

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
2023 SURVEY OF U.S. ADULTS  
FINAL TOPLINE  
NOVEMBER 9-16, 2023  
TOTAL N=5,029**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

U.S. adults	<b>Sample Size</b> 5,029	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b> +/- 1.4 percentage points
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**ASK ALL:**

K12DIRECT Do you think the public K-12 education system in the U.S. is generally going in the...  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

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16	Right direction
51	Wrong direction
32	Not sure <b>[anchor]</b>
1	No answer

**ASK IF SAID THE PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION SYSTEM IS GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION (K12DIRECT=2) [n=2,627]:**

K12REASON For each of the following, please indicate whether it is a major reason, minor reason or not a reason why you think the public K-12 education system in the U.S. is going in the wrong direction. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Schools don't have the funding and resources they need Nov 9-16, 2023	52	25	22	*
b. Schools are not spending enough time on core academic subjects, like reading, math, science and social studies Nov 9-16, 2023	69	20	11	*

**K12REASON CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
c. Teachers are bringing their personal political and social views into the classroom Nov 9-16, 2023	54	24	22	*
d. Parents have too much say in decisions about what schools are teaching Nov 9-16, 2023	26	26	47	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

K12KIDS Are you the parent or guardian of any children who are in elementary, middle, or high school?

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24	Yes
75	No
1	No answer

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING [n=1,962]:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>1</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	32	30	8	2	16	18

<sup>1</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.