



**PRRI 2017 Kids' Wellbeing Survey**  
**Total = 3,455 (2,821 Online, 634 Telephone)**  
**April 11 - May 12, 2017**

Q.1 In general, do you think America's best days are ahead of us or behind us?

April <u>2017</u>	Sept. <u>2016</u>	Oct. <u>2015</u>	Aug. <u>2012</u>	
52	48	49	54	Ahead of us
46	50	49	38	Behind us
-	-	-	4	Depends (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

Q.2 Looking to the future, do you think most children in this country will grow up to be better off or worse off than their parents?

April <u>2017</u>	March <u>2016</u> <sup>1</sup>	
48	43	Better off
50	48	Worse off
-	2	About the same (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.3 Here is a list of activities that some people do and others do not. Please indicate whether you have done any of the following in the past 12 months. **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Attended a political rally, campaign event, or town hall meeting

15	Yes, have
84	No, have not
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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<sup>1</sup> Point Taken/Marist Poll, March 2016

## b. Contacted an elected official

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2016</u> <sup>2</sup>	
23	12	Yes, have
76	88	No, have not
*	-	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

## c. Displayed a poster or bumper-sticker, or wore a pin or piece of clothing supporting a political candidate or cause

21	Yes, have
79	No, have not
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

## d. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign or cause on Facebook, Twitter or other social media

34	Yes, have
65	No, have not
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

## e. Donated money to a political campaign or cause

19	Yes, have
81	No, have not
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	Total

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<sup>2</sup> Pew Research Center American Trends Panel Poll, July 2016

Q.4 Many people participate in some elections, but not others. Please say how often you participate in the following elections. How often would you say you vote in the following types of elections? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Local elections for school board, city council and other city or county offices

26	Always
18	Nearly always
15	In about half of elections
17	Seldom
24	Never
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Elections for U.S. president

63	Always
11	Nearly always
5	In about half of elections
8	Seldom
13	Never
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Midterm elections for U.S. Congress

33	Always
15	Nearly always
11	In about half of elections
14	Seldom
27	Never
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 Thinking about some issues that are important to people, how important are the following issues to you personally? For each issue, please say whether it is a critical issue to you, one among many important issues, or not that important compared to other issues. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Crime

April <u>2017</u>	Sept. <u>2016</u>	May <u>2016</u>	Oct. <u>2015</u>	
54	54	48	53	Critical issue
39	39	45	39	One among many important issues
7	7	7	8	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	*	*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

b. Race relations

April <u>2017</u>	Sept. <u>2016</u>	May <u>2016</u>	Oct. <u>2015</u>	
37	47	36	39	Critical issue
44	40	45	42	One among many important issues
18	12	19	19	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

c. Cost of higher education

38	Critical issue
49	One among many important issues
12	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Health care

April <u>2017</u>	Oct. <u>2015</u>	Dec. <u>2013</u>	
65	63	57	Critical issue
31	32	31	One among many important issues
4	4	10	Not that important an issue
*	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

## e. Quality of public schools

50	Critical issue
44	One among many important issues
6	Not that important an issue
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## f. Cost of childcare

31	Critical issue
49	One among many important issues
20	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## g. Domestic violence

44	Critical issue
45	One among many important issues
11	Not that important an issue
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## h. Ensuring all children have equal opportunities to succeed

54	Critical issue
40	One among many important issues
5	Not that important an issue
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,735]:**

## i. People living in poverty

48	Critical issue
44	One among many important issues
7	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

j. Immigration issues

45	Critical issue
43	One among many important issues
12	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,720]:**

k. Children living in poverty

63	Critical issue
33	One among many important issues
4	Not that important an issue
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

l. Immigration issues that affect children

44	Critical issue
43	One among many important issues
12	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose the following... **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Increasing the tax rate on Americans earning more than \$250,000 a year

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
April 2017	43	34	16	7	1=100
Oct. 2016	27	30	22	15	6=100
Sept. 2016	41	31	19	8	1=100
May 2016	33	36	22	9	1=100
April 2016	27	32	21	14	5=100
Aug. 2014	26	31	24	13	5=100
June 2013	29	34	22	12	3=100
Sept. 2012	33	28	19	17	4=100

b. Requiring companies to provide all full-time employees with paid sick days if they or an immediate family member gets sick

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2014</u>	
48	46	41	Strongly favor
38	39	40	Favor
11	10	11	Oppose
2	5	4	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

c. Providing tax breaks to low income parents with child support obligations to help them take care of their children

41	Strongly favor
46	Favor
10	Oppose
3	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Providing free Pre-Kindergarten services to all children in your state

40	Strongly favor
40	Favor
15	Oppose
4	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Encouraging judges to find alternatives to prison for nonviolent juvenile offenders

28	Strongly favor
49	Favor
17	Oppose
4	Strongly oppose
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## f. Prohibiting employers from asking about criminal history on job application forms

13	Strongly favor
25	Favor
41	Oppose
20	Strongly oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.7 Thinking about some of the problems facing communities in the U.S. today, please say whether any of the following are problems in your own community.

**[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

## a. Drug abuse and addiction

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Nov.</u> <u>2016</u>	
68	51	Major problem
25	35	Minor problem
6	13	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## b. People suffering from hunger and malnutrition

43	Major problem
40	Minor problem
16	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## c. Illegal immigration

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2012</u>	
39	36	28	Major problem
38	39	36	Minor problem
22	25	34	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	*	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total



## d. Lack of good paying jobs

56	Major problem
33	Minor problem
10	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## e. Lack of access to good public schools

36	Major problem
35	Minor problem
28	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## f. Lack of opportunities for young people

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2012</u>	
42	51	54	Major problem
44	36	32	Minor problem
13	12	12	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	*	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

## g. Breakdown of families

43	Major problem
43	Minor problem
13	Not a problem
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## h. Crime

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2012</u>	
50	48	33	Major problem
41	42	48	Minor problem
8	10	19	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,723]:**

## i. Racial tensions

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2012</u>	
37	35	17	Major problem
42	40	42	Minor problem
21	24	39	Not a problem
*	*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,732]:**

## j. Racism

41	Major problem
45	Minor problem
13	Not a problem
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Now, please read the following statements on a few different topics and say if you agree or disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

## a. Most young people today do not share the same values I do

32	Completely agree
43	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
4	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## b. In the United States today, children from all income groups have adequate opportunities to be successful

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2013</u>	
20	18	16	Completely agree
35	31	31	Mostly agree
30	28	32	Mostly disagree
15	21	21	Completely disagree
*	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

c. Children whose families cannot afford health insurance should receive coverage through the government

44	Completely agree
42	Mostly agree
11	Mostly disagree
3	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The government should provide financial assistance to relatives, such as grandparents, who are able to care for children who have been in foster care

36	Completely agree
48	Mostly agree
13	Mostly disagree
2	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.9 Please say whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views--even if neither is exactly right.... **[ROTATE STATEMENTS]**

	It is not really that big a problem if some people have more of a chance in life than <u>others</u>	One of the big problems in this country is that we don't give everyone an equal chance <u>in life</u>	Other <u>[SPECIFY]</u>	Neither/ Both equally <u>(VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
April 2017	32	66	-	-	2=100
Oct. 2015	28	65	5	1	1=100
Aug. 2014	38	55	-	5	3=100
June 2013	39	53	-	5	3=100
Aug. 2012	39	54	-	4	3=100
Oct. 2011	40	53	-	4	3=100
Sept. 2010	41	53	-	4	2=100

Q.10 Thinking about things that could help or hurt someone's chances of success in America today, how much do the following matter in terms of how easy or difficult it is for people to get ahead? Would you say the following matters... **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. The wealth of someone's family

51	A great deal
28	Some
11	Little
10	Not at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. A person's racial or ethnic background

29	A great deal
38	Some
16	Little
16	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Being an immigrant

31	A great deal
38	Some
16	Little
13	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Now a few questions about you...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

29	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)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
*	Muslim (Islam)
1	Buddhist
*	Hindu
4	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
10	Nothing in particular
22	Just Christian
1	Unitarian (Universalist)
2	Something else [SPECIFY]
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE (RELIG=1-4, 12 OR 14), ASK [N=2,449]:**

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

39	Yes
60	No
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

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

10	More than once a week
19	Once a week
11	Once or twice a month
16	A few times a year
25	Seldom
19	Never
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

On a different topic...

Q.11 Overall, how well do you think the following programs and institutions are working in your state? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. The foster care system

5	Very well
41	Somewhat well
37	Not too well
12	Not at all well
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. The public school system

13	Very well
49	Somewhat well
27	Not too well
10	Not at all well
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. The juvenile justice system

5	Very well
38	Somewhat well
41	Not too well
13	Not at all well
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.12 Do you think Pre-Kindergarten programs in your state should be supported by local taxpayers like public schools or should parents be obligated to pay for such programs for their children themselves?

66	Should be supported by taxpayers
33	Should be paid by parents
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
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. When making sentencing and prison-assignment decisions for parents convicted of a crime, judges should always consider the impact on children and families

20	Completely agree
41	Mostly agree
27	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. People convicted of nonviolent crimes should not be held in jail between their arrest and trial date simply because they cannot afford bail

25	Completely agree
38	Mostly agree
25	Mostly disagree
10	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Public schools that serve many poor students, students learning English as a second language, and students in foster care should receive more money per student than other public schools who serve fewer of these students

17	Completely agree
39	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
14	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The only way to make sure that children living in poverty have a chance to succeed in life is to provide more assistance to their parents

17	Completely agree
39	Mostly agree
31	Mostly disagree
12	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. After serving their sentences, people convicted of a crime should be given more support so that they can make a new start in life

27	Completely agree
46	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
7	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. We have a moral responsibility to make sure that every child in the U.S. has an opportunity to succeed

49	Completely agree
40	Mostly agree
8	Mostly disagree
2	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.14 Please tell me which of the following four options you think should be the top priority for dealing with crime committed by young people. Would you say...  
**[RANDOMIZE]**

42	Prevention, such as youth education programs
40	Rehabilitation, such as job training and education for offenders
7	Punishment, such as longer sentences and more prisons
10	Enforcement, such as putting more police officers on the streets
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

As you may know, the foster care system currently provides financial support to people who are willing to become foster parents.

Q.15 How often do people agree to become foster parents because of the financial support they receive from the government?

26	Very often
46	Somewhat often
21	Not too often
4	Not at all often
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total



Q.16 Now, please read the following statements on a few different topics and say if you agree or disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**.

a. It bothers me when I come in contact with immigrants who speak little or no English

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
April 2017	16	24	28	31	1=100
May 2016	20	30	27	22	1=100
April 2016	14	20	30	34	3=100
Oct. 2015	22	26	26	25	1=100

b. Today discrimination against whites has become as big a problem as discrimination against blacks and other minorities

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
April 2017	22	26	27	24	1=100
Oct. 2016	17	22	27	30	3=100
Sept. 2016	20	27	30	21	1=100
May 2016	23	26	26	23	1=100
Oct. 2015	17	26	29	26	1=100
Aug. 2014	19	26	28	23	4=100
Aug. 2012	18	29	30	21	3=100
Aug. 2011	15	31	33	18	2=100

c. Things have changed so much that I often feel like a stranger in my own country

<u>April</u> 2017	<u>Nov.</u> 2016	<u>Oct.</u> 2016	
15	19	17	Completely agree
29	27	24	Mostly agree
33	29	30	Mostly disagree
22	24	27	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

d. People like me are asked to make too many sacrifices that benefit people of another race

13	Completely agree
23	Mostly agree
36	Mostly disagree
26	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	
13	16	Completely agree
30	32	Mostly agree
28	30	Mostly disagree
27	19	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. As the number of black and other minority children continues to grow, our economic future depends on helping children from these communities be successful

31	Completely agree
46	Mostly agree
17	Mostly disagree
4	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

	<u>Completely</u> <u>agree</u>	<u>Mostly</u> <u>agree</u>	<u>Mostly</u> <u>disagree</u>	<u>Completely</u> <u>disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/</u> <u>Refused</u> <u>(VOL.)</u>
April 2017	13	27	36	22	2=100
April 2016	11	21	34	29	5=100
Aug. 2014	14	24	36	20	5=100
Aug. 2012	12	28	37	20	3=100
Sept. 2010	11	26	40	20	3=100

## h. Police officers generally treat blacks and other minorities the same as whites

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
April 2017	10	32	33	24	1=100
Sept. 2016	15	37	30	17	1=100
Oct. 2015	10	31	33	24	2=100
May 2015	12	29	29	23	7=100
Nov. 2014	12	33	31	21	4=100

Q.17 How much of the time do you think you can trust each of the following to do what is right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

## a. The federal government

April <u>2017</u>	Dec. <u>2014</u> <sup>3</sup>	
4	3	Just about always
25	21	Most of the time
56	56	Only some of the time
15	19	None of the time
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## b. Your state government

April <u>2017</u>	Dec. <u>2014</u> <sup>4</sup>	
3	3	Just about always
31	29	Most of the time
51	53	Only some of the time
14	13	None of the time
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

<sup>3</sup> Pew Research Center American Trends Panel Poll, December 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Pew Research Center American Trends Panel Poll, December 2014.

## c. Your local government

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Dec.</u> <u>2014</u> <sup>5</sup>	
4	4	Just about always
39	36	Most of the time
45	46	Only some of the time
10	12	None of the time
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.18 Now, read each statement and please say if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

## a. When something is run by the government, it is usually inefficient and wasteful

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2012</u> <sup>6</sup>	
19	29	Completely agree
44	31	Mostly agree
31	28	Mostly disagree
5	9	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## b. Too often government is helping the wrong people

23	Completely agree
44	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
4	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

<sup>5</sup> Pew Research Center American Trends Panel Poll, December 2014.

<sup>6</sup> Pew Research Center for the People & the Press Values Survey, April 2012.

c. Government is providing too many social services that should be left to religious groups and private charities

<u>April</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2013</u>	
9	20	Completely agree
27	30	Mostly agree
43	30	Mostly disagree
19	18	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Nonprofits and religious charities are not large enough to address all the needs of poor Americans

35	Completely agree
42	Mostly agree
17	Mostly disagree
4	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Government often does a better job than people give it credit for

7	Completely agree
39	Mostly agree
42	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.19 In general, how much, if at all, do you think the following types of people have in common with you? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK WHITES ONLY [N=2,177]:**

a. African Americans

20	A lot in common
53	Some in common
17	Little in common
8	Nothing in common
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## b. Hispanics

17	A lot in common
54	Some in common
18	Little in common
10	Nothing in common
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## c. Asian-Pacific Islanders

14	A lot in common
48	Some in common
22	Little in common
15	Nothing in common
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

## d. Muslims

10	A lot in common
32	Some in common
27	Little in common
30	Nothing in common
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## e. Atheists

14	A lot in common
30	Some in common
23	Little in common
31	Nothing in common
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## f. Immigrants

17	A lot in common
45	Some in common
22	Little in common
14	Nothing in common
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Thinking about the people who you know...

Q.20 Do you have a close friend or family member who... **[RANDOMIZE LIST] [PLEASE SELET ALL THAT APPLY]**

a. Is a different race or ethnicity than you

- 64 Yes, close friend
- 30 Yes, family member
- 24 No, do not have close friend or family member

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

b. Was born outside the U.S.

- 44 Yes, close friend
- 27 Yes, family member
- 42 No, do not have close friend or family member

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

c. Is a different religion than you

- 65 Yes, close friend
- 46 Yes, family member
- 16 No, do not have close friend or family member

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

d. Did not go to college

- 63 Yes, close friend
- 63 Yes, family member
- 12 No, do not have close friend or family member

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

**ROTATE ORDER: Q21 & Q22**

Q.21 In your own community, would you say the people who are poor are mostly white, mostly black, mostly Hispanic, or some other combination?

April <u>2017</u>	Oct. <u>2016</u>	
30	25	Mostly white
28	18	Mostly black
18	14	Mostly Hispanic
3	9	Other [SPECIFY]
14	13	Multiple races, including whites (VOL.)
-	2	Other ethnic/religious group (VOL.)
3	4	Combination of nonwhite groups (VOL.)
-	3	Two races, including whites (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.22 In your view, are most people who receive welfare payments genuinely in need of help or are they taking advantage of the system?

April <u>2017</u>	Oct. <u>2016</u>	Sept. <u>2012</u>	
53	46	44	In need of help
45	44	46	Taking advantage of the system
-	4	3	Other (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q.23 Even if you do not regularly get your news from the following sources, which of the following do you trust MOST to provide accurate information about politics and current events? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER]**

20	Fox News
7	The New York Times
14	CNN
5	MSNBC
10	NPR
3	USA Today
20	Local television news/local newspapers
3	The Wall Street Journal
17	The major broadcast networks (ABC, NBC, CBS)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total



**IF REGISTERED (REGIST=1), ASK [N=2,986]:**

Thinking about the 2016 presidential election...

Q.24 Did you happen to vote for **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, **[INSERT]**, some other candidate or did things come up that kept you from voting?

45	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat
36	Donald Trump, the Republican
7	Other candidate [SPECIFY]
11	Did not vote
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI. The survey was made possible by a generous grant from The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 3,455 adults (age 18 and up) 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 in AmeriSpeak, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the national U.S. adult population run by NORC at the University of Chicago. Panel participants without Internet access, which included 634 respondents, were interviewed via telephone by professional interviewers under the direction of NORC. Interviewing was conducted in both Spanish and English between April 11 and May 12, 2017. The total sample includes oversamples of 1,202 respondents in the South and 1,237 respondents in the Southwest.<sup>7</sup>

NORC's AmeriSpeak Panel provides a representative panel of civilian, non-institutional adults (age 18 and over) living in the United States. The sample frame was developed using a two-stage probability sample design to create a representative sample of households in the United States. The first stage uses National Frame Areas (NFAs), geographic areas that have a population of at least 10,000 people. The National Sample Frame contains almost 3 million households and includes 80,000 rural households. Additionally, NORC oversampled housing units in segments (Census tracts or block groups) that include hard-to-reach populations, including young adults, Hispanics and African Americans. Panel recruitment proceeded in two stages. First, a mail solicitation is sent to a randomly selected household along with follow-up telephone calls and email solicitations if necessary. In the second stage, households that have not responded to the initial inquiry or follow-ups receive an enhanced incentive offer and a personal visit from NORC field interviewers. Members typically participate in panel surveys two or three times a month. For more information about AmeriSpeak, please visit:

<http://www.norc.org/Research/Capabilities/Pages/amerispeak.aspx>

The 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 was used to sample housing units for AmeriSpeak. 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, and division (U.S. Census definitions), housing type, and telephone usage. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey.

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<sup>7</sup> For the purpose of this study, the Southern regional oversample includes the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. The Southwestern oversample includes the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah.

The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.5 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 2.3. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

## Appendix

**Table 1. Demographic, Political, and Religious Subgroup Sample Sizes**  
*(All figures are unweighted)*

	<u>General Public</u>
Total Sample	3,455
Male	1,605
Female	1,850
Democrat	1,112
Independent	1,198
Republican	854
White, non-Hispanic	2,177
Black, non-Hispanic	403
Hispanic	569
Age 18-29	490
30-49	1,170
50-64	984
65+	808
Northeast	153
Midwest	312
South	1,567
West	1,423
<i>Southwest</i>	<i>1,370</i>
White evangelical Protestant	580
White mainline Protestant	568
Black Protestant	317
Hispanic Protestant	192
Catholic	598
<i>White Catholic</i>	<i>320</i>
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	<i>230</i>
Religiously unaffiliated	727
Non-Christian religion	255