out of date

6	Completely agree
20	Mostly agree
38	Mostly disagree
36	Completely disagree
1	Refused

h. The great works of philosophy and science are the best source of truth, wisdom, and ethics

10	Completely agree
52	Mostly agree
27	Mostly disagree
10	Completely disagree
1	Refused

i. To understand the world, we must free our minds from old traditions and beliefs

12	Completely agree
35	Mostly agree
36	Mostly disagree
17	Completely disagree
1	Refused

j. All of the greatest advances for humanity have come from science and technology

13	Completely agree
57	Mostly agree
22	Mostly disagree
7	Completely disagree
1	Refused

k. Today discrimination against white Americans has become as big a problem as discrimination against Black Americans and other minorities

18	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
25	Mostly disagree
30	Completely disagree
1	Refused

**Q.9a** Which statement comes closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right?...

37	Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority
62	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children
1	Refused

**ASK FORM I [N= 2,468]:**

**Q.9b** Which statement comes closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right?...

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

**ASK FORM II [N=2,562]:**

**Q.9c** Which statement comes closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right?...

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

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.10** What is the MOST important reason people get ahead in life? Would you say people who have greater success in life...

38	Are willing to work harder than others
30	Have better social connections and helpful personal relationships than others <sup>1</sup>
8	Have more experience or expertise than others
6	Are better educated than others
12	Are more willing to make personal sacrifices
2	Are more likeable or popular than others
3	Something else [SPECIFY]
1	Refused

**Q.11** Are you currently a member of any of the following groups or organizations, or not?  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

a. Church or religious organization

36	Yes, currently a member
63	No, not a member
1	Refused

b. Prayer or bible study group

16	Yes, currently a member
83	No, not a member
1	Refused

c. A hobby or activity group, like a book club, gardening club, or outdoors group

19	Yes, currently a member
80	No, not a member
1	Refused

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<sup>1</sup> This category is inclusive of write-ins mentioning money, generational wealth, and privilege.

- d. An online community group, such as a Facebook group, or online gaming community

53 Yes, currently a member  
 47 No, not a member  
 \* Refused

- e. A parent group or youth organization, such as PTA (Parent Teacher Association), scouts, or youth sports

9 Yes, currently a member  
 90 No, not a member  
 1 Refused

- f. Sports league or workout group

12 Yes, currently a member  
 87 No, not a member  
 1 Refused

- g. Community group or neighborhood association

20 Yes, currently a member  
 80 No, not a member  
 1 Refused

- h. Labor union

8 Yes, currently a member  
 91 No, not a member  
 1 Refused

**RELIG** What is your present religion, if any?

27 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)  
 17 Roman Catholic (Catholic)  
 1 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)  
 1 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)  
 2 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  
 23 Just Christian  
 \* Unitarian (Universalist)  
 1 Something else **[SPECIFY]**  
 1 Refused

**ASK IF PROTESTANT, JUST CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE [N= 2,320]:**

**BORN** Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

49 Yes  
 51 No  
 \* Refused

**ASK ALL:****ATTEND** Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- 7 More than once a week
- 17 Once a week
- 8 Once or twice a month
- 16 A few times a year
- 24 Seldom
- 29 Never
- \* Refused

**Q.12** When is the last time you, personally, did any of the following... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

- a. Attended a social event in the community, such as a high school sporting event, play, or local festival

- 9 In the last week
- 15 In the last month
- 15 In the last six months
- 10 In the last 12 months
- 35 Not in the last 12 months
- 17 Never
- \* Refused

- b. Had an argument about politics with a family member

- 7 In the last week
- 10 In the last month
- 15 In the last six months
- 12 In the last 12 months
- 23 Not in the last 12 months
- 33 Never
- 1 Refused

- c. Had someone over to your home who has very different political views than you do

- 17 In the last week
- 16 In the last month
- 17 In the last six months
- 11 In the last 12 months
- 22 Not in the last 12 months
- 18 Never
- 1 Refused

- d. Volunteered for a school activity, local charity or religious group

- 9 In the last week
- 11 In the last month
- 9 In the last six months
- 9 In the last 12 months
- 35 Not in the last 12 months
- 27 Never
- 1 Refused

- e. Helped organize a social gathering in your neighborhood

3	In the last week
5	In the last month
7	In the last six months
6	In the last 12 months
23	Not in the last 12 months
56	Never
*	Refused

**ASK IF PARENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 18 [N=1,719]:**

- f. Scheduled a playdate or activity for your child

21	In the last week
22	In the last month
16	In the last six months
7	In the last 12 months
16	Not in the last 12 months
18	Never
1	Refused

- g. Helped your child with homework or a school assignment

48	In the last week
19	In the last month
9	In the last six months
7	In the last 12 months
5	Not in the last 12 months
12	Never
*	Refused

- h. Took time off work to care for your child

19	In the last week
21	In the last month
19	In the last six months
10	In the last 12 months
16	Not in the last 12 months
14	Never
1	Refused

**Q.13 held for future analysis**

- Q.14** Not counting your relatives, about how many close friends would you say you have? Just your best estimate...

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

**ASK FORM 1 [N=2,468]:**

**Q.15** Have you ever stopped talking to a family member because of something they said about government and politics?

11 Yes  
88 No  
\* Refused

**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,562]:**

**Q.16** Have you ever stopped talking to a family member because you found their personal beliefs or views offensive or hurtful?

22 Yes  
78 No  
\* Refused

**ASK ALL:**

Now, a few questions about when you were growing up.

**Q.17** For most of your time growing up, how would you describe the people who raised you?  
**[PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

93 Mother  
74 Father  
4 Step-mother  
8 Step-father  
24 Grandmother  
12 Grandfather  
6 Guardian, caretaker, or other relative  
\* Refused

**Q.18** In your family, are you the oldest child, the middle child, the youngest child, or an only child?

33 Oldest child  
31 Middle child  
29 Youngest child  
6 Only child  
1 Other [SPECIFY]  
\* Refused

**ASK IF NOT ONLY CHILD [N=4,686]:**

**Q.19** Growing up, did you have . . .

25 Only a brother or brothers  
23 Only a sister or sisters  
52 At least one brother and one sister  
\* Refused

**Q.20** Even if things are different now, growing up, how close of a relationship did you have with your siblings?

41 Very close  
37 Somewhat close  
17 Not too close  
5 Not at all close  
\* Refused

**Q.21** Growing up, do you believe your parents had a favorite child?

40	Yes, parents had a favorite
60	No, parents did not have a favorite
*	Refused

**ASK IF PARENTS HAD FAVORITE CHILD [N=1,882]:**

**Q.22** And would you say you were the favorite child in your family or was it someone else?

28	You were the favorite
72	Someone else was the favorite
*	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.23** What was the marital status of your parents during most of the time you were growing up? Were they . . . **[LIST IN ORDER]**

71	Married
3	Living together, but not married
6	Not living together, and not married
15	Divorced <sup>2</sup>
3	Widowed
1	Other arrangement [SPECIFY]
*	Refused

**Q.24** Growing up, who did you usually turn to first when you had a personal problem? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

22	A close friend
41	Your mother
8	Your father
7	A sister
4	A brother
6	Other family member
1	A teacher or coach
1	Someone else [SPECIFY]
11	Did not have anyone
1	Refused

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<sup>2</sup> This category is inclusive of respondents who wrote in that their parents were separated.

**RELIG2** Thinking about when you were a child, in what religion were you raised, if any?

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

**ASK IF CHILDHOOD RELIGION IS PROTESTANT, JUST CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE [N=2,540]:**

**BORN2** Would you describe the religion you were raised in as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian religion, or not?

44	Yes
55	No
1	Refused

**ASK IF ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC OR NOTHING IN PARTICULAR AND CHILDHOOD RELIGION IS NOT ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, OR NOTHING IN PARTICULAR [N= 904]:**

**Q.25** Just thinking in general terms, how old were you when you no longer identified with your childhood religion?

22	Age 12 or younger
35	Between 13 and 17
31	Between 18 and 29
10	Between 30 and 49
2	Age 50 or older
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.26** How often, if at all, did you do or experience any of the following growing up? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Attend religious services with your family

2	Every day
12	A couple times a week
37	Once a week
9	Once or twice a month
13	A few times a year
14	Seldom
14	Never
*	Refused

b. Say grace or pray with your family at meals

32	Every day
9	A couple times a week
4	Once a week
4	Once or twice a month
14	A few times a year
16	Seldom
21	Never
*	Refused

c. Read scripture or religious stories with your family

5	Every day
8	A couple times a week
8	Once a week
7	Once or twice a month
10	A few times a year
21	Seldom
40	Never
1	Refused

d. Attend Sunday school or another religious education program

5	Every day
11	A couple times a week
37	Once a week
8	Once or twice a month
9	A few times a year
12	Seldom
19	Never
*	Refused

e. Have meals together as family

60	Every day
20	A couple times a week
5	Once a week
5	Once or twice a month
4	A few times a year
5	Seldom
2	Never
*	Refused

f. Spend time with extended family, such as grandparents, aunts, or uncles

7	Every day
15	A couple times a week
12	Once a week
22	Once or twice a month
28	A few times a year
10	Seldom
6	Never
*	Refused

g. Discuss issues of race with your family

2	Every day
4	A couple times a week
3	Once a week
9	Once or twice a month
14	A few times a year
33	Seldom
34	Never
1	Refused

h. Discuss politics with your family

2	Every day
8	A couple times a week
6	Once a week
11	Once or twice a month
14	A few times a year
27	Seldom
32	Never
*	Refused

i. Feel lonely

9	Every day
12	A couple times a week
6	Once a week
10	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
28	Seldom
23	Never
1	Refused

**Q.27** Growing up in your family was it generally expected that you would...

43	Go to a four-year college
5	Go to a community college
6	Enter a trade school or vocational program
15	Immediately get a job
30	Family did not talk about it
1	Refused

**ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED [N=2,508]:**

Different people have different priorities in life...

**Q.28** Thinking about what's important to you, do you, personally, want to get married (**if Widowed/Divorced/Separated, add: again**) someday or not?

55	Yes, would like to get married
44	No would not like to get married
1	Refused

**ASK FORM 1 [N= 2,468]:**

**Q.29** Overall, how much pressure from society (**if married, widowed, divorced, or separated, add: did; if living with partner or never married, add: do**) you feel to get married?

10	A great deal of pressure
20	Some pressure
24	Little pressure
46	No pressure at all
1	Refused

**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,562]:**

**Q.30** Overall, how much pressure from your family (**if married, widowed, divorced, or separated, add: "did"; if living with partner or never married, add: "do"**) you feel to get married?

6	A great deal of pressure
10	Some pressure
20	Little pressure
64	No pressure at all
*	Refused

**ASK IF HAVE EVER BEEN DIVORCED [N=1,378]:**

People choose to get divorced for a variety of reasons.

**Q.31** Who made the decision to get divorced, you or your former spouse?

53	Yourself
21	Your former Spouse
25	Decision made jointly
1	Refused

**Q.32** Looking back, do you think you are better off having gotten divorced or would things be better for you if had stayed married?

88	Better off getting divorced
11	Better off if stayed married
1	Refused

**SHOW IF CURRENTLY MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN RELATIONSHIP [N=3,587]:**

Next, we are going to ask you some questions about your current spouse or partner. Your responses will remain confidential.

**ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, IN RELATIONSHIP [N=3,587]:**

**Q.33** How did you meet your current spouse or partner?

5	At church or place of worship
22	At work or through work friends
13	In high school or through high school friends
11	In college or through college friends
15	Online dating site or dating app <sup>3</sup>
14	In your community or neighborhood
7	At a bar or night club
6	Other [SPECIFY]
6	Other friends or family
*	Refused

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<sup>3</sup> This category is inclusive of respondents who wrote in that they met their current spouse or partner on another online platform.

**ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED [N=2,513]:**

**Q.34** What year did you get married to your current spouse?

- 6 Before 1972
- 9 1972 to 1981
- 14 1982 to 1991
- 15 1991 to 2001
- 25 2002 to 2011
- 29 2012 to 2021
- 2 Refused

**Q.35** When you were married, which of the following best describes the setting? Were you married...

- 46 By a religious leader, in a church or religious setting
- 16 By a religious leader, in a nonreligious location
- 27 By a justice of the peace, in a non-religious location
- 9 By a friend or family member, in a non-religious location
- 1 Other [SPECIFY]
- \* Refused

**ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED, HAVE PARTNER, OR IN RELATIONSHIP [N=3,587]:**

**Q.36** Is your spouse or partner a...

- 34 Democrat
- 32 Republican
- 17 Independent
- 16 None of these
- \* Refused

**ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER IS A DEMOCRAT [N= 1,331]:**

**Q.37a** Would you consider your spouse or partner a strong or not so strong Democrat?

- 58 Strong Democrat
- 42 Not so strong Democrat
- \* Refused

**ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER IS A REPUBLICAN [N= 1,025]:**

**Q.37b** Would you consider your spouse or partner a strong or not so strong Republican?

- 60 Strong Republican
- 39 Not so strong Republican
- \* Refused

**ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER IS INDEPENDENT/SOMETHING ELSE [N=1,231]:**

**Q.38** Would you say your spouse or partner leans more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

- 24 Lean Democrat
- 23 Lean Republican
- 51 Don't lean
- 1 Refused

**ASK IF CURRENTLY MARRIED, HAVE PARTNER, OR IN RELATIONSHIP [N=3,587]:**

**Q.39** What is your current spouse's or partner's race?

68	White, non-Hispanic
10	Black, non-Hispanic
12	Hispanic
6	Asian, non-Hispanic
4	Multiracial
1	Other [SPECIFY]
*	Refused

**RELIG3** What is your current spouse's or partner's religion, if any?

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

**ASK IF SPOUSE IS PROTESTANT, JUST CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE [N=1,649]:**

**BORN3** Would you describe your spouse or partner as 'born again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

45	Yes
54	No
1	Refused

**ASK IF MARRIED [N= 2,513]:**

Thinking about how others view your marriage...

**Q.40** In general, would you say the following people have been more supportive of your marriage or more opposed to it? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Your friends

82	Very supportive
14	Somewhat supportive
2	Somewhat opposed
1	Very opposed
1	Refused

b. Your in-laws

74	Very supportive
18	Somewhat supportive
5	Somewhat opposed
2	Very opposed
2	Refused

c. Your family

78	Very supportive
16	Somewhat supportive
4	Somewhat opposed
1	Very opposed
1	Refused

**ASK IF MARRIED AND IDENTIFY AS MEMBER OF RELIGIOUS GROUP [N= 1,989]:**

d. People at your place of worship

76	Very supportive
16	Somewhat supportive
2	Somewhat opposed
1	Very opposed
5	Refused

**ASK IF DIVORCED [N= 525]:**

Thinking about how others viewed previous your marriage...

**Q.41** In general, would you say the following people were more supportive of your marriage or more opposed to it? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Your friends

36	Very supportive
42	Somewhat supportive
13	Somewhat opposed
6	Very opposed
4	Refused

b. Your former in-laws

30	Very supportive
37	Somewhat supportive
21	Somewhat opposed
9	Very opposed
3	Refused

c. Your family

40	Very supportive
36	Somewhat supportive
15	Somewhat opposed
8	Very opposed
2	Refused

**ASK IF DIVORCED AND IDENTIFY AS MEMBER OF RELIGIOUS GROUP [N= 419]:**

d. People at your place of worship

33	Very supportive
40	Somewhat supportive
14	Somewhat opposed
5	Very opposed
8	Refused

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [N= 3,120]:**

Couples have different approaches to dividing up household tasks and decision-making...

**Q.42** Thinking about the types of activities and responsibilities you and your spouse or partner have, who does each of the following more often? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER AND CHILDREN UNDER 18 [N=1,376]:**

a. Make doctor's appointments and health decisions for children

41 You do MUCH more often  
8 You do somewhat more often  
24 Both do about the same  
11 Spouse or partner does somewhat more often  
14 Spouse or partner does MUCH more often  
1 No one does this  
\* Refused

b. Schedule playdates or coordinate children's activities

33 You do MUCH more often  
9 You do somewhat more often  
22 Both do about the same  
10 Spouse or partner does somewhat more often  
15 Spouse or partner does MUCH more often  
11 No one does this  
\* Refused

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [N= 3,120]:**

c. Pay bills and track household spending

42 You do MUCH more often  
11 You do somewhat more often  
23 Both do about the same  
7 Spouse or partner does somewhat more often  
15 Spouse or partner does MUCH more often  
1 No one does this  
\* Refused

d. Laundry

33 You do MUCH more often  
11 You do somewhat more often  
26 Both do about the same  
11 Spouse or partner does somewhat more often  
18 Spouse or partner does MUCH more often  
1 No one does this  
\* Refused

e. Cook meals

34 You do MUCH more often  
12 You do somewhat more often  
24 Both do about the same  
11 Spouse or partner does somewhat more often  
18 Spouse or partner does MUCH more often  
1 No one does this  
\* Refused

f. Plan social activities and outings

21	You do MUCH more often
13	You do somewhat more often
39	Both do about the same
13	Spouse or partner does somewhat more often
10	Spouse or partner does MUCH more often
3	No one does this
*	Refused

g. Clean the house

28	You do MUCH more often
14	You do somewhat more often
33	Both do about the same
13	Spouse or partner does somewhat more often
11	Spouse or partner does MUCH more often
1	No one does this
1	Refused

h. Work to solve problems in your relationship

11	You do MUCH more often
11	You do somewhat more often
66	Both do about the same
5	Spouse or partner does somewhat more often
2	Spouse or partner does MUCH more often
4	No one does this
1	Refused

i. Yardwork or home repairs

30	You do MUCH more often
12	You do somewhat more often
21	Both do about the same
12	Spouse or partner does somewhat more often
20	Spouse or partner does MUCH more often
4	No one does this
*	Refused

**ASK IF DOES NOT HAVE CHILDREN [N=1,706]:**

**Q.43a** Do you want to have children someday, or not?

35	Yes
43	No
22	Not sure
1	Refused

**ASK IF HAS CHILDREN [N=3,278]:**

**Q.43b** Did you ever consider having more children than you currently have, or did you never consider it?

28	Yes, considered it
16	Yes, still considering it
55	No, never considered it
*	Refused

**ASK IF DOES NOT HAVE CHILDREN [N=1,695]<sup>4</sup>:**

**Q.44** [IF WANT CHILDREN, INSERT: "Even if you currently want to have children,"] What is the MOST important reason you [IF DO NOT WANT CHILDREN, INSERT: "decided not to have children"] [IF ARE UNSURE, INSERT: "are uncertain about having children"] "IF WANT CHILDREN, INSERT: "might decide not to have children"? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 18 Cost of raising a child
- 23 Are too old or worry about being too old
- 5 Would make it harder to achieve education or career goals
- 10 Too much work
- 6 Worry about climate change, environmental problems, state of the world
- 2 Not enough family support
- 9 Do not think you would be a good parent
- 4 Partner or spouse does not want children
- 12 Unable due to health reasons
- 6 Some other reason [SPECIFY]
- 3 Just do not want children (Vol.)
- 2 Refused

**ASK IF CONSIDERED HAVING MORE CHILDREN [N= 1,514]:**

**Q.45** What is the MOST important reason you [SHOW IF YES, CONSIDERED IT "decided"; SHOW IF YES, STILL CONSIDERING IT "would decide"] not have more children? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- 21 Cost of raising a child
- 16 Are too old or worry about being too old
- 3 Would make it harder to achieve education or career goals
- 6 Too much work
- 2 Worry about climate change and environmental problems<sup>5</sup>
- 5 Not enough family support
- 5 Would not have enough time to spend with your current children
- 12 Partner or spouse does not want more children
- 22 Unable due to health reasons
- 8 Some other reason [SPECIFY]
- 1 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.46** Using a scale of 1-10, where 1 is very easy and 10 is very difficult, how easy or difficult would you say it is to raise children to be good people these days?

- 4 1 – Very easy
- 3 2
- 6 3
- 7 4
- 13 5
- 10 6
- 17 7
- 18 8
- 7 9
- 14 10 – Very difficult
- \* Refused

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<sup>4</sup> Respondents without children who Refused Q.43b did not receive Q.44.

<sup>5</sup> This category is inclusive of respondents who wrote in that they are worried about the state of the world

**Q.47** These days, how much of a personal sacrifice does it take to raise children in the US? Does raising children require people to make...

73	Major sacrifices
23	Minor sacrifices
4	Do not have to make any sacrifices
1	Refused

**Q.48** How much do you favor or oppose the following... **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Making it more difficult to access pornography on the Internet

45	Strongly favor
21	Somewhat favor
17	Somewhat oppose
16	Strongly oppose
1	Refused

b. Making it more difficult for a woman to get an abortion

18	Strongly favor
16	Somewhat favor
22	Somewhat oppose
43	Strongly oppose
1	Refused

c. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

44	Strongly favor
22	Somewhat favor
14	Somewhat oppose
18	Strongly oppose
2	Refused

**Q.49** Thinking about the different aspects of your life, how often, if ever, do you feel... **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Lonely or isolated from those around you

7	All or nearly all the time
14	Most of the time
36	Once in a while
25	Hardly ever
18	Never
1	Refused

b. You are too busy to enjoy life

6	All or nearly all the time
19	Most of the time
37	Once in a while
24	Hardly ever
14	Never
*	Refused

c. Your family supports your life decisions

31	All or nearly all the time
45	Most of the time
14	Once in a while
6	Hardly ever
4	Never
1	Refused

d. There are few people you can trust

17	All or nearly all the time
28	Most of the time
30	Once in a while
18	Hardly ever
7	Never
1	Refused

**Q.50** Please try to place yourself on a scale of masculinity/femininity, where 0 is completely masculine and 6 is completely feminine.

20	0 - Completely masculine
11	1
9	2
9	3
13	4
12	5
22	6 - Completely feminine
3	Neither feminine nor masculine
1	Refused

# Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by the American Enterprise Institute. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 5,030 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 November 23 and December 14, 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 (IFP) 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  $\pm 1.87$  percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.83.

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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.