



**PRRI/The Atlantic 2016 White Working Class Survey**  
**Total = 3,043 (1,220 Landline, 1,823 Cell phone)**  
**September 22 – October 9, 2016**

Q.1 All in all, how would you say things are going in your local community today?

13	Excellent
49	Good
27	Only fair
10	Poor
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2016 presidential election?

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2016</u>	
63	66	Absolutely certain to vote
9	12	Probably will vote
10	8	Chances are 50-50
16	14	Less than 50-50 chance
<u>3</u>	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Turning to a different subject...

REGIST Are you registered to vote at your present address or not?

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

**IF CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGIST=1), ASK [N=2,444]:**

Q.3 If the 2016 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] and [INSERT], for whom would you vote?

**IF DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (Q.3=9), ASK [N=366]:**

Q.4 As of today, do you lean more toward [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] or [INSERT]?

Oct. 2016	Sept. 2016	Late Aug. 2016	Early Aug. 2016	
47	49	48	48	Hillary Clinton, the Democrat
44	47	45	45	<i>Clinton</i>
3	1	3	3	<i>Leans Clinton</i>
37	38	35	36	Donald Trump, the Republican
34	37	33	34	<i>Trump</i>
3	1	2	2	<i>Leans Trump</i>
2	4	2	2	Gary Johnson (VOL.)
*	1	*	1	Jill Stein (VOL.)
5	7	5	5	Some other candidate (SPECIFY) (VOL.)
<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

**IF CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO VOTE (REGIST=1), ASK [N=2,444]:**

Thinking back to the 2012 presidential election...

Q.5 A lot of people have been telling us they didn't get a chance to vote in the 2012 presidential election. How about you... did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

	<u>Yes, voted</u>	No, did not <u>vote</u>	Not eligible to vote/ Too young <u>(VOL.)</u>	<u>Other (VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	79	17	3	*	*=100
Sept. 2016	70	21	9	*	1=100
May 2016	70	22	7	*	1=100
Aug. 2014	69	27	3	*	1=100
Oct. 2013	91	7	1	1	1=100

**IF VOTED IN 2012 (Q.5=1), ASK [N=2,024]:**

Q.6 Did you happen to vote for [INSERT; RANDOMIZE], [INSERT], or some other candidate?

Oct. <u>2016</u>	Aug. <u>2014</u>	Oct. <u>2013</u>	
54	48	50	Barack Obama, the Democrat
35	39	43	Mitt Romney, the Republican
7	8	5	Some other candidate/Independent/Third party candidate (VOL.)
*	*	*	Did not vote (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7 Do you live in the community in which you grew up?

**IF NO LONGER LIVE IN CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY (Q.7=2), ASK [N=2,047]:**

Q.8 Do you live within a two-hour drive from where you grew up, or do you live farther away than that?

Oct. <u>2016</u>	Feb. <u>1985<sup>1</sup></u>	
33	35	Yes
67	65	No
25	-	<i>Yes, within two-hour drive</i>
41	-	<i>No, further away</i>
1	-	<i>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</i>
*	-	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,523]:**

Q.9 How closely connected do you feel to the current town or city you live in and the people who live there?

30	Very close
41	Somewhat close
17	Not too close
12	Not at all close
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

<sup>1</sup> ABC News/Washington Post Poll, February 1985.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,520]:**

Q.10 About how often do you spend a social evening with someone who lives in your neighborhood?

16	More than once a week
16	Once a week
20	Once or twice a month
12	A few times a year
16	Seldom
19	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF STILL LIVE IN CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY (Q.7=1), ASK [N=983]:**

Q.11 Compared to when you were young, do you think the quality of life in your community has gotten better, gotten worse or has stayed about the same?

22	Better
38	Worse
39	About the same
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 How difficult would it be for you to find a good job in another part of the country?

23	Very difficult
24	Somewhat difficult
26	Not too difficult
20	Not at all difficult
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.13 And thinking about your family's financial situation when you were growing up, how would you describe your family's social class? **[READ IN ORDER]**

**[FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER (1-5); FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER (5-1)]**

2	Upper class
10	Upper-middle class
32	Middle class
38	Working class
16	Lower class
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.14 How well do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** understands the problems facing your community? And how well do you think **[INSERT]** understands the problems facing your community?

a. Hillary Clinton

19	Very well
27	Somewhat well
17	Not too well
31	Not at all well
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Donald Trump

12	Very well
18	Somewhat well
15	Not too well
50	Not at all well
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.15 Now, I'd like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

**REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose, or strongly oppose?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	31	28	17	16	8=100
Late Sept. 2016	34	30	16	18	1=100
Early Sept. 2016	28	29	16	16	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	31	31	15	15	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	29	28	19	14	11=100
July 2016	28	28	21	13	10=100
June 2016	25	30	20	15	10=100
Late May 2016	25	30	17	19	8=100
Early May 2016	32	30	18	18	2=100
Dec. 2015	22	30	19	19	10=100
Nov. 2015	32	24	17	20	8=100
Late Oct. 2015	27	28	19	19	6=100
Early Oct. 2015	31	29	17	22	1=100
Sept. 2015	28	27	16	21	7=100
Late Aug. 2015	26	29	15	20	9=100
Early Aug. 2015	28	25	16	23	8=100
July 2015	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 2015	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 2015	26	27	20	19	9=100
Dec. 2014	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov. 2014	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct. 2014	24	32	18	17	9=100
Sept. 2014	22	33	18	19	8=100
Late Aug. 2014	24	25	20	22	9=100
Early Aug. 2014	28	28	17	20	7=100
July 2014	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 2014	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 2014	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 2014	27	27	18	22	5=100
Dec. 2013	22	31	21	20	5=100
Oct. 2013	25	27	19	25	4=100
June 2013	22	30	21	20	7=100
May 2013	24	28	22	21	5=100
March 2013	23	27	18	21	10=100
Feb. 2013	25	27	19	23	7=100
Sept. 2012	24	25	18	27	7=100

Aug. 2012	24	25	17	28	6=100
June 2012	25	24	18	26	7=100
March 2012	22	30	19	25	5=100
Oct. 2011	24	24	20	26	6=100
Aug. 2011	19	29	21	25	6=100
July 2011	18	29	21	26	6=100

b. Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Oct. 2016	34	26	20	17	4=100
Sept. 2016	32	28	25	14	*=100
Oct. 2015	34	25	25	15	*=100

c. 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>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
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

d. Allowing a small business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to gay or lesbian people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	12	18	26	37	8=100
Sept. 2016	10	21	25	33	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	14	16	28	35	7=100
Early Aug. 2016	9	20	31	30	9=100
July 2016	9	22	29	31	8=100
June 2016	13	17	29	31	9=100
May 2016	13	21	28	32	6=100
Dec. 2015	15	21	32	26	7=100
Nov. 2015	15	20	23	36	7=100
Oct. 2015	14	20	27	32	6=100
Sept. 2015	17	18	28	32	5=100
Late Aug. 2015	14	21	29	28	8=100
Early Aug. 2015	17	21	28	28	5=100
July 2015	17	19	27	28	7=100
June 2015	16	18	28	32	5=100
May 2015	14	18	30	32	5=100

e. A law in your state requiring drug treatment instead of jail time for people convicted of illegal drug use for the first or second offense

37	Strongly favor
37	Favor
13	Oppose
8	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total



Q.16 Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should... **[FORM 1 READ IN ORDER (1-3), FORM 2 READ REVERSE ORDER (3-1)]**

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain <u>requirements</u>	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but <u>not citizens</u>	Identify and <u>deport them</u>	None of <u>these (VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	63	16	17	1	2=100
Sept. 2016	65	15	16	2	2=100
Late Aug. 2016	64	14	18	1	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	66	13	16	1	4=100
July 2016	61	13	21	1	3=100
June 2016	64	14	17	1	4=100
Late May 2016	62	16	18	1	3=100
Early May 2016	61	17	21	-	1=100
Dec. 2015	63	15	18	2	2=100
Nov. 2015	64	14	16	1	5=100
Oct. 2015	66	13	19	1	2=100
Sept. 2015	63	12	21	1	3=100
Late Aug. 2015	63	16	19	1	2=100
Early Aug. 2015	60	16	19	2	3=100
July 2015	64	14	17	2	3=100
Late June 2015	64	15	16	1	4=100
Early June 2015	61	17	18	2	3=100
May 2015	60	14	21	1	3=100
Feb. 2015	59	19	18	1	3=100
Dec. 2014	65	18	15	1	1=100
Late Nov. 2014	58	19	20	1	2=100
Early Nov. 2014	59	16	22	1	3=100
Oct. 2014	60	17	20	1	2=100
Sept. 2014	57	17	23	1	2=100
Aug. 2014	57	19	21	1	2=100
Late July 2014	58	17	22	1	2=100
Early July 2014	58	18	19	2	4=100
June 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
May 2014	64	16	17	1	2=100
April 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
Nov. 2013	63	14	18	1	4=100
Aug. 2013	63	12	19	1	4=100
Feb. 2013	63	14	21	1	1=100

Q.17 Do you think the American Dream—that if you work hard you'll get ahead—still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

	Still <u>holds true</u>	Never <u>held true</u>	Once held true, but not <u>anymore</u>	<u>Other (VOL.)</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	50	6	41	*	2=100
Aug. 2014	42	7	48	-	3=100
Aug. 2012	53	4	42	*	1=100
Nov. 2011	44	6	48	*	1=100

**ASK ALL:**

Now a few different questions...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS** “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.”  
**BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** and would you say that’s  
 atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

- 28 Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)
- 20 Roman Catholic (Catholic)
- 2 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
- 1 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
- 2 Jewish (Judaism)
- 1 Muslim (Islam)
- 1 Buddhist
- 1 Hindu
- 3 Atheist (do not believe in God)
- 3 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
- 2 Something else [SPECIFY]
- 18 Nothing in particular
- 16 Christian (VOL.)
- \* Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
- 3 Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
- 100 Total

**IF PROTESTANT, OR JUST CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1,13), ASK [N=930]:**

DENOM As far as your present religion goes, what denomination or church, if any, do you identify with most closely? Just stop me when I get to the right one. Are you...?

20	Baptist
9	Methodist
9	Lutheran
7	Presbyterian
9	Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, Four-Square Gospel)
3	Episcopalian or Anglican
7	Church of Christ, or Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)
3	Congregational or United Church of Christ (UCC)
2	Holiness (Nazarenes, Wesleyan Church, Salvation Army)
1	Reformed (Reformed Church in America, Christian Reformed)
1	Church of God
0	Jehovah's Witness (VOL.)
23	Non-denominational or Independent Church
*	Seventh Day Adventist (VOL.)
3	Some other denomination [SPECIFY]
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF PROTESTANT OR JUST CHRISTIAN (RELIG=1, 13), ASK [N=1,408]:**

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

58	Yes
38	No
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DON'T KNOW (RELIG=9,10,12,98), ASK [N=655]:**

JEWID Do you consider yourself to be Jewish for any reason?

4	Yes
95	No
*	Half or part (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR (RELIG=12), ASK [N=470]:**

SECULAR In general would you describe yourself more as a religious person or as a secular person, that is, someone who is NOT religious?

17	Religious
72	Secular, not religious
8	Spiritual, not religious (VOL.)
1	Other (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

10	More than once a week
23	Once a week
12	Once or twice a month
20	A few times a year
16	Seldom
18	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH (ATTEND=1,2,3), ASK [N=1,419]:**

Q.18 Thinking about the place you attend religious services most often... Over the last few years, would you say that there are more people coming to your congregation's services or are fewer people showing up to services regularly?

56	More people
28	Fewer people
13	About the same (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 In general, how often, if at all, do you participate in a non-religious activity group, such as a sports team, book club, PTA or neighborhood association... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

Oct. <u>2016</u>	April <u>2016</u>	
9	12	More than once a week
11	10	Once a week
18	20	Once or twice a month
15	17	A few times a year
17	18	Seldom
30	22	Never
*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.20 Now, as I read some statements on a few different topics, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. (First/Next) **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**.

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,523]:**

a. These days society seems to punish men just for acting like men

14	Completely agree
19	Mostly agree
31	Mostly disagree
27	Completely disagree
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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 <u>(VOL.)</u>
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

17	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
30	Mostly disagree
27	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The American way of life needs to be protected from foreign influence

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2013</u>	
29	21	27	Completely agree
26	34	26	Mostly agree
23	27	24	Mostly disagree
19	17	21	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,520]:**

e. Society as a whole has become too soft and feminine

<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2011</u>	
20	16	15	Completely agree
22	26	23	Mostly agree
30	29	33	Mostly disagree
23	24	26	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

f. God has granted America a special role in human history

	<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>Do not</u> <u>believe in</u> <u>God (VOL.)</u>	<u>Don't</u> <u>know/</u> <u>Refused</u> <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	27	30	14	22	-	7=100
June 2015	35	27	14	19	-	5=100
Late June 2013	27	33	16	21	-	3=100
Early June 2013	33	31	12	17	-	6=100
Aug. 2012	30	32	14	18	-	6=100
May 2011	30	21	18	22	1	7=100

g. The economic system in this country unfairly favors the wealthy

	Completely <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>agree</u>	Mostly <u>disagree</u>	Completely <u>disagree</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	38	30	17	11	3=100
Sept. 2016	41	37	16	5	1=100
Oct. 2015	44	35	16	5	1=100
Aug. 2014	29	35	22	12	2=100
Aug. 2012	32	34	21	11	1=100

h. Today, America is in danger of losing its culture and identity

28	Completely agree
27	Mostly agree
23	Mostly disagree
18	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 Today, would you say that a college education is a smart investment in the future or is it more of a gamble that may not pay off in the end?

55	Smart investment
43	Gamble
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR Q22a-b: FORM 1 ORDER: Q22a-Q22b; FORM 2 REVERSE ORDER: Q22b-Q22a**

Q.22a In your own community, would you say the people who are poor are mostly white, mostly black, or mostly Hispanic, or some other combination?

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

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

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

Now, a few questions about yourself..

Q.23 Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union? **[IF YES, ASK]:**  
Is that you, or someone in your household?

Oct. <u>2016</u>	Aug. <u>2012</u>	
6	8	Yes, self
6	7	Yes, someone in household
86	84	No
1	-	Both (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total



And thinking about American society...

Q.24 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

a. Gay and lesbian people

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Oct. 2016	60	36	4=100
Sept. 2016	55	41	4=100
Late Aug. 2016	61	35	4=100
Early Aug. 2016	55	39	6=100
July 2016	59	35	6=100
June 2016	60	37	2=100
Oct. 2015	68	31	2=100
June 2015	62	32	7=100
Dec. 2013	68	27	4=100

b. Immigrants

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Oct. 2016	64	31	4=100
Sept. 2016	58	38	4=100
Late Aug. 2016	66	31	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	60	34	6=100
July 2016	60	34	6=100
June 2016	68	28	4=100

c. Blacks

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Oct. 2016	63	34	3=100
Sept. 2016	55	40	5=100
Late Aug. 2016	60	37	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	56	39	5=100
July 2016	55	40	5=100
June 2016	57	40	3=100
Oct. 2015	63	36	1=100
Dec. 2013	52	44	3=100

## d. Transgender people

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Oct. 2016	63	28	9=100
Sept. 2016	57	33	10=100
Late Aug. 2016	65	26	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	60	31	9=100
July 2016	61	30	9=100
June 2016	66	29	5=100
June 2015	62	27	11=100
Dec. 2013	71	19	9=100

## e. Whites

Oct. <u>2016</u>	Oct. <u>2015</u>	
29	25	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
68	73	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## f. Christians

35	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
61	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## g. Muslims

Oct. <u>2016</u>	Oct. <u>2015</u>	Dec. <u>2013</u>	
67	70	65	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
27	28	27	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Thinking about things that some Americans experience in their lives...

Q.25 Please tell me if you or anyone in your household has experienced or struggled with any of the following in the past 12 months? First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Alcoholism or excessive drinking

10	Yes, me or someone in my household
89	No, no one in my household
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Drug addiction

6	Yes, me or someone in my household
93	No, no one in my household
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Depression

32	Yes, me or someone in my household
67	No, no one in my household
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Having to reduce meals or cut back on food to save money

26	Yes, me or someone in my household
74	No, no one in my household
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,523]:**

Q.26a In the last 12 months, do you have a close friend or family member who has attempted or committed suicide?

11	Yes
89	No
*	I have attempted suicide (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,520]:**

Q.26b In the last 12 months, have you attended a funeral for someone who was under the age of 65?

36	Yes
63	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Now we're interested in learning a bit more about yourself...

Q.27 Thinking about your current financial situation. Would you say you are currently in excellent financial shape, good shape, only fair shape, or in poor shape financially?

	Excellent <u>shape</u>	<u>Good shape</u>	Only <u>fair shape</u>	<u>Poor shape</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	8	35	36	19	1=100
April 2016	8	36	37	17	2=100
Aug. 2014	7	34	37	20	2=100
Aug. 2012	6	36	36	20	1=100
March 2010	9	41	33	13	3=100

Q.28 Suppose that you have an emergency expense that costs \$400. Based on your current financial situation, how difficult would it be for you to pay for this expense?

52	Not too difficult
23	Somewhat difficult
13	Very difficult
11	Nearly impossible
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

CLASS If you were asked to use one of these five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in? **[READ IN ORDER]**

**[FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER (1-5); FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER (5-1)]**

	<u>Upper class</u>	<u>Upper-middle class</u>	<u>Middle class</u>	<u>Working class</u>	<u>Lower class</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Oct. 2016	2	11	38	34	14	1=100
Sept. 2016	1	13	40	36	9	1=100
May 2016	2	14	43	33	7	1=100
Oct. 2015	1	11	39	37	12	1=100
Aug. 2014	2	10	37	38	11	2=100
Sept. 2012	2	12	41	34	10	1=100
Aug. 2012	1	12	44	33	9	1=100

Now, just a few questions for statistical purposes only and then we'll be done.

EMPLOY Which of the following best describes your current employment situation – employed full-time, employed part-time, retired, a homemaker, a student, unemployed but looking for work, or unemployed and not looking for work?

45	Employed full-time
15	Employed part-time
19	Retired
6	A homemaker
4	A student
4	Unemployed but looking for work
2	Unemployed and not looking for work
*	Temporarily unemployed (unspecified) (VOL.)
1	Other not employed (VOL.)
5	Disabled (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF EMPLOYED, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2,3,6,7), ASK [N=2,647]:**

JOBPAY Which of the following best describes how you **[IF RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED (EMPLOY=3,6,7), ASK: "got"; IF EMPLOYED (EMPLOY=1,2), ASK "get"]** paid at work?

52	Paid an hourly rate
31	Paid a salary
12	Paid by the job
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI in partnership with The Atlantic. The survey was made possible by generous grants from Open Society Foundations, The Henry Luce Foundation, and the Ford Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between September 22 and October 9, 2016, by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 3,043 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (1,823 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone). The selection of respondents within households was accomplished by randomly requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female currently living in the household.

Data collection is based on stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) sample of landline telephone households and randomly generated cell phone numbers. The sample is designed to represent the total U.S. adult population and includes respondents from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples are provided by Marketing Systems Group.

The weighting is accomplished in two separate stages. The first stage of weighting corrects for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.<sup>2</sup> In the second stage, sample demographics are balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2010 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2015 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's May 2016 Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) 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 +/- 2.1 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.3. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

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<sup>2</sup> Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone, or both types.

## Appendix

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

	General <u>Public</u>
Total Sample	3,043
Male	1,480
Female	1,563
Democrat	955
Independent	1,132
Republican	729
White, non-Hispanic	2,030
Black, non-Hispanic	324
Hispanic	398
White working class	957
White college educated	782
Age 18-29	501
30-49	776
50-64	825
65+	936
White evangelical Protestant	560
White mainline Protestant	431
Black Protestant	236
Catholic	640
<i>White Catholic</i>	396
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	194
Non-Christian religion	181
Religiously unaffiliated	637