January 2023 American Perspectives Survey 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 ALL:

Q.1 What is your current relationship status? Are you...

21 Single or not currently in a relationship
4 In a committed relationship, but not living together
10 Living with a partner
55 Married
5 Divorced
1 Separated
4 Widowed
1 Refused

Q.2 How satisfied are you, if at all, with the following? [RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]

A. Treatment of women in the US today

8 Completely satisfied
17 Very satisfied
38 Somewhat satisfied
25 Not too satisfied
11 Not at all satisfied
2 Refused

B. The way things are going in your life

11 Completely satisfied
36 Very satisfied
37 Somewhat satisfied
11 Not too satisfied
4 Not at all satisfied
1 Refused
C. How things are going in the country today

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**IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A RELATIONSHIP, ASK:**

D. Your relationship with your significant other, partner or spouse

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**IF CURRENTLY SINGLE OR NOT CURRENTLY IN A RELATIONSHIP, ASK:**

**Q.3** Which of these best describes your dating status? Would you say you are...

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**IF NOT CURRENTLY DATING ANYONE, BUT OPEN TO IT OR NOT CURRENTLY DATING ANYONE AND NOT LOOKING TO DATE, ASK:**

**Q.4** Please indicate if each of the following is a reason or not a reason why you are not currently looking for a relationship or dates?

**A. Enjoy being single more than being in a relationship**

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**B. People aren’t interested in dating me**

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**C. Cannot find someone who meets my expectations**

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D. Find it difficult to meet people
   36 Major reason
   28 Minor reason
   35 Not a reason
   1 Refused

E. Not ready to date after ending a relationship
   8 Major reason
   11 Minor reason
   80 Not a reason
   1 Refused

F. Have more important priorities right now
   36 Major reason
   29 Minor reason
   34 Not a reason
   1 Refused

ASk ALL:
Q.5 Would you say you are physically attracted to...
   44 Women only
   2 Mostly women, but men too
   2 Men and women equally
   4 Mostly men, but women too
   45 Men only
   1 Other [SPECIFY]
   1 Refused

If currently married or in a relationship, ask:
Q.6 How long have you been [MARRIED/IN A COMMITTED REALTIONSHIP]...
   2 Less than 6 months
   2 6 months to less than 1 year
   7 1 year to less than 3 years
   7 3 years to less than 5 years
   14 5 years to less than 10 years
   20 10 years to less than 20 years
   47 20 years or more
   * Refused

Q.7 Which of the following are you most likely to argue with your [SPOUSE/PARTNER OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER] about? [RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]
   17 Money
   6 Children
   22 Household chores and responsibilities
   6 Sex
   11 Other family members
   6 Politics or current events
   12 How you spend your time together
   6 We don’t argue
   9 Other [SPECIFY]
   4 Refused
Q.8 When did you first find out what [SPOUSE’S/PARTNER OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER’S] political views were? …

20 Before we started dating
53 Early on in the relationship
17 Later in the relationship
10 Still not sure of their political views
1 Refused

Q.9 How did you meet your current [SPOUSE/PARTNER OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER]?

[RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]

5 At church, a place of worship, or a religious function
17 At work or a work-related event
17 At school
26 Through friends or family
11 An online dating site or through a dating app
8 At a bar, night club, or party
10 In your neighborhood or community
5 Other [SPECIFY]
1 Refused

Q.10 How would you describe your relationship with your [SPOUSE/PARTNER OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER] before you started dating?

14 Close friends
15 Friends, but not that close
25 Casual acquaintances
45 Did not know each other before dating
1 Refused

IF CURRENTLY SINGLE, ASK:

Q.11 Even if you’re not currently dating, thinking about the political views of the people who you might be willing to date…

Would you be willing to date someone with the following political views? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

14 Extremely liberal
23 Very liberal
31 Slightly liberal
44 Moderate
29 Slightly conservative
16 Very conservative
8 Extremely conservative
29 Any, do not care about their politics
2 Refused

IF CURRENTLY MARRIED OR IN A RELATIONSHIP, ASK:

Q.12 Do you think most people would say that you are more attractive than your [SPOUSE/PARTNER OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER], or would they say your [SPOUSE/PARTNER OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER] is more attractive?

17 You are more attractive
26 Spouse or partner is more attractive
55 About equally attractive
2 Refused
ASK ALL:  
Q.13 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?

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IF HAVE USED AN ONLINE DATING SITE OR APP, ASK:  
Q.14 Have you ever gone on a date with someone who you met through an online dating website or dating app?

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Q.15 Overall, would you say your OWN personal experiences with online dating sites or dating apps have been...

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IF SINGLE AND SOMEWHAT/VERY NEGATIVE ONLINE DATING SITE OR APPS EXPERIENCE, ASK:  
Q.16 In just a few words, can you share a personal experience you had dating online that was negative?

OPEN-END

ASK ALL:  
Q.17 When it comes to dating today, do you think it is more difficult for men, more difficult for women, or is there no difference?

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Q.18 Please tell me how much discrimination there is against each of these groups in our society today. How about...

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C. Gay and lesbian people

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D. Bisexual people

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ASK ALL:
Q.19 Even if you are not currently single or dating… When considering whether you would want to date someone, would you be more likely or less likely to date the following types of people, or would these things make no difference?

If the person….

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J. Smokes cigarettes
   1   A lot more likely
   1   Somewhat more likely
   18  Makes no difference
   19  Somewhat less likely
   58  A lot less likely
   2   Refused

K. Is a Trump supporter
   7   A lot more likely
   6   Somewhat more likely
   33  Makes no difference
   10  Somewhat less likely
   42  A lot less likely
   2   Refused

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,532]:**
L. Does not want children
   9   A lot more likely
   5   Somewhat more likely
   44  Makes no difference
   14  Somewhat less likely
   25  A lot less likely
   3   Refused

M. Is very religious
   9   A lot more likely
   11  Somewhat more likely
   36  Makes no difference
   21  Somewhat less likely
   21  A lot less likely
   2   Refused

N. Does not trust vaccines
   5   A lot more likely
   5   Somewhat more likely
   39  Makes no difference
   18  Somewhat less likely
   31  A lot less likely
   2   Refused

O. Is a Republican
   9   A lot more likely
   9   Somewhat more likely
   46  Makes no difference
   12  Somewhat less likely
   21  A lot less likely
   2   Refused
P. Is a vegan

1. A lot more likely
2. Somewhat more likely
54. Makes no difference
24. Somewhat less likely
16. A lot less likely
2. Refused

Q. Is much shorter than you

2. A lot more likely
3. Somewhat more likely
59. Makes no difference
19. Somewhat less likely
15. A lot less likely
2. Refused

ASK ALL:
Q.20 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 issue of abortion?

14. Impossible
19. Very difficult
32. Somewhat difficult
23. Not too difficult
10. Not at all difficult
2. Refused

ASK ALL:
Q.21 Now, read each statement and please say whether you agree or disagree with each one. [RANDOMIZE LIST OF ITEMS]

A. American society today has a problem with traditionally masculine men

14. Completely agree
34. Somewhat agree
34. Somewhat disagree
15. Completely disagree
3. Refused

B. The gains women have made in recent years have generally come at the expense of men

5. Completely agree
22. Somewhat agree
38. Somewhat disagree
32. Completely disagree
3. Refused

C. The country would be better off if we had more women in political office

18. Completely agree
43. Somewhat agree
27. Somewhat disagree
8. Completely disagree
3. Refused
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,523]:
D. It is generally difficult for men and women to be friends

4    Completely agree
22   Somewhat agree
40   Somewhat disagree
32   Completely disagree
2    Refused

E. Fewer single men today are interested in getting married

11   Completely agree
50   Somewhat agree
31   Somewhat disagree
5    Completely disagree
3    Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,532]:
F. Fewer single women today are interested in getting married

11   Completely agree
53   Somewhat agree
29   Somewhat disagree
4    Completely disagree
4    Refused

G. Marriage has become old fashioned and out of date

6    Completely agree
25   Somewhat agree
32   Somewhat disagree
35   Completely disagree
2    Refused

ASK ALL:
Q.22 Even if it did not happen recently, have you ever had any of the following experiences?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,523]:
A. You sent a sexually explicit image of yourself to someone you were dating

19    Yes, had this experience
79    No, never had this experience
2    Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,532]:
B. Someone sending you explicit images that you did not ask for

25    Yes, had this experience
73    No, never had this experience
2    Refused

C. Someone you were dating suddenly stopped talking to you without explanation

24    Yes, had this experience
74    No, never had this experience
2    Refused
D. Been physically intimate with someone of the same gender

   11 Yes, had this experience
   87 No, never had this experience
   2 Refused

E. Been cheated on by a partner or spouse

   40 Yes, had this experience
   58 No, never had this experience
   2 Refused

F. Been in an open relationship

   7 Yes, had this experience
   91 No, never had this experience
   2 Refused

ASK RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE [N=2,526]:
Q.23
As you may know, recent studies have found that people who are LGBT are four times more likely to be victims of violence than people who are straight.

   How much, if at all, do you think negative statements about LGBT people made by political conservatives contributes to violence against LGBT people? Would you say...

   42 A lot
   26 A little
   29 Not at all
   3 Refused

ASK ALL:
Q.24
Which of these options best describes your sexual orientation?

   89 Straight or heterosexual
   3 Lesbian or gay
   4 Bisexual
   1 Queer
   1 Asexual or aromantic
   1 Something else
   2 Refused

IF NOT STRAIGHT/HETEROSEXUAL, ASK:
Q.25
How important is being [LESBIAN OR GAY/BISEXUAL/QUEER/ASEXUAL OR AROMANTIC] to you?

   19 Extremely important
   19 Very important
   25 Somewhat important
   23 Not that important
   14 Not important at all
   * Refused
ASK ALL:

**Q.26** How many of your close friends are LGBTQ?

1. All of them
3. Most of them
17. Some of them
35. Only a few of them
43. None of them
2. Refused

**Q.27** What does the word “queer” mean to you?

OPEN-END

**Q.28** In general, do you think of yourself as...

5. Extremely liberal
16. Liberal
9. Slightly liberal
35. Moderate, middle of the road
17. Slightly conservative
11. Conservative
5. Extremely conservative
3. Refused
Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by the Survey Center on American Life. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 5,055 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 December 9 and December 18, 2022. Interviews were conducted in Spanish and English.

Initially, participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households were then invited by telephone or mail to participate in the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. For those who agreed to participate but did not already have internet access, Ipsos provided a laptop and internet service provider connection for free. People who already had computers and internet service were permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then received unique log-in information for accessing surveys online and then were 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 +/– 1.5 percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.7.