



# March 2022 American Perspectives Survey Topline Questionnaire

Total N=2,007 adults. | Interview dates: March 11–March 20, 2022.

*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** Thinking about your life overall, do you feel you are in a worse place now than before the pandemic started, would you say you are in a better place, or have things in your life not really changed?

24	Worse place
28	Better place
47	No change in my life
1	Refused

**Q.2** Given everything that's going on in your life right now, do you feel that you are happier than you should be, are you less happy than you should be, or are you about as happy as you should be?

6	Happier than you should be
65	About as happy as you should be
28	Less happy than you should be
1	Refused

**Q.3** How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following? [**RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS**]

A. Your sex life

15	Completely satisfied
20	Very satisfied
30	Somewhat satisfied
17	Not too satisfied
15	Not at all satisfied
3	Refused

B. Your personal health

8	Completely satisfied
29	Very satisfied
41	Somewhat satisfied
16	Not too satisfied
5	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

C. The way things are going in your life

7	Completely satisfied
31	Very satisfied
43	Somewhat satisfied
13	Not too satisfied
5	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

D. How things are going in the country today

1	Completely satisfied
3	Very satisfied
20	Somewhat satisfied
39	Not too satisfied
36	Not at all satisfied
*	Refused

**Q.4** These days, how often, if at all, do you think about any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

A. Dying or your own death

5	Every day
9	Most days
35	Occasionally
36	Not too often
14	Never
1	Refused

B. God

40	Every day
16	Most days
16	Occasionally
13	Not too often
14	Never
1	Refused

C. Sex

13	Every day
21	Most days
36	Occasionally
23	Not too often
7	Never
1	Refused

D. The amount of suffering in the world

21	Every day
32	Most days
33	Occasionally
10	Not too often
3	Never
1	Refused

**Q.5** In the past seven days, how often, if at all, did you... **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

A. Feel lonely or isolated

4 Every day  
6 Nearly every day  
19 A few times  
23 Once or twice  
46 Never  
1 Refused

B. Feel like there's no one you can count on

4 Every day  
4 Nearly every day  
15 A few times  
16 Once or twice  
60 Never  
1 Refused

C. Feel self-conscious or insecure

7 Every day  
8 Nearly every day  
22 A few times  
28 Once or twice  
35 Never  
1 Refused

D. Feel unhappy about how you look

7 Every day  
11 Nearly every day  
22 A few times  
29 Once or twice  
30 Never  
1 Refused

**Q.6** These days, how closely do you follow news about national politics?

23 Very closely  
39 Somewhat closely  
24 Not too closely  
13 Not at all closely  
1 Refused

**Q.7** How concerned are you, if at all, about any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

A. The military power of Russia

22 Extremely concerned  
29 Very concerned  
32 Somewhat concerned  
12 Not very concerned  
5 Not at all concerned  
1 Refused

B. The possibility of nuclear war

17	Extremely concerned
25	Very concerned
36	Somewhat concerned
16	Not very concerned
5	Not at all concerned
1	Refused

C. COVID-19

8	Extremely concerned
19	Very concerned
33	Somewhat concerned
23	Not very concerned
16	Not at all concerned
1	Refused

D. Crime

17	Extremely concerned
30	Very concerned
36	Somewhat concerned
14	Not very concerned
3	Not at all concerned
1	Refused

E. Climate change

17	Extremely concerned
24	Very concerned
26	Somewhat concerned
17	Not very concerned
14	Not at all concerned
1	Refused

F. Illegal immigration

15	Extremely concerned
16	Very concerned
24	Somewhat concerned
26	Not very concerned
18	Not at all concerned
1	Refused

G. Inflation and higher prices

37	Extremely concerned
34	Very concerned
22	Somewhat concerned
5	Not very concerned
2	Not at all concerned
1	Refused

**Q.8** Thinking about your CLOSE friends, would you say...

3 All of them are men  
19 Most of them are men  
38 About equal numbers of men and women  
23 Most of them are women  
7 All of them are women  
9 No close friends **[EXCLUSIVE]**  
1 Refused

**Q.9** Would you say you are physically attracted to...

43 Women only  
2 Mostly women, but men too  
3 Men and women equally  
5 Mostly men, but women too  
43 Men only  
2 OTHER **[SPECIFY]**  
1 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.10** Now, read each statement and please say whether you agree or disagree with each one.  
**[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,001]:**

A. When it comes to looking for a romantic partner, most women have unrealistic expectations for men

12 Completely agree  
45 Somewhat agree  
30 Somewhat disagree  
11 Completely disagree  
3 Refused

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,006]:**

B. When it comes to looking for a romantic partner, most men have unrealistic expectations for women

15 Completely agree  
54 Somewhat agree  
24 Somewhat disagree  
6 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

C. It's important to wait to have sex until after you are married

17 Completely agree  
22 Somewhat agree  
25 Somewhat disagree  
35 Completely disagree  
1 Refused

D. Today discrimination against men has become as big a problem as discrimination against women

11 Completely agree  
30 Somewhat agree  
30 Somewhat disagree  
27 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

E. American society today has become too soft and feminine

17 Completely agree  
28 Somewhat agree  
25 Somewhat disagree  
29 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

F. White men are too often blamed for problems in American society

16 Completely agree  
28 Somewhat agree  
29 Somewhat disagree  
26 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

G. If elected leaders will not protect America, the people must do it themselves even if it requires taking violent actions

10 Completely agree  
26 Somewhat agree  
27 Somewhat disagree  
34 Completely disagree  
2 Refused

**Q.11** When was the last time you did any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

A. Watched pornography

9 Within the past 24 hours  
10 Within the past 7 days  
8 Within the past month  
7 Within the past 6 months  
5 Within the past 12 months  
19 More than 12 months ago  
39 Never  
2 Refused

B. Played video games

23 Within the past 24 hours  
10 Within the past 7 days  
7 Within the past month  
8 Within the past 6 months  
4 Within the past 12 months  
19 More than 12 months ago  
27 Never  
1 Refused

C. Talked with a therapist

1	Within the past 24 hours
3	Within the past 7 days
4	Within the past month
5	Within the past 6 months
3	Within the past 12 months
27	More than 12 months ago
57	Never
1	Refused

D. Read a book for pleasure

19	Within the past 24 hours
14	Within the past 7 days
12	Within the past month
13	Within the past 6 months
8	Within the past 12 months
21	More than 12 months ago
12	Never
1	Refused

E. Donated to a charity

5	Within the past 24 hours
17	Within the past 7 days
20	Within the past month
16	Within the past 6 months
11	Within the past 12 months
16	More than 12 months ago
14	Never
1	Refused

F. Had sex

11	Within the past 24 hours
27	Within the past 7 days
16	Within the past month
8	Within the past 6 months
4	Within the past 12 months
21	More than 12 months ago
9	Never
3	Refused

G. Meditated

11	Within the past 24 hours
12	Within the past 7 days
7	Within the past month
5	Within the past 6 months
5	Within the past 12 months
11	More than 12 months ago
47	Never
1	Refused

H. Worked out or exercised

27	Within the past 24 hours
25	Within the past 7 days
12	Within the past month
9	Within the past 6 months
6	Within the past 12 months
13	More than 12 months ago
6	Never
1	Refused

**ASK IF MALE [N=1,004]:**

**Q.12** Now thinking about yourself, in general, would you describe yourself as...

39	Very manly or masculine
48	Somewhat manly or masculine
10	Not too manly or masculine
1	Not at all manly or masculine
2	Refused

**ASK IF FEMALE [N=1,003]:**

**Q.13** Now thinking about yourself, in general, would you describe yourself as...

37	Very womanly or feminine
48	Somewhat womanly or feminine
12	Not too womanly or feminine
2	Not at all womanly or feminine
2	Refused

**ASK IF MALE [N=1,004]:**

**Q.14** How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as manly or masculine?

16	Very important
28	Somewhat important
38	Not too important
17	Not at all important
1	Refused

**ASK IF FEMALE [N=1,003]:**

**Q.15** How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as womanly or feminine?

17	Very important
29	Somewhat important
35	Not too important
18	Not at all important
1	Refused

**ASK IF MALE [N=1,004]:**

**Q.16** Growing up, were you ever criticized for not acting like a man, or for not being masculine enough?

22	Yes
78	No
1	Refused



**ASK IF CRITICIZED [N=194]:**

**Q.17** Can you describe this experience in a just a few words?

OPEN-END

**ASK IF WOMAN [N=1,003]:**

**Q.18** Growing up, were you ever criticized for not acting like a woman, or for not being feminine enough?

21	Yes
78	No
1	Refused

**ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED [N=741]:**

**Q.19** Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship, or not?

38	Yes
62	No
*	Refused

**ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY IN A COMMITTED ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP AND SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED [N=250]:**

**Q.20** Have you ever been in a committed romantic relationship, or not?

49	Yes, have been in a committed romantic relationship
50	No, have never been in a committed romantic relationship
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

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

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

**ASK IF PROTESTANT, JUST CHRISTIAN, OR SOMETHING ELSE [N=978]:**

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

50	Yes
50	No
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.21** Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- 7 More than once a week
- 20 Once a week
- 6 Once or twice a month
- 13 A few times a year
- 25 Seldom
- 29 Never
- 1 Refused

**Q.22** Which of the following best describes your views about the existence of God?

- 51 I believe in God, and never have doubts
- 28 I believe in God, but sometimes have doubts
- 9 I do not believe in God, but sometimes have doubts
- 11 I do not believe in God, and never have doubts
- 1 Refused

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,001]:**

**Q.23** Thinking about the role fathers play in children's lives, how important do you think it is for a father to provide the following things? **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

A. Emotional support

- 62 Extremely important
- 31 Very important
- 6 Somewhat important
- \* Not too important
- \* Not at all important
- 1 Refused

B. Discipline

- 49 Extremely important
- 36 Very important
- 12 Somewhat important
- 2 Not too important
- \* Not at all important
- 1 Refused

C. Affection

- 61 Extremely important
- 31 Very important
- 7 Somewhat important
- \* Not too important
- 0 Not at all important
- 1 Refused

D. Sense of security

- 65 Extremely important
- 28 Very important
- 5 Somewhat important
- \* Not too important
- \* Not at all important
- 1 Refused

E. Teaching children to care about others

62	Extremely important
33	Very important
4	Somewhat important
*	Not too important
0	Not at all important
1	Refused

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,006]:**

**Q.24** Thinking about the role mothers play in children's lives, how important do you think it is for a mother to provide the following things? **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

A. Emotional support

69	Extremely important
24	Very important
5	Somewhat important
*	Not too important
*	Not at all important
1	Refused

B. Discipline

54	Extremely important
35	Very important
10	Somewhat important
1	Not too important
*	Not at all important
1	Refused

C. Affection

68	Extremely important
27	Very important
4	Somewhat important
1	Not too important
*	Not at all important
1	Refused

D. Sense of security

70	Extremely important
25	Very important
4	Somewhat important
*	Not too important
*	Not at all important
1	Refused

E. Teaching children to care about others

68	Extremely important
25	Very important
5	Somewhat important
1	Not too important
0	Not at all important
1	Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.25** Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right.  
**[ROTATE PAIRS]**

- A.
- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 30 | The best way to ensure peace is through military strength |
| 68 | Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace            |
| 2  | Refused   |
- B.
- |    |  |
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| 51 | Most things in society can be pretty clearly divided into good and evil                |
| 47 | Most things in society are too complicated to be clearly divided between good and evil |
| 2  | Refused  |

**Q.26** Do you think each of the following is generally a good or bad thing for our society, or doesn't make much difference? **[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]**

- A. More fathers staying home with children so their spouses can work full time
- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 34 | Good thing for society       |
| 11 | Bad thing for society        |
| 53 | Doesn't make much difference |
| 1  | Refused                      |
- B. Men becoming more comfortable expressing their feelings and emotions to others
- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 70 | Good thing for society       |
| 3  | Bad thing for society        |
| 26 | Doesn't make much difference |
| 1  | Refused                      |
- C. More children who have parents who are gay or lesbian
- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 14 | Good thing for society       |
| 31 | Bad thing for society        |
| 54 | Doesn't make much difference |
| 1  | Refused                      |
- D. More women serving in the military
- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 41 | Good thing for society       |
| 10 | Bad thing for society        |
| 47 | Doesn't make much difference |
| 1  | Refused                      |

**Q.27** Do you think abortion should be...

- |    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 25 | Legal in all cases    |
| 31 | Legal in most cases   |
| 30 | Illegal in most cases |
| 11 | Illegal in all cases  |
| 2  | Refused               |

**Q.28** In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is poor? **[RANDOMIZE]**

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 25 | They have not worked as hard as most other people             |
| 73 | They have faced more obstacles in life than most other people |
| 1  | Refused   |

**Q.29** Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

- 54 We should prioritize protecting the environment, even if it causes slower economic growth and some job loss
- 44 We should prioritize economic growth and job creation, even if the environment suffers to some extent
- 3 Refused

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.29** Have you personally received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, or not

- 80 Yes
- 18 No
- 2 Refused

**Q.30** Is your overall opinion of Donald Trump very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

- 16 Very favorable
- 23 Mostly favorable
- 14 Mostly unfavorable
- 45 Very unfavorable
- 2 Refused

# Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by the Survey Center on American Life. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,007 adults (age 18 and up) living in the United States, including all 50 states and the District of Columbia. All interviews were conducted among participants of the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the US general population, not just the online population. Interviewing was conducted between March 11 and March 20 2022. Interviews were conducted in Spanish and English.

Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or mail to participate in the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. For those who agree to participate but do not already have internet access, Ipsos provides at no cost a laptop and internet service provider connection. People who already have computers and internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race, education, Census region by metropolitan status, and household income. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables.

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 qualified survey sample is  $\pm 2.4$  percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.2.