

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 38 & SURVEY OF TEENS AGES 13-17
COMBINED FINAL TOPLINE
ADULTS AGES 18 AND OLDER: September 24-October 7, 2018
TEENS AGES 13-17: September 17-November 25, 2018¹**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF LARGER SURVEYS. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THESE SURVEYS HAVE EITHER BEEN PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

	Sample Size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Generation Z (born 1997-2005) ²	1,178	+/- 4.2% points
Millennials (born 1981-96)	2,674	+/- 2.8% points
Generation X (born 1965-80)	2,784 ⁵	+/- 2.8% points
Baby Boomers (born 1946-64)	3,983	+/- 2.6% points
Silent Generation (born 1928-45)	964	+/- 5.1% points

ASK ALL:

DIRECTION Thinking about the way things are going in the country today, do you think things are generally going in the **[RANDOMIZE: (right direction) or the (wrong direction)]**?

[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Right direction	32	26	33	37	45
Wrong direction	67	73	66	61	53
No answer	1	1	2	2	2

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Approve	30	29	38	43	54
Disapprove	68	69	61	55	45
No answer	2	1	2	2	2

¹ This topline shows the question order from the survey of adults ages 18 and older (conducted on the American Trends Panel). See [Methodology](#) for a complete description of the methodology used in both surveys.

² No chronological endpoint has been set for this group. In this analysis, teens' (ages 13 to 17) responses were combined with those of adults ages 18 to 21 to form Generation Z.

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ASK ALL:

USWORLD_T Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion about the United States?
[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
The U.S. is better than all other countries in the world	14	13	20	30	45
The U.S. is one of the best countries in the world, along with some others	56	58	60	57	48
There are other countries that are better than the U.S.	30	29	20	12	5
No answer	*	*	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

CITIZ_INFL_T Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?³
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington	53	46	50	58	58
There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington	46	53	49	41	40
No answer	1	1	1	1	2

ASK ALL:

GENDEROPT On a different subject...

When a form or online profile asks about a person's gender, do you think it should include options other than "man" and "woman" for people who don't identify as either?

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Yes	59	50	40	37	32
No	40	49	59	61	67
No answer	1	1	1	2	2

ASK ALL:

GENDACCEPT In general, do you think society is **[RANDOMIZE: (too accepting) or (not accepting enough)]** of people who don't identify as either a man or a woman, or is it about right?
[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Too accepting	23	28	33	35	41
Not accepting enough	50	47	39	36	32
About right	26	25	26	26	26
No answer	1	1	1	2	2

³ In the survey of teens ages 13-17, the question stem was worded, "Which statement comes closer to your views – even if neither is exactly right?"

ASK ALL:

FAIRTRT

Overall, in our country today, would you say that...

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Blacks are treated less fairly than whites	66	62	53	49	44
Whites are treated less fairly than blacks	6	7	12	14	10
Both are treated about equally	28	31	34	35	44
No answer	*	1	1	2	2

ASK ALL:

POLCRCT

Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?⁴**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
People need to be more careful about the language they use to avoid offending people with different backgrounds	46	39	38	42	49
Too many people are easily offended these days over the language that others use	53	59	60	57	50
No answer	*	1	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

GOVT_ROLE

Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Government should do more to solve problems	70	64	53	49	39
Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals	29	34	45	49	60
No answer	1	2	2	2	1

ASK ALL:

SOCIETY

Do you think each of the following is generally [RANDOMIZE: (a good thing) or (a bad thing)] for our society, or doesn't it make much difference? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, SPLIT OVER 2 SCREENS]****[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

- a. Increasing racial and ethnic diversity

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	62	61	52	48	42
Bad thing for society	16	13	17	20	18
Doesn't make much difference	21	25	30	30	38
No answer	1	1	1	2	2

⁴ In the survey of teens ages 13-17, the question stem was worded, "Which comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?"

SOCIETY CONTINUED...

b. People of different races marrying each other

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	53	53	41	30	20
Bad thing for society	4	4	5	10	14
Doesn't make much difference	43	43	53	60	66
No answer	*	1	*	*	1

c. Couples living together without being married

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	20	21	14	8	5
Bad thing for society	12	13	18	23	41
Doesn't make much difference	67	65	67	68	54
No answer	1	1	1	1	1

d. Single women raising children on their own

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	15	15	12	12	8
Bad thing for society	35	36	41	42	48
Doesn't make much difference	49	48	46	46	42
No answer	1	1	1	1	2

e. Gay and lesbian couples being allowed to marry

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	48	47	33	27	18
Bad thing for society	15	15	25	32	43
Doesn't make much difference	36	37	41	40	38
No answer	1	1	1	1	1

f. More women running for political office

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	67	66	65	61	55
Bad thing for society	4	5	4	4	5
Doesn't make much difference	29	29	31	34	39
No answer	1	1	*	*	1

g. More people getting news from social media

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Good thing for society	22	19	19	17	12
Bad thing for society	39	50	48	50	53
Doesn't make much difference	39	30	32	33	34
No answer	1	1	1	1	1

[RANDOMIZE GENDRESP1 AND GENDRESP2]**ASK ALL:**

GENDRESP1 Who do you think should be mostly responsible for providing for the family financially in households where there's a mother and a father?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Mother	3	1	1	*	0
Father	18	19	21	25	40
Both equally	79	79	78	73	58
No answer	*	*	1	1	2

ASK ALL:

GENDRESP2 Who do you think should be mostly responsible for taking care of the children in households where there's a mother and a father?

[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS GENDRESP1]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Mother	13	11	11	11	16
Father	2	1	1	1	*
Both equally	85	88	89	88	84
No answer	*	*	*	1	*

ASK ALL:

CLIMATECHG_T Which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view?

[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 AND 8 ALWAYS LAST]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment	14	16	21	25	28
The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity	54	56	48	45	38
There is no solid evidence the Earth is getting warmer	10	8	11	12	16
Not sure	22	19	20	18	17
No answer	*	1	1	*	*

ASK ALL:

IMMIMPACTUS Overall, do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. legally are having [RANDOMIZE: (a positive impact) or (a negative impact)] on our country these days?

[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THIS ORDER IF STEM HAS POSITIVE FIRST; REVERSE RESPONSE OPTIONS IF STEM HAS NEGATIVE FIRST]

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Very positive	28	35	32	28	30
Somewhat positive	50	43	43	44	49
Somewhat negative	16	15	15	19	14
Very negative	5	6	8	7	5
No answer	1	1	1	2	2

ASK ALL:

ANTHEM As you may know, some NFL (National Football League) players are choosing to kneel during the national anthem as a form of protest. Do you approve or disapprove of this form of protest?

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Approve	61	62	44	37	29
Disapprove	38	36	53	61	68
No answer	1	2	3	3	3

DISPLAY TO ALL:

On another topic...

Some people who don't identify as either a man or a woman may prefer that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as "they" instead of "he" or "she" when referring to them.

ASK ALL:

PRONHEARD How much, if anything, have you heard about people preferring that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as "they" instead of "he" or "she" when referring to them?

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
A lot	32	30	23	13	11
A little	42	40	39	37	34
Nothing at all	25	29	38	49	54
No answer	1	1	1	1	1

ASK IF HEARD ABOUT GENDER-NEUTRAL PRONOUNS A LOT OR A LITTLE (PRONHEARD=1,2):

PRONKNOW Do you personally know anyone who prefers that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as "they" instead of "he" or "she" when referring to them?

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Yes	47	36	26	23	17
No	53	64	74	77	83
No answer	*	*	*	*	1
	(n=853)	(n=2,035)	(n=1,881)	(n=2,313)	(n=489)

PRONHEARD/PRONKNOW COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL:

	<u>Gen Z</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Heard a lot/a little	74	69	62	50	45
Knows someone who prefers gender-neutral pronouns	35	25	16	12	7
Doesn't know anyone who prefers gender-neutral pronouns	39	44	45	39	37
No answer to PRONKNOW	*	*	*	*	*
Heard nothing at all	25	29	38	49	54
No answer to PRONHEARD	1	1	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

PRONCOMFORT How comfortable, if at all, would you feel using a gender-neutral pronoun to refer to someone if they asked you to do so?

[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

	<u>Gen Z⁵</u>	<u>Millennial</u>	<u>Gen X</u>	<u>Boomer</u>	<u>Silent</u>
Very comfortable	32	31	25	24	18
Somewhat comfortable	25	28	24	26	21
Somewhat uncomfortable	25	22	24	24	29
Very uncomfortable	17	17	26	24	30
No answer	1	1	1	2	3

⁵ In the survey of teens ages 13-17, this question was not shown to 25 respondents due to a programming error. The Gen Z sample size on this question is n=1,153.