

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**WAVE 29 September 2017, TOTAL N=4,867**  
**WAVE 82 February 2021, TOTAL N=2,596**

**DUE TO ROUNDING, PERCENTAGES MAY NOT TOTAL 100%**

**OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying?<sup>1</sup> **Family and children**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
56	Mentioned	49
31	Not mentioned	29
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Spouses and romantic partners**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
20	Mentioned	9
67	Not mentioned	68
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Friends, community and other relationships**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
21	Mentioned	20
66	Not mentioned	57
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Service and civic engagement**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
8	Mentioned	7
80	Not mentioned	70
13	DK/Refused	23

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<sup>1</sup> Data presented in this topline are the share of a given public who mention a topic in an open-ended response. Each topic is part of a Pew Research Center generated codebook. For more on the codes themselves, see "What Makes Life Meaningful? Views From 17 Advanced Economies," Appendix A. For more on how responses were coded, see Appendix C in the same report. For more on the over-time comparison between Wave 29 and Wave 82, see "Methodology for comparing 2017 and 2021 U.S. surveys on the meaning of life."

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Society, places and institutions**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
8	Mentioned	14
80	Not mentioned	63
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Material well-being, stability and quality of life**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
29	Mentioned	18
58	Not mentioned	59
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Retirement**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
5	Mentioned	3
82	Not mentioned	74
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Freedom and independence**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
5	Mentioned	9
82	Not mentioned	69
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Occupation and career**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
24	Mentioned	17
63	Not mentioned	60
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Education and learning**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
6	Mentioned	5
81	Not mentioned	72
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Nature and the outdoors**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
2	Mentioned	4
85	Not mentioned	74
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Pets**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
5	Mentioned	3
83	Not mentioned	74
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Spirituality, faith and religion**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
17	Mentioned	15
70	Not mentioned	62
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Physical and mental health**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
19	Mentioned	11
68	Not mentioned	67
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Hobbies and recreation**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
11	Mentioned	10
77	Not mentioned	68
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **Travel and new experiences**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
6	Mentioned	3
82	Not mentioned	74
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying?  
**Difficulties or challenges**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
17	Mentioned	17
71	Not mentioned	61
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? **COVID-19**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
0	Mentioned	6
87	Not mentioned	71
13	DK/Refused	23

Q36. What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying?  
**Something generally positive**

Sept 14-28 <u>2017</u>		Feb 1-7 <u>2021</u>
2	Mentioned	2
86	Not mentioned	75
13	DK/Refused	23

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