

AFRICAN AMERICAN & HISPANIC REPRODUCTIVE ISSUES SURVEY
PUBLIC RELIGION RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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N=810 Black American adults
N=813 Hispanic American adults

ASK ALL:

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
84	59	Approve
8	32	Disapprove
2	5	Neither/Neutral (VOL.)
2	1	Other (SPECIFY)
2	2	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.2 During the next 12 months, do you think your own personal financial situation will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
50	28	Better
6	17	Worse
43	54	About the same
*	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.3 Thinking about some issues in the country today, please say whether the following issues represent a critical issue facing the country, one among many important issues or not that important compared to other issues? (**RANDOMIZE LIST**)

a. The economy

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
71	75	Critical issue
25	22	One among many
2	2	Not that important
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Education

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
56	50	Critical issue
37	45	One among many
4	3	Not that important
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Immigration

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
23	49	Critical issue
58	40	One among many
16	10	Not that important
3	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. The federal deficit

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
48	52	Critical issue
43	43	One among many
6	5	Not that important
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Growing gap between rich and poor

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
45	40	Critical issue
41	51	One among many
12	8	Not that important
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Abortion

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
17	30	Critical issue
46	42	One among many
34	27	Not that important
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

g. Same-sex marriage

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
18	26	Critical issue
33	29	One among many
47	44	Not that important
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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ASK ALL:

REGIST These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
83	52	Yes, registered
15	39	No, not registered
1	7	Other (SPECIFY)
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.4 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2012 presidential election?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
71	43	Absolutely certain to vote
10	12	Probably will vote
10	11	Chances are 50-50
8	33	Less than 50-50 chance
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.5 If the 2012 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were Barack Obama, the Democrat, and Mitt Romney, the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
84	62	Barack Obama
4	23	Mitt Romney
3	6	Neither/Not Voting (VOL.)
1	2	Other (SPECIFY)
2	3	Don't know (VOL.)
6	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.6 Now we'd like your views on some political leaders. Please say whether your overall opinion of each of the following is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Mitt Romney

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
3	9	Very favorable
11	23	Mostly favorable
33	30	Mostly unfavorable
43	30	Very unfavorable
<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Barack Obama

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
63	37	Very favorable
27	30	Mostly favorable
4	13	Mostly unfavorable
3	16	Very unfavorable
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Now we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today...

Q.7 Do you think abortion should be...(RANDOMIZE LIST ORDER 1-4; 4-1)

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
26	18	Legal in all cases
41	28	Legal in most cases
20	29	Illegal in most cases
10	22	Illegal in all cases
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.8 Do you favor or oppose the following issues? [RANDOMIZE LIST]

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally.

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
15	19	Strongly favor
28	31	Favor
26	23	Oppose
27	24	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Allowing undocumented immigrants who have been in the U.S. for several years to earn legal working status and an opportunity for citizenship in the future.

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
21	49	Strongly favor
48	32	Favor
17	10	Oppose
11	8	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. The death penalty for persons convicted of murder.

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
21	23	Strongly favor
33	37	Favor
31	28	Oppose
12	10	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Expanding access to birth control for women who cannot afford it.

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
50	46	Strongly favor
42	39	Favor
4	9	Oppose
1	4	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Comprehensive sex education in public schools.

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
33	32	Strongly favor
51	47	Favor
10	12	Oppose
3	6	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Making testing and screening for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases more available.

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
56	50	Strongly favor
37	41	Favor
3	5	Oppose
2	1	Strongly oppose
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ROTATE Q9 AND Q10

Q.9 In the long run, do you think the health care reform law passed in 2010 will make health care more AFFORDABLE for most Americans, will it make health care less AFFORDABLE for most Americans, or will it make no difference?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
48	36	More affordable
14	25	Less affordable
34	37	Make no difference
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.10 In the long run, do you think the health care reform law passed in 2010 will lead to more people HAVING HEALTH INSURANCE, lead to fewer people HAVING HEALTH INSURANCE, or will it make no difference?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
52	45	More people insured
16	18	Fewer people insured
29	34	Make no difference
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.11 Do you think at least some health care professionals in your community should provide legal abortions, or not?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
57	42	Yes, should
33	49	No, should not
3	3	Depends (VOL.)
2	1	Other (SPECIFY)
1	1	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.12 Do you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for American society, a bad thing for American society, or do you believe it doesn't make much difference?
[ROTATE Q12A & Q12B; ROTATE Q12C & Q12D]

a. More gay and lesbian couples getting married.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
15	16	Good thing
43	42	Bad thing
40	39	No difference
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. More people of different races marrying each other.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
41	43	Good thing
4	7	Bad thing
53	48	No difference
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. More states placing restrictions on the availability of abortion.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
23	38	Good thing
46	38	Bad thing
28	20	No difference
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. More unmarried couples raising children.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
13	14	Good thing
35	36	Bad thing
50	48	No difference
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.13 Now, read each statement and please say if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Methods of birth control should be generally available to teenagers age 16 or older without parental approval.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
24	24	Completely agree
35	30	Mostly agree
24	21	Mostly disagree
13	22	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. If enough people had a personal relationship with God, social problems would take care of themselves.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
30	24	Completely agree
38	32	Mostly agree
18	26	Mostly disagree
9	15	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Over the past couple of decades, the government has paid too much attention to the problems of blacks and other minorities.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
7	9	Completely agree
13	31	Mostly agree
30	39	Mostly disagree
45	17	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. All in all, family life suffers when the woman has a full-time job.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
9	17	Completely agree
21	30	Mostly agree
37	31	Mostly disagree
28	19	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. God always rewards those who have faith with good health, financial success, and fulfilling personal relationships.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
24	25	Completely agree
35	29	Mostly agree
18	24	Mostly disagree
19	18	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. In America today, the right of religious liberty is being threatened.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
18	16	Completely agree
34	30	Mostly agree
31	30	Mostly disagree
13	20	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.14 There is currently a debate over what kinds of health care plans employers, including religiously affiliated employers, should be required to provide. Do you think the following organizations should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost, or not? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Churches and other places of worship.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
48	47	Yes, should have to provide
49	48	No, should not have to provide
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Religiously-affiliated colleges and hospitals.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
61	64	Yes, should have to provide
35	33	No, should not have to provide
4	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Publicly-held corporations.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
69	70	Yes, should have to provide
27	27	No, should not have to provide
3	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.15 Now please tell us how well the following terms describe you. **[SHOW ONE ITEM PER PAGE; RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Pro-life

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
27	40	Very well
44	37	Somewhat well
17	13	Not too well
8	6	Not at all well
4	4	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Pro-choice

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
33	29	Very well
42	43	Somewhat well
13	15	Not too well
7	10	Not at all well
4	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.16 Next, please read the list of statements about personal behavior. Regardless of whether or not you think it should be legal, for each one, please say whether you personally believe that it is morally acceptable or morally wrong. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Sex between a young man and young woman under the age of 18.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
29	30	Morally acceptable
60	58	Morally wrong
5	3	Depends (VOL.)
2	5	Other (SPECIFY)
1	*	Don't know (VOL.)
4	4	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Having an abortion.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
33	25	Morally acceptable
51	61	Morally wrong
5	7	Depends (VOL.)
3	1	Personal decision/choice (VOL.)
2	2	Other (SPECIFY)
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Having a child without being married.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
50	52	Morally acceptable
41	36	Morally wrong
2	4	Depends (VOL.)
3	3	Other (SPECIFY)
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Sex between two adults of the same gender.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
26	31	Morally acceptable
61	55	Morally wrong
3	2	Depends (VOL.)
4	2	Personal decision/choice (VOL.)
3	5	Other (SPECIFY)
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Using artificial birth control methods also known as contraceptives.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
81	79	Morally acceptable
12	14	Morally wrong
1	2	Depends (VOL.)
2	1	Other (SPECIFY)
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.17 Please tell us whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion in the following circumstances. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. If there is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
65	61	Yes, should
31	37	No, should not
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. If she became pregnant as the result of rape.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
80	68	Yes, should
17	29	No, should not
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. If she is not married and does not want to marry the man.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
38	29	Yes, should
58	68	No, should not
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
44	34	Yes, should
52	63	No, should not
4	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. If she is still in high school.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
44	34	Yes, should
52	63	No, should not
4	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.18 Do you think abortion clinics are...

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
17	9	Very safe
49	38	Somewhat safe
20	26	Not too safe
12	24	Not at all safe
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.19 In your community, how difficult do you think it is to get an abortion?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
14	16	Very difficult
22	28	Somewhat difficult
42	34	Not too difficult
19	16	Not at all difficult
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
55	11	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, etc.)
4	53	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
*	2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
*	1	Jewish (Judaism)
2	*	Muslim (Islam)
*	*	Buddhist
*	*	Hindu
1	2	Atheist (do not believe in God)
1	1	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
10	6	Nothing in particular
22	16	Just Christian
1	1	Unitarian (Universalist)
3	2	Something else (SPECIFY)
*	*	Don't know (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1-4, 12 OR 14), ASK [N=690 Black Americans; N=658 Hispanic Americans]:

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

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
60	26	Yes
39	74	No
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF RELIG=1,2,3,4,12 OR BORN =1, ASK [N=655 Black Americans; N=657 Hispanic Americans]:

LABEL And would you use any of the following labels to describe yourself, or would you not describe yourself this way? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Charismatic Christian

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
20	17	Yes
74	80	No
<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Pentecostal Christian

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
24	14	Yes
69	81	No
<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Part of the religious right or conservative Christian movement

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
17	11	Yes
76	84	No
<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
19	11	More than once a week
24	23	Once a week
11	9	Once or twice a month
16	19	A few times a year
19	22	Seldom
9	14	Never
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.20 How important is religion in your life?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
32	18	The most important thing
41	37	Very important
17	25	Somewhat important
5	9	Not too important
4	8	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.21 People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
48	21	Several times a day
16	29	Once a day
12	15	A few times a week
2	5	Once a week
6	7	A few times a month
9	11	Seldom
5	9	Never
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.22 Which comes closest to your view? [READ, IN ORDER]
IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.22=1), ASK [N=637 Black Americans; N=558 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.23 And would you say that [READ, IN ORDER]?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
80	70	[Holy book] is the word of God, OR
50	37	<i>[Holy book] is to be taken literally, word for word, OR</i>
26	30	<i>Not everything in [Holy book] should be taken literally, word for word.</i>
5	3	<i>Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
12	19	[Holy book] is a book written by men and is not the word of God.
6	8	Other (SPECIFY)
2	2	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.24 Which statement comes closest to your view of God?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
74	64	God is a person with whom people can have a relationship
22	27	God is an impersonal force
1	4	I do not believe in God
3	4	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (ATTEND<4), ASK [N=425 Black Americans; N=366 Hispanic Americans]:

Thinking about your place of worship...

Q.25 How often, if at all do, the clergy at your place of worship talk about the following issues? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. The issue of homosexuality

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
13	10	Often
34	33	Sometimes
32	33	Seldom
18	23	Never
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. The issue of abortion

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
10	24	Often
20	30	Sometimes
35	31	Seldom
32	15	Never
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Racism or discrimination

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
12	17	Often
36	30	Sometimes
28	31	Seldom
22	21	Never
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Economic inequality

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
18	15	Often
36	34	Sometimes
26	32	Seldom
18	17	Never
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Immigration

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
4	15	Often
16	25	Sometimes
32	33	Seldom
44	24	Never
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF CLERGY DISCUSS ‘HOMOSEXUALITY’ OFTEN OR SOMETIMES (Q25a=1,2), ASK [N=219 Black Americans; N=158 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.26 When your clergy has spoken about the issue of homosexuality, do they say it is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or do they not take a position on the issue?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
7	10	Morally acceptable
77	80	Morally wrong
14	11	Don’t take a position
<u>2</u>	*	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF CLERGY DISCUSS ‘ABORTION’ OFTEN OR SOMETIMES (Q25b=1,2), ASK [N=151 Black Americans; N=203 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.27 When your clergy has spoken about the issue of abortion, do they say it is morally acceptable, morally wrong, or do they not take a position on the issue?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
14	10	Morally acceptable
68	84	Morally wrong
10	5	Don’t take a position
<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

RANDOMIZE Q28-Q30

IF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (RELG=1-4, 12, OR BORN=1), ASK [N=655 Black Americans; N=657 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.28 Do you think it is possible to disagree with your religion’s teachings on issue of contraception or birth control and still be considered a good [INSERT RELIGION]?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
81	80	Possible
16	19	Not possible
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (RELG=1-4, 12, OR BORN=1), ASK: (N=655 Black Americans; N=657 Hispanic Americans)

Q.29 Do you think it is possible to disagree with your religion’s teachings on issue of abortion and still be considered a good [INSERT RELIGION]?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
78	60	Possible
19	38	Not possible
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (RELG=1-4, 12, OR BORN=1), ASK: (N=655 Black Americans; N=657 Hispanic Americans)

Q.30 Do you think it is possible to disagree with your religion’s teachings on issue of homosexuality and still be considered a good [INSERT RELIGION]?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
71	65	Possible
26	33	Not possible
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.31 Thinking about the issue of ABORTION, how important are the following values for informing your beliefs on this issue? [RANDOMIZE LIST]

a. Protecting the sanctity of life.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
57	56	Very important
26	30	Somewhat important
10	9	Not too important
4	3	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Protecting religious liberty.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
52	55	Very important
27	29	Somewhat important
13	8	Not too important
6	5	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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c. Promoting personal responsibility.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
63	70	Very important
25	22	Somewhat important
5	4	Not too important
4	3	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Not judging other people.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
72	72	Very important
17	19	Somewhat important
6	3	Not too important
3	4	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Protecting women’s freedom to make their own decisions.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
65	60	Very important
22	27	Somewhat important
6	7	Not too important
4	4	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Showing compassion for women in difficult circumstances.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
68	68	Very important
21	23	Somewhat important
5	4	Not too important
3	2	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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Q.32 Now, read the following statement and please say if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. **[SHOW ONE ITEM PER PAGE; RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Having an abortion is a selfish decision that allows a woman to avoid taking responsibility.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
14	29	Completely agree
22	26	Mostly agree
32	23	Mostly disagree
28	20	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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b. In certain circumstances, having an abortion is the most responsible decision a woman can make.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
36	40	Completely agree
34	28	Mostly agree
14	13	Mostly disagree
11	16	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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Q.33 Thinking about the people that you know...Do you have a close friend or family member who...? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Is gay or lesbian.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
59	49	Yes
39	48	No
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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b. Was not married and had an unintended pregnancy.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
77	60	Yes
20	37	No
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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c. Has had an abortion.

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
57	39	Yes
40	59	No
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
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Q.34 As far as you know, does President Barack Obama favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
68	64	Favor
7	7	Oppose
22	27	Not sure
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF FAVOR [Q34=1], ASK [N=536 Black Americans; N=539 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.35 Do you approve or disapprove of Obama's position on same-sex marriage?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
60	56	Approve
38	43	Disapprove
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Now questions for statistical purposes only...

Q.36 Were you born in the mainland United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
-	40	Born in U.S.
-	51	Born in another country
-	5	Born in Puerto Rico
-	*	Born in other U.S. territories (Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands)
-	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
-	100	Total

IF BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S. (Q36=2), ASK [N=392 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.37 In what country were you born?

<u>Black Americans</u>	<u>Hispanic Americans</u>	
-	68	México
-	1	El Salvador
-	6	Cuba
-	2	Dominican Republic
-	2	Guatemala
-	*	Jamaica
-	3	Colombia
-	*	Haití
-	1	Honduras
-	1	Ecuador
-	1	Other (SPECIFY)
-	2	Other—Central America/Caribbean (VOL.)
-	10	Other—South America (VOL.)
-	2	Don't know (VOL.)
-	<u>1</u>	Refused (VOL.)
-	100	Total

IF BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY (Q36=2), ASK [N=392 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.38 Are you currently a citizen of the United States, or not?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
-	40	Yes
-	56	No
-	4	Other (SPECIFY)
-	*	Refused (VOL.)
-	100	Total

IF BORN OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES (Q36=2-4 OR Refused), ASK [N=454 Hispanic Americans]:

Q.39 When did you first arrive to live in the (mainland) United States?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
-	12	Before 1971
-	10	1971-1980
-	17	1981-1990
-	32	1991-2000
-	22	2000-2012
-	6	Refused (VOL.)
-	100	Total

GENERATION Where were your parents born? Were they both born in the U.S., was one born in the U.S., or were both born in another country?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
-	24	Both parents born in the U.S.
-	11	Only one parent born in the U.S.
-	62	Both parents born in another country
-	2	Refused (VOL.)
-	100	Total

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

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
34	52	Married
10	14	Living with a partner
11	7	Divorced
4	4	Separated
5	2	Widowed
36	21	Never been married
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

PARENT Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18 now living in your household?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
31	48	Yes
68	50	No
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF PARENT = 1, ASK [N=246 Black Americans; N=350 Hispanic Americans]:

PARENT2 Do you have any children that are between the ages of 13 and 18?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
11	22	Yes, have a daughter (or daughters)
20	19	Yes, have a son (or sons)
13	8	Yes, have both daughter(s) and son(s)
55	50	No, do not have children between the ages of 13 and 18
1	1	Other (SPECIFY)
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

HCARE Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, or do you not have health insurance at this time?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
75	63	Yes, have health insurance
23	34	No, not covered by health insurance
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF HCARE = 1, ASK [N=606 Black Americans; N=528 Hispanic Americans]:

HTYPE Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
41	39	Plan through your employer
10	15	Plan through your spouse's employer
5	5	Plan you purchased yourself
21	16	Medicare
12	8	Medicaid
4	6	Some other government program
5	8	Plan through your parents
2	3	Somewhere else (SPECIFY)
<u>1</u>	*	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

EMPLOY What best describes your employment situation today?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
48	51	Working, as a paid employee
4	6	Working, self-employed
2	2	Not working, on temporary layoff from a job
17	13	Not working, looking for work
12	8	Not working, retired
12	5	Not working, disabled
5	15	Not working, other
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

FINC Thinking about your financial situation. Would you say you are in excellent financial shape, good shape, only fair shape, or in poor shape financially?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
6	5	Excellent shape
32	30	Good shape
42	46	Only fair shape
18	16	Poor shape
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[READ IN ORDER; ROTATE 1-5, 5-1]**

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
4	4	Very conservative
14	17	Conservative
54	50	Moderate
21	20	Liberal
5	5	Very liberal
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
3	13	Republican
67	39	Democrat
13	17	Independent
12	27	No preference
1	1	Other party (SPECIFY)
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

IF INDEPENDENT, NO PREFERENCE, OR OTHER PARTY (PARTY=3,4,5), ASK [N=207 Black Americans; N=366 Hispanic Americans]:

PARTYLN As of today, do you lean more towards the Republican Party or more towards the Democratic Party?

Black Americans	Hispanic Americans	
15	36	Republican
73	56	Democrat
<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding

Survey Methodology

The African American & Hispanic Reproductive Issues Survey was conducted by Public Religion Research Institute among a random sample of 810 non-Hispanic black American adults and 813 Hispanic American adults who are part of the Knowledge Networks' KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted online in English among the black American sample and in both English and Spanish among the Hispanic sample. Interviews were conducted between June 14 and June 23, 2012. The margin of sampling error is +/- 4.7 percentage points for the Hispanic sample and +/- 5.1 percentage points for the black American sample at the 95% level of confidence. The survey was funded by a generous grant from the Ford Foundation.

The KnowledgePanel is a nationally representative probability sample of the U.S. adult population. Panelists are recruited by randomly selecting residential addresses using a process called address-based sampling (ABS). Since nearly 3-in-10 U.S. households do not have home Internet access, respondent households who do not have Internet access or own a computer are provided Internet service and a netbook computer to ensure that panel respondents are representative of the U.S. adult population. Unlike opt-in panels, households are not permitted to "self-select" into KnowledgePanel; nor are they allowed to participate in many surveys per week. Additional details about the KnowledgePanel can be found on the Knowledge Networks website: www.knowledgenetworks.com/knpanel.

To reduce the effects of any non-response and non-coverage bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the March 2012 Current Population Survey (CPS). The black American sample was weighted to seven different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, metropolitan area, education, income and Internet access—to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the population. The Hispanic sample was weighted to nine different parameters—age, sex, geographic region, metropolitan area, education, income, Internet access, primary language, and country of origin.