

**NATIONWIDE
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1000 sample; among 15-25 year olds nationwide**

Gender of respondent

Male..... 51
Female 49

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling for National Opinion Surveys. We are conducting a public opinion survey among nearly 1,000 Americans between the ages of 15-25 and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

1. Does someone live at this address who is between the ages of 15 and 25?

YES: Repeat introduction for respondent and continue.

NOT HOME: Schedule call-back.

AWAY AT SCHOOL: Ask for forwarding number: "We're doing a survey for a non-profit organization on attitudes of young adults. Would you be willing to provide the phone number of the young adult who lives here, so we can include him/her in the survey?"

NO: TERMINATE

INTRODUCTION FOR 15-18 YEAR OLDS WHO LIVE AT HOME: To Parent: We are conducting a poll for a non-profit organization. We will be asking the opinion of nearly 1,000 15 to 25 year olds nationwide. The responses are confidential. We would like to ask your child to answer a few questions about citizenship, politics, voting, and government. You are more than welcome to listen in to the poll as we go through it with your child if that will make you more comfortable.

2. In what month and year were you born?

Nov. 1986 - Oct. 1988: 15-17 year olds 26
Nov. 1983 - Oct. 1985: 18-20 year olds 27
Nov. 1980 - Oct. 1982: 21-22 year olds 17
Before Nov. 1980: 23 -25 year olds..... 30

3. What is the number one problem facing the country that you would like to see addressed? **(DO NOT READ RESPONSES, JUST RECORD)**

_ Crime and violence other than terrorism	8
_ Drug use.....	9
_ The quality of public schools	7
_ Having a clean environment.....	3
_ Balancing the federal budget.....	2
_ Having secure health care.....	5
_ Jobs and the economy	20
_ The cost of a college education.....	8
_ Preserving Social Security and Medicare.....	0
_ Paying too much in taxes	6
_ Terrorism and national security	3
_ War in Iraq.....	11
_ Personal freedoms (Patriot Act)	2
_ Abortion	2
_ (Other)	11
(Don't know)	4

4. [T-WHP-4/00; CDC 01/02] Thinking about the problems you see in your community, how much difference do you believe YOU can personally make in working to solve problems you see – a great deal of difference, some difference, a little difference, almost no difference, or no difference at all?

A great deal of difference	8	38
Some difference	30	
A little difference.....	34	
Almost no difference.....	19	
No difference at all	8	62
(Don't know)	0	

5. Have you ever worked together informally with someone or some group to solve problems in the community where you live?

IF YES, FOLLOW-UP: Was this in the last 12 months or not?

Yes, in last 12 months 17
 Yes, not in last 12 months 13
 No 69
 (Don't know) 0

6. Have you ever spent time participating in any community service or volunteer activity, or haven't you had time to do this? By volunteer activity, I mean actually working in some way to help others for no pay. **IF YES, FOLLOW-UP:** Have you done this in the last 12 months?

Yes, in last 12 months 26
 Yes, not in last 12 months 20
 No 53
 (Don't know) 0

[ROTATE Q7 AND Q8]

7. [TIME SERIES] Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

Most people can be trusted 35
 You can't be too careful 60
 (Neither) 3
 (Don't know/refused) 2

8. [TIME SERIES] How much do you trust the government to do what is right for the country – a lot, some, a little, or not at all?

A lot 8 **50**
 Some 42
 A little 33
 Not at all 15 **48**
 (Don't know) 2

9. When you think about government classes, civics classes, or American history classes you had in middle school or high school, which of the following aspects were emphasized the MOST:

[READ AND ROTATE LIST -- ACCEPT TWO RESPONSES]

_ Great American heroes and the virtues of
 the American system of government 30
 _ The Constitution or the U.S. system
 of government and how it works 45
 _ Racism and other forms of injustice in the American system 9
 _ Wars and military battles 25
 _ Problems facing the country today 11
 _ (Other) 1
 _ (All of these) – well if you had to choose just one 2
 _ (None of these) – well if you had to choose just one 0
 _ (Don't know) 2

10. [T=NASS, 11/98 and CDC 01/02] In the past couple of years, have you chosen to take a class on government, politics, or civic education?

Yes 35
 No 65
 (Don't know) 0

11. Now for something slightly different. Have you ever decided NOT to buy something from a certain company because you disagree with the social, environmental, worker, or political policies of the company that distributes the item?

Yes 29
 No 70
 (Don't know) 1

12. Have you ever bought something from a certain company because you agreed with the social, environmental, worker or political policies of the company that distributes the item?

Yes 28
 No 69
 (Don't know) 3

Now I want to talk to you about voting.

13. [TS] How important is voting to you personally – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, a little important, or not important at all? [**FOR 15-17 YEAR OLDS:** Though you cannot vote right now, looking ahead to when you can, how important is voting to you personally—extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important at all?]

Extremely important 16 **53**
 Very important 37
 Somewhat important 27
 A little important 13
 Not important at all 6 **46**
 (Don't know) 1

14. [TS] When you were growing up, how often did you talk about politics, government or current events with your parents – often, sometimes, not very often, or never?

Often 16 **59**
 Sometimes 43
 Not very often 31
 Never 9 **40**
 (Don't know) 1

ASK Q15 TO THOSE 18 AND OVER

15. [T-NASS-11/98 and CDC 01/02] Often things come up and people are not able to register to vote. Would state or local records show that you are currently registered to vote or like many others are you not registered to vote at this time?

Yes 70
 No 26
 (Ineligible) 2
 (Don't know) 2

16. [TIME SERIES] When you think about who you will vote for in an election, what is the most important thing in deciding who to vote for? **FOR 15-17 YEAR OLDS:** when looking forward to when you will be able to vote, what do you think will be the most important thing in deciding who to vote for?

Share the candidate's views/ agree with issue positions	15
Honesty	6
Ability to do the job/ someone who will follow through	5
Party/ideology.....	3
Trustworthiness	2
Health care	2
Gun control/right to bear arms.....	0
Military/war/national defense.....	3
Abortion	1
Economy/taxes/jobs	15
Crime.....	2
Welfare	0
Education	7
Leadership.....	3
Environmental issues	1
Past record/past history.....	1
If they are for the people	2
(Other)	5
(No/none/nothing)	0
(Refuse)	0
(Don't know)	25

SPLIT SAMPLE C

Now let me read you some issues other people your age have mentioned as something they care about. I would like you to rate each issue on a scale from 0 to 10, where zero means it is something you do not care about at all and 10 means it is something you care a great deal about and are passionate about. Remember you can use any number from zero to ten.

[ROTATE Q.17 TO Q.35]	Mean	10	8-9	6-7	5	0-4	Don't know
17. Safety from terrorism	8.2	43	31	13	5	8	0
18. Sexual-health issues like H-I-V and AIDS	7.5	29	25	26	9	11	0
19. Teen pregnancy	6.9	22	21	25	16	15	1
20. Gun violence	7.6	31	31	16	10	12	0
21. Discrimination and prejudice	7.7	33	27	23	9	8	0
22. Drug and alcohol use	7.9	37	27	18	7	10	0
23. The creation of good paying jobs.....	9.2	62	27	7	2	1	0
24. Access to affordable college and higher education	8.9	57	28	9	3	3	0
25. The environment.....	7.3	24	28	26	11	11	0
26. Access to affordable health care	8.5	45	31	14	5	4	0
27. Privacy issues for things like regulating the Internet or unsolicited email	6.4	18	20	24	13	24	1
28. Issues of morality	7.5	25	30	24	11	9	1
29. Tolerance for those who are different	7.8	30	32	22	9	7	1
30. Retirement security	7.3	21	33	23	12	11	1
31. Abortion	6.8	23	20	24	17	15	1
32. The growing federal deficit	7.3	24	29	25	9	11	2
33. The war in Iraq.....	8.3	44	31	14	6	6	0
34. Taxes	7.8	34	28	20	11	7	1
35. Gay and lesbian issues.....	5.6	11	16	24	19	29	1

END SPLIT SAMPLE C

[SPLIT SAMPLE D]

Now I am going to read you some issues other people your age have mentioned. For each one I would like you to rate how important it is to you in deciding how you might vote. Using a scale from 0 to 10, where zero means it is not at all important in deciding how you might vote and 10 means it is one of the most important issues in deciding how you might vote. Remember, you can use any number from zero to ten.

[ROTATE Q.36 TO Q.54]	Mean	10	8-9	6-7	5	0-4	Don't know
36. Safety from terrorism	8.0	41	26	18	5	9	0
37. Sexual-health issues like H-I-V and AIDS	7.3	27	23	23	15	11	1
38. Teen pregnancy	6.9	20	23	28	15	13	1
39. Gun violence	7.5	31	23	22	11	12	0
40. Discrimination and prejudice	7.8	35	25	22	8	10	0
41. Drug and alcohol use	7.6	32	29	20	7	12	0
42. The creation of good paying jobs.....	9.0	57	29	9	3	1	0
43. Access to affordable college and higher education	8.7	52	29	11	4	4	0
44. The environment.....	7.1	21	27	25	14	13	0
45. Access to affordable health care	8.2	38	32	16	9	5	0
46. Privacy issues for things like regulating the Internet or unsolicited email	6.1	14	19	22	18	26	1
47. Issues of morality	7.4	24	30	23	14	8	1
48. Tolerance for those who are different	7.5	31	25	24	11	9	0
49. Retirement security	6.9	19	27	23	16	14	1
50. Abortion	6.7	18	26	22	16	17	1
51. The growing federal deficit	7.2	21	31	22	13	12	1
52. The war in Iraq.....	8.2	41	30	16	6	7	0
53. Taxes	7.7	31	26	25	11	8	0
54. Gay and lesbian issues.....	5.5	11	14	24	20	30	2

END SPLIT SAMPLE D

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

55. Of those issues I just mentioned, which is the MOST important of all to you personally?

[DO NOT READ - TAKE VOLUNTEER RESPONSE, CODE BELOW]

Safety from terrorism.....	7
Sexual-health issues like H-I-V and AIDS	1
Teen pregnancy	1
Gun violence	4
Discrimination and prejudice	5
Drug and alcohol use	7
The creation of good paying jobs	20
Access to affordable college and higher education.....	14
The environment	3
Access to affordable health care	6
Privacy issues for things like regulating the Internet or unsolicited email.....	0
Issues of morality	3
Tolerance for those who are different.....	1
Retirement security	1
Abortion	4
The growing federal deficit	1
The war in Iraq	10
Taxes.....	7
Gay and lesbian issues	1
(All of them) but if you had to choose just one	0
(None of them) but if you had to choose just one.....	0
(Don't know).....	1

[IF SELECTED AN ISSUE IN Q.55]

56. If a candidate or political organization contacted you asking for help in solving this issue, how likely would you be to volunteer – very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not likely at all?

Very likely.....	15	54
Somewhat likely	38	
Not very likely	25	
Not likely at all	13	38
(Don't know).....	9	

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

Here are some ways candidates and political organizations might be in contact with people like you. For each one, please tell me whether you would be more or less likely to pay attention to that candidate or organization if they communicated with you in this way. If receiving communication in this way is something that would turn you off to the candidate or organization please say so and we will move on.

[PROBE: Would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely, or much less likely to pay attention if they communicated with you in this way?]

Mch	Smwht	Smwht	Mch	Turn	(don't	More	Less
More	more	less	less	off	know)	likely	likely
likely	likely	likely	likely				

[ROTATE]

57. Sending weekly text message campaign updates to your cell phone or other handheld device.	3	19	16	18	34	9	23	34
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58. Having a weblog geared toward people like you with messages about issues that interest you	12	37	14	10	16	10	50	24
59. Sponsoring an online chat room where you can go to ask questions of candidates or organization staff	19	41	12	8	12	8	60	20
60. Sending email on issues that are important to you	17	38	12	10	16	8	54	22
61. Sponsoring campaign events in your area organized by Meetup.org	15	32	15	10	14	15	47	24
62. Sending emails urging you to turn out to vote on Election Day.....	11	30	14	14	22	9	41	28
63. Sponsoring an Internet banner ad on a website you visit frequently	7	29	16	16	21	11	36	31
64. Sending weekly emails with news about endorsement or other campaign updates.	9	33	13	17	19	9	42	30

SPLIT SAMPLE A

65. When you think about the information you find on the Internet about politics and public affairs would you say that you generally trust that information more than the information you get from newspapers and television, less than, or about the same as the information you get from newspapers and television?

[IF MORE/LESS: Is that much [more/less] or somewhat [more/less]?

Much more	3	16
Somewhat more	13	
Somewhat less.....	12	
Much less	8	20
About the same	55	
(Don't know).....	8	

END SPLIT SAMPLE A**SPLIT SAMPLE B**

66. When you think about the information you find on the Internet about politics and public affairs would you say that information is generally more accurate than the information you get from newspapers and television, less accurate, or about as accurate as the information you get from newspapers and television?

[IF MORE/LESS: Is that much [more/less] or somewhat [more/less]?

Much more	3	13
Somewhat more	11	
Somewhat less.....	15	
Much less	7	22
About the same	57	
(Don't know).....	8	

END SPLIT SAMPLE B

RESUME ASKING ALL

67. Here is a list of information sources other people say they might use when deciding who to support or vote for. Please tell me which of these, if any, you would use in making your decision.

[READ AND ROTATE LIST – ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

_The Internet	26
_Newspapers and magazines	42
_Candidate debates	33
_Friends and family members	38
_TV news programs	39
_Candidate advertisements on TV or radio.....	12
_Mailings from candidates.....	5
_Mailings or calls from groups you belong to.....	4
_Rallies or other public events	8
_ (Other)	1
_ (All)	2
_ (None)	1
(Don't know)	2

Now let me ask you something slightly different. I am going to read you some different areas and for each one please tell me whether you think homosexuals SHOULD or SHOULD NOT be able to have that right. **[IF ANSWER: Do you feel that way strongly or not?]**

	Strong should	NOT strong should	NOT strong should not	strong should not	don't know	Should	Should Not
SPLIT SAMPLE A [ROTATE]							
68. Get legally married.....	31	24	14	25	5	56	39
69. Have equal protection when it comes to housing opportunities.	56	30	5	5	4	86	10
END SSA							

SPLIT SAMPLE B
[ROTATE]

70. Form a civil union or legal partnership.....	32	31	13	18	7	63	30
71. Have equal protection when it comes to employment	58	27	6	8	1	85	14
END SSB							

RESUME ASKING ALL

72. Adopt children.....	30	23	14	26	7	53	39
73. Be protected from hate crimes committed against them because they are gay or lesbian.....	61	24	5	7	3	85	13
74. Have you ever volunteered for an organization or a candidate that was an advocate of gay and lesbian rights issues?							
Yes							3
No.....							95
(Don't know)							2

Thank you. The few remaining questions are for classification purposes only.

75. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

----**[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

----**[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:]** Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Republican	8	28
Not so strong Republican	11	
Indep. leans Republican	9	
Independent	25	
Indep. leans Democrat	9	
Not so strong Democrat	11	
Strong Democrat	12	32
(dk/na/other)	15	

76. On political issues do you consider yourself a liberal, a conservative, or a moderate?

----**(IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE:)** Would you call yourself a strong (liberal/conservative), or somewhat (liberal/conservative)?

----**(IF MODERATE:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to being liberal or being conservative?

Strong liberal	11	33
Not strong liberal	12	
Moderate - lean liberal	10	
Moderate	25	
Moderate – lean conservative	10	
Not strong conservative	11	
Strong conservative	7	28
(Other)	0	
(Don't know/refused)	14	

ASK ONLY OF THOSE 18 AND OLDER

77. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th grade	9
High school graduate	43
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech)	3
Some college	29
Associate's degree (2 year college)	5
College graduate	11
Post-graduate school	0
(Don't know)	1

78. Are you currently a student? **IF YES:** Do you go to school full-time or part-time?

Full-time student	27
Part-time student	9
Not a student	64
(Don't know)	1

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79. What is the highest level of schooling you expect to complete?

[CIRCLE ONE- DO NOT READ]

11 th grade or less	24
high school degree or equivalent	7
A non-college post h.s. degree (e.g., tech)	2
Some college	5
An associate's degree (2-year college)	7
A bachelor's degree (4-year college)	39
A post-graduate degree	8
(Don't know)	7

RESUME ASKING ALL80. Do you currently have one or more paid jobs? **IF YES:** How many paid jobs do you have – one, two, or more than that?

One	70
Two	6
More	1
No paid job	24
(Don't know)	0

81. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, divorced or widowed?

Married	15
Unmarried with partner	9
Single	75
Separated/divorced	1
Widowed	0
(Don't know)	0

82. Do you have any children?

Yes	20
No	80
(Don't know)	1

83. How often do you attend church or other place of worship?

READ CATEGORIES

More than once a week	4
Once a week	24
Once or twice a month	19
Several times a year	16
Only on holidays	12
Almost never	18
(Don't attend church, am not religious)	7
(Don't know)	0

84. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born again/evangelical	17
Not born-again	78
(Don't know)	6

85. [T-NASS-11/98; CDC 01/02] From what you remember while you were growing up, would you say that your parents voted during every election, most elections, only in important elections, rarely, or not at all?

READ CATEGORIES

Every election	27
Most elections	44
Only in important elections	16
Rarely.....	6
Not at all.....	4
(Don't know).....	3

86/87. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, what is your race?

DO NOT READ

White.....	70
Black	12
Hispanic (Puerto Rican, Mexican-American, etc.)	13
Asian	1
(Other).....	4
(Don't know/refused).....	0

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

88. Were you born in the United States?

Yes	96
No.....	4
(Don't know)	0

89. Were your parents born in the United States?

Yes	93
No.....	7
(Don't know)	0

90. Do you personally know or work with someone who is gay or lesbian?

Yes	49
No.....	47
(Don't know)	4
(Refused).....	0

91. **[IF YES]**

And this is my last question. Is that person yourself, a member of your family, a close friend, a coworker, or an acquaintance?

Family.....	15
Close friend	23
Co-worker.....	26
Acquaintance.....	31
Self	3
(Other)	1
(Don't know)	1

What is your zip code? _____

And finally, strictly for verification purposes, can I have just your first name?

And your phone number to make sure it is correctly marked off of our list?

That completes our public opinion survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening).