

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
DECEMBER 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 4, 2017
N=1,503**

QUESTIONS 1-4, 6-7 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 5, 8-10****ASK ALL:**

Q.11 Do you think race relations in the United States are generally good or generally bad?

	Generally <u>good</u>	Generally <u>bad</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	38	56	6
Feb 29-May 8, 2016 (SDT)	44	48	8
CBS/NYT: Jul 14-19, 2015	37	57	6
CBS/NYT: Apr 30-May 3, 2015	34	61	5
CBS: Feb 26-Mar 2, 2015	52	38	10
CBS: Dec 6-9, 2014	45	43	13
CBS/NYT: Aug 19-20, 2014	47	44	10
CBS/NYT: Apr 30-May 1, 2014	55	33	12
CBS: Mar 26-30, 2014	59	34	7
CBS: Aug 7-11, 2012	57	32	11
CBS/NYT: Jan 12-17, 2012	62	30	8
CBS/NYT: Mar 2-7, 2011	64	29	7
CBS/NYT: Oct 21-26, 2010	61	33	6
CBS/NYT: Apr 22-26, 2009	66	22	12
CBS/NYT: Jul 7-14, 2008	53	37	10
CBS/NYT: Mar 28-Apr 2, 2008	55	36	9
NYT: Jun 21-29, 2000	57	30	13
CBS: Feb 6-10, 2000	52	38	10
CBS: Jun 10-11, 1997	38	52	10
CBS: Jan 30-Feb 2, 1997	40	54	6
CBS: Dec 4-5, 1996	35	52	13
CBS: Mar 27-28, 1996	35	53	12
CBS/NYT: Mar 28-31, 1993	37	56	7
CBS/NYT: May 6-8, 1992	25	68	7
CBS/NYT: May 22-24, 1990	41	50	8

ASK ALL:

Q.12 Do you think race relations in the United States are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	Getting <u>better</u>	Getting <u>worse</u>	Staying about <u>the same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	17	44	37	2
Feb 29-May 8, 2016 (SDT)	19	38	41	2
CBS/NYT: Jul 14-19, 2015	21	38	39	1
CBS/NYT: Apr 30-May 3, 2015	17	44	37	2
CBS: Dec 6-9, 2014	22	36	40	2

NO QUESTIONS 13-14, 18-20**QUESTIONS 15-17 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

ASK ALL:

On a different topic...

Q.21 In all countries, there are differences or conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in AMERICA, are conflicts between ... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU d; ALWAYS READ ITEM e. LAST]** ... Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts? How about conflicts between **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Are conflicts in America between **[ITEM]** very strong, strong, not very strong, or there are not conflicts?]**

	Very strong conflicts	Strong conflicts	Not very strong conflicts	There are not conflicts	(VOL.) Can't choose	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Poor people and rich people						
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	29	30	28	8	2	3
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	33	25	9	2	2
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 (SDT)	22	36	28	8	2	5
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	30	36	23	7	1	4
Jul 20-Aug 2, 2009 (SDT)	15	32	34	10	3	6
GSS: February, 2000	14	41	37	3	6	--
GSS: February, 1992	20	46	26	3	5	--
GSS: February 1987	15	44	33	3	5	--
b. Blacks and whites						
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	38	26	4	2	3
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26	40	24	6	2	2
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 (SDT)	11	28	47	7	2	6
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	10	28	47	7	2	5
Jul 20-Aug 2, 2009 (SDT)	9	30	45	8	3	6
c. People who live in cities and people who live in rural areas						
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	13	24	37	20	2	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	13	27	29	23	4	5
d. Young people and older people						
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	12	23	42	19	2	3
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	13	27	40	17	*	2
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 ¹ (SDT)	8	20	52	15	1	3
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	10	24	50	12	1	3
Jul 20-Aug 2, 2009 (SDT)	6	19	56	14	1	4
GSS: February, 2000 ²	10	31	48	7	4	--
GSS: February, 1992	11	31	43	10	5	--
e. Democrats and Republicans						
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	64	22	8	2	1	3
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	56	29	9	3	2	2
Nov 28-Dec 5, 2012 (SDT)	47	35	10	3	1	5

QUESTIONS 22-24, 26, 28-29, 34-35 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 25, 27, 30-33, 36-40**

¹ In 2012, 2011, 2009 and 2000, question was worded: "In all countries, there are differences or conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in AMERICA, how much conflict is there between ... [READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU d. ALWAYS READ ITEM e. LAST] ... Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts?" In 1992 GSS, question was worded: "The question wording is slightly different in the 1992 GSS: "In all countries there are differences or even conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in AMERICA, how much conflict is there between ... [READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU d. ALWAYS READ ITEM e. LAST] ... Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts?"

² In 2000 and 1992 GSS, questions did not include "Don't know/Refused" volunteered option.

ASK ALL:

Q.41 In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days?

		(SDT)	TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Nov 29-Dec 4		Feb 29-May 8	<i>WaPo/Kaiser/Harvard</i>
<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>	April <u>2001</u> ³
32	Too much attention	36	45
44	Too little attention	35	29
19	About the right amount of attention	26	23
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4

ASK ALL:

Q.42 Has Donald Trump's election as president led to better race relations in the United States, worse race relations, or hasn't it made a difference?

		TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Nov 29-Dec 4		Obama
<u>2017</u>		Oct 28-Nov 30 <u>2009</u>
8	Better	36
60	Worse	13
30	Not made a difference	43
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON: *Will Donald Trump's election as president lead to better race relations in the United States, worse race relations, or don't you think it will make a difference?*

BASED ON VOTERS⁴

Trump		Obama
Nov 10-14		November
<u>2016</u>		<u>2008</u>
25	Better	52
46	Worse	9
26	Won't make a difference	36
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

NO QUESTIONS 43-49, 52-55, 58-75

QUESTIONS 50-51, 56-57, 76-79 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

³ In 2001 trend for comparison, question was worded: "Is there too much, too little, or about the right amount of attention paid to race and racial issues these days?"

⁴ November 2008 and 2016 data from postelection callback surveys of voters.

ASK ALL:

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

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

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

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	20	32	40	4	1	3	13	19
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Yearly Totals								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(SDT)

Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends