

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 54 SEPTEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 16-SEPTEMBER 29, 2019
TOTAL N=6,878**

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.

THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	6,878	+/- 1.6 percentage points
<i>Lower income</i>	1,645	+/- 3.3 percentage points
<i>Middle income</i>	3,351	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Upper income</i>	1,614	+/- 3.0 percentage points

ASK ALL:

GOVPRIORITY How much of a priority should each of the following be for the federal government to address? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Making health care more affordable

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
72	A top priority	77	71	64
22	Important, but lower priority	19	22	28
4	Not too important	3	5	5
2	Should not be done	2	3	3
*	No answer	*	*	*

b. Reducing illegal immigration

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A top priority	35	41	37
35	Important, but lower priority	37	33	33
22	Not too important	23	22	26
4	Should not be done	5	3	4
*	No answer	*	*	*

c. Reducing economic inequality

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
42	A top priority	52	39	36
37	Important, but lower priority	35	38	38
14	Not too important	8	16	17
6	Should not be done	4	7	9
1	No answer	2	1	*

GOVPRIORITY CONTINUED ...

d. Addressing climate change

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
49	A top priority	52	46	52
28	Important, but lower priority	30	28	23
16	Not too important	13	17	17
7	Should not be done	5	8	9
1	No answer	1	1	*

e. Dealing with terrorism

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
65	A top priority	66	67	58
27	Important, but lower priority	25	26	33
7	Not too important	7	6	8
1	Should not be done	1	*	1
*	No answer	*	*	*

f. Reducing gun violence

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
58	A top priority	62	56	58
28	Important, but lower priority	26	30	28
9	Not too important	8	10	10
3	Should not be done	3	4	4
1	No answer	1	1	*

**ASK IF REDUCING INEQUALITY IS A TOP PRIORITY OR IMPORTANT (GOVPRIORITYc=1,2)
[n=5,448]:**

WHYREDINEQ Please indicate if each of the following are a reason why you think reducing economic inequality should be [IF GOVPRIORITYc=1: a top priority; IF GOVPRIORITYc=2: important] for the federal government to address. [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

a. Economic inequality goes against our country's values

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
41	Major reason	46	40	34
39	Minor reason	36	40	43
19	Not a reason	18	18	22
1	No answer	1	1	1

b. Economic inequality limits people's opportunities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
70	Major reason	71	71	71
24	Minor reason	24	23	24
5	Not a reason	5	5	5
1	No answer	*	1	1

WHYREDINEQ CONTINUED ...

- c. Economic inequality has a harmful effect on economic growth

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
56	Major reason	61	56	49
35	Minor reason	32	36	40
8	Not a reason	6	7	10
1	No answer	1	1	1

- d. Economic inequality gives the wealthy too much political influence and access

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
75	Major reason	75	77	72
19	Minor reason	20	17	20
5	Not a reason	4	5	7
1	No answer	1	1	1

**ASK ALL:
GOVRESP**

Do you think each of the following is something the federal government has a responsibility to provide for all Americans? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

- a. An adequate standard of living

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
56	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	72	50	44
43	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	27	50	56
1	No answer	1	1	*

- b. Adequate housing

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
49	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	66	43	37
50	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	33	57	63
1	No answer	1	1	1

- c. High quality K-12 education

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
80	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	86	79	76
19	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	14	20	23
1	No answer	1	*	*

GOVRESP CONTINUED ...

d. A college education

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
36	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	53	29	19
64	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	46	70	80
1	No answer	1	1	1

e. Adequate income in retirement

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
59	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	75	54	41
40	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	23	45	59
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]

f. Adequate medical care

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
73	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	85	68	62
27	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	14	31	38
*	No answer	*	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

g. Health insurance

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
64	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	79	59	53
35	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	20	41	47
1	No answer	1	1	0

h. Access to high-speed internet

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
28	Yes, a responsibility of the federal government to provide for all Americans	33	25	27
71	No, not the responsibility of the federal government to provide	66	74	73
1	No answer	1	*	*

ASK ALL:

INEQ1 Thinking about the level of economic inequality in the country these days... Would you say there is... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
61	Too much economic inequality	58	62	65
13	Too little economic inequality	22	10	6
23	About the right amount of economic inequality	17	26	27
3	No answer	2	2	2

ASK IF THINKS THERE IS TOO MUCH INEQUALITY (INEQ1=1) [n=4,391]:

INEQ2 Do you think that... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
70	Some amount of economic inequality is acceptable	59	72	85
29	No amount of economic inequality is acceptable	40	27	14
1	No answer	1	1	*

COMBO TABLE BASED ON INEQ1/INEQ2:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
61	Net too much inequality	58	62	65
42	Some amount of inequality is acceptable	35	45	55
18	No amount of inequality is acceptable	23	17	9
*	No answer to INEQ2	1	*	*
13	Too little inequality	22	10	6
23	Right amount of inequality	17	26	27
3	No answer to INEQ1	2	2	2

ASK IF THINKS THERE IS TOO MUCH INEQUALITY (INEQ1=1) [n=4,391]:

INEQ3 In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think our economic system...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
19	Requires only minor changes	13	20	23
67	Requires major changes	69	66	69
14	Needs to be completely rebuilt	18	13	8
1	No answer	*	1	1

ASK IF THINKS THERE IS TOO MUCH INEQUALITY (INEQ1=1) [n=4,391]:

INEQ4 How much responsibility, if any, should each of the following have in reducing economic inequality in our country? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. The federal government

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
66	A lot	69	65	65
27	Some	25	27	26
5	Only a little	5	5	5
2	None	1	3	3
*	No answer	*	*	*

INEQ4 CONTINUED ...

b. State governments

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
52	A lot	61	50	43
40	Some	31	42	47
5	Only a little	5	5	7
2	None	1	3	3
1	No answer	*	*	1

c. Large businesses and corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
62	A lot	63	63	60
29	Some	29	28	29
6	Only a little	5	5	6
3	None	2	3	4
*	No answer	*	*	*

d. Churches and other religious organizations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
13	A lot	17	11	8
29	Some	32	29	25
26	Only a little	25	26	25
32	None	25	33	40
*	No answer	*	*	1

e. Wealthy individuals

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
46	A lot	49	46	44
36	Some	36	36	35
11	Only a little	10	11	13
6	None	5	7	8
*	No answer	*	*	1

ASK ALL:

INEQ5

How much, if at all, do you think each of the following contributes to economic inequality in this country? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

a. The outsourcing of jobs to other countries

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	Contributes a great deal	46	49	36
37	Contributes a fair amount	35	37	41
13	Contributes not too much	13	11	19
4	Contributes not at all	6	3	4
1	No answer	1	1	*

INEQ5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

b. Our current trade policies with other countries

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	Contributes a great deal	35	28	22
42	Contributes a fair amount	40	42	43
22	Contributes not too much	19	24	26
5	Contributes not at all	5	4	8
2	No answer	1	2	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

c. The automation of jobs

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
30	Contributes a great deal	38	29	21
43	Contributes a fair amount	40	45	45
21	Contributes not too much	15	21	28
4	Contributes not at all	5	4	4
2	No answer	2	1	2

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

d. Too much regulation of major corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
15	Contributes a great deal	18	15	11
29	Contributes a fair amount	33	28	22
30	Contributes not too much	26	32	33
25	Contributes not at all	22	24	33
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

e. Not enough regulation of major corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
37	Contributes a great deal	39	38	35
31	Contributes a fair amount	34	30	27
19	Contributes not too much	17	20	22
11	Contributes not at all	9	10	16
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

f. Some people work harder than others

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
34	Contributes a great deal	34	33	35
32	Contributes a fair amount	31	34	29
22	Contributes not too much	23	21	23
11	Contributes not at all	11	11	12
1	No answer	1	1	1

INEQ5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

g. Our tax system

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	Contributes a great deal	49	44	41
35	Contributes a fair amount	35	34	34
14	Contributes not too much	11	15	18
5	Contributes not at all	4	6	7
1	No answer	2	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

h. The different life choices people make

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
42	Contributes a great deal	36	44	49
36	Contributes a fair amount	39	35	32
16	Contributes not too much	18	15	15
5	Contributes not at all	6	5	3
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

Some people start out with more opportunities

i. than others

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
40	Contributes a great deal	43	39	38
37	Contributes a fair amount	36	38	38
17	Contributes not too much	15	18	19
5	Contributes not at all	6	5	4
1	No answer	1	*	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

j. Problems with our educational system

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
44	Contributes a great deal	48	42	45
40	Contributes a fair amount	36	42	38
12	Contributes not too much	10	12	15
3	Contributes not at all	4	3	2
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

k. Discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
32	Contributes a great deal	37	32	24
30	Contributes a fair amount	32	29	30
24	Contributes not too much	19	25	30
13	Contributes not at all	11	13	15
1	No answer	1	1	1

NO ITEM I

INEQ5 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

- m. The growing number of legal immigrants working in the U.S.

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
23	Contributes a great deal	28	23	15
26	Contributes a fair amount	27	25	20
32	Contributes not too much	28	33	40
18	Contributes not at all	17	17	24
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

INEQ8

Regardless of whether or not you support each of the following policies, how much, if at all, do you think each of the following proposals would do to reduce economic inequality in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]**

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- a. Increasing the federal minimum wage

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A great deal	49	37	28
28	A fair amount	28	28	29
20	Not too much	15	22	23
12	Not at all	7	13	19
1	No answer	*	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- b. Making college tuition free at both public two-year and four-year colleges

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A great deal	52	35	27
27	A fair amount	27	27	29
18	Not too much	11	20	23
15	Not at all	10	17	20
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- c. Increasing taxes on the wealthiest Americans

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
46	A great deal	56	44	40
24	A fair amount	24	25	23
18	Not too much	14	19	20
11	Not at all	6	11	17
*	No answer	*	*	*

INEQS CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:**

- d. Expanding Medicare so that it covers Americans of all ages

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
41	A great deal	52	36	34
26	A fair amount	26	26	28
18	Not too much	14	20	19
14	Not at all	8	17	18
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 1 [n=3,442]:

- e. Ensuring that workers have the skills they need for today's jobs

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
56	A great deal	56	58	53
35	A fair amount	34	34	39
6	Not too much	7	5	6
2	Not at all	2	2	1
1	No answer	1	1	*

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

- f. Making college tuition free at public two-year colleges

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
45	A great deal	57	42	32
29	A fair amount	27	29	36
15	Not too much	11	17	18
10	Not at all	4	12	13
1	No answer	*	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

- g. Eliminating college debt

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A great deal	52	36	28
29	A fair amount	27	29	31
18	Not too much	16	18	21
13	Not at all	5	16	18
1	No answer	*	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

- h. Reducing illegal immigration

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
29	A great deal	31	31	21
24	A fair amount	24	24	20
31	Not too much	29	31	38
15	Not at all	15	14	21
1	No answer	1	1	1

INEQ8 CONTINUED ...**ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:**

i. Expanding government benefits for the poor

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
30	A great deal	46	23	20
30	A fair amount	30	31	32
25	Not too much	18	29	26
14	Not at all	5	16	20
1	No answer	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

j. Breaking up large corporations

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
26	A great deal	31	25	19
32	A fair amount	35	31	29
27	Not too much	23	28	31
14	Not at all	8	15	20
1	No answer	2	1	1

RANDOMIZE INEQ9 AND INEQ10/INEQ11**ASK ALL:**

INEQ9

In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think it would be better for the government to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
14	Give direct assistance to people who are poor in the form of cash payments or tax credits	24	10	9
83	Invest in education and job training programs for people who are poor	74	88	89
2	No answer	2	2	2

ASK FORM 1[n=3,442]:

INEQ10

In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
68	Should raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans	76	67	61
29	Should NOT raise taxes on the wealthiest Americans	21	30	37
3	No answer	2	3	2

ASK FORM 2 [n=3,436]:

INEQ11

In order to address economic inequality in this country, do you think the government... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
10	Should raise taxes on people like you	7	8	20
89	Should NOT raise taxes on people like you	91	91	79
2	No answer	2	1	1

ASK ALL:

INC_SDT1

In a previous survey we asked you about your income. The next question asks for slightly more detail for different income levels.

Last year, that is in 2018, what was your total income from all sources, before taxes?

<u>Total</u>	
24	Less than \$30,000
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000
6	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000
5	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000
19	\$100,000 or more
7	No answer

ASK IF FAMILY INCOME IS \$30,000 OR LESS (INC_SDT1=1) [n=1,310]:

INC_SDT2

And in 2018, would you say that your total family income from all sources, before taxes, was...

<u>Total</u>	
24	Less than \$5,000
16	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
13	\$10,000 to less than \$15,000
13	\$15,000 to less than \$20,000
17	\$20,000 to less than \$25,000
16	\$25,000 to less than \$30,000
2	No answer

ASK IF FAMILY INCOME IS \$100,000 OR MORE (INC_SDT1=9) [n=1,643]:

INC_SDT3

And in 2018, would you say that your total family income from all sources, before taxes, was...

<u>Total</u>	
31	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
25	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
11	\$150,000 to less than \$175,000
9	\$175,000 to less than \$200,000
6	\$200,000 to less than \$225,000
4	\$225,000 to less than \$250,000
11	\$250,000 or more
3	No answer

COMBO TABLE BASED ON INC_SDT1/INC_SDT2/INC_SDT3

<u>Total</u>	
24	Less than \$30,000
6	Less than \$5,000
4	\$5,000 to less than \$10,000
3	\$10,000 to less than \$15,000
3	\$15,000 to less than \$20,000
4	\$20,000 to less than \$25,000
4	\$25,000 to less than \$30,000
*	No answer to INC_SDT2
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
7	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000
6	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000
5	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000
19	\$100,000 or more
6	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
5	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
2	\$150,000 to less than \$175,000
2	\$175,000 to less than \$200,000
1	\$200,000 to less than \$225,000
1	\$225,000 to less than \$250,000
2	\$250,000 or more
1	No answer to INC_SDT3
7	No answer to INC_SDT1

ASK ALL¹:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
27	Republican	17	31	32
31	Democrat	35	29	32
28	Independent	29	28	28
13	Something else	18	11	7
1	No answer to PARTY	2	1	1
17	Lean Rep	16	18	16
21	Lean Dem	25	19	19

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN were asked in a prior survey.

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 53 SEPTEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 3-15, 2019
TOTAL N=9,895**

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.

THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY ARE HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

	Sample size²	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	9,895	+/- 1.5 percentage points
<i>Lower income</i>	1,541	+/- 3.2 percentage points
<i>Middle income</i>	3,202	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Upper income</i>	1,567	+/- 3.1 percentage points

ASK ALL:

NATPROBS How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?
[**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS a-l; ON EACH PAGE; 2 PAGES**]

ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [n=4,941]:

a. Terrorism

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
39	A very big problem	49	35	29
39	A moderately big problem	34	43	42
20	A small problem	14	20	26
2	Not a problem at all	3	2	3
*	No answer	1	*	*

NO ITEM b**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [n=4,941]:**

c. The federal budget deficit

<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
53	A very big problem	53	53	52
38	A moderately big problem	37	39	37
8	A small problem	8	6	10
1	Not a problem at all	2	1	1
*	No answer	1	*	*

² Sample sizes, percentages, and margins of error for the total numbers include all respondents who answered the September 3-15, 2019 wave of the American Trends Panel (n=9,895). Sample sizes for form splits include all respondents who answered the September 3-15, 2019 wave of the American Trends panel. Sample sizes, percentages, and margins of error for income tiers in this topline include only respondents who answered both September 3-15, 2019 and September 6-29, 2019 survey waves (n=6,553).

NATPROBS CONTINUED ...**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [n=4,941]:**

d.	The affordability of healthcare				
	<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	66	A very big problem	68	66	65
	26	A moderately big problem	24	25	28
	6	A small problem	5	7	6
	2	Not a problem at all	3	2	1
	*	No answer	*	*	*

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [n=4,954]:

e.	Racism				
	<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	43	A very big problem	51	41	34
	31	A moderately big problem	30	33	31
	21	A small problem	16	22	30
	4	Not a problem at all	3	4	5
	*	No answer	1	*	*

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [n=4,954]:

f.	The affordability of a college education				
	<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	55	A very big problem	58	55	49
	32	A moderately big problem	30	32	36
	11	A small problem	8	11	12
	3	Not a problem at all	3	2	2
	*	No answer	*	*	0

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [n=4,954]:

g.	Drug addiction				
	<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	64	A very big problem	68	66	58
	28	A moderately big problem	24	28	35
	6	A small problem	7	5	6
	1	Not a problem at all	1	1	1
	*	No answer	*	*	*

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [n=4,954]:

h.	Job opportunities for all Americans				
	<u>Total</u>		<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	25	A very big problem	38	21	14
	38	A moderately big problem	38	40	38
	27	A small problem	21	28	33
	9	Not a problem at all	3	10	15
	*	No answer	*	*	0

NATPROBS CONTINUED ...

		Lower <u>income</u>	Middle <u>income</u>	Upper <u>income</u>
i.	Illegal immigration			
	<u>Total</u>			
	43 A very big problem	42	45	38
	27 A moderately big problem	29	27	25
	24 A small problem	21	24	31
	6 Not a problem at all	7	4	6
	* No answer	1	*	*
j.	Economic inequality			
	<u>Total</u>			
	44 A very big problem	53	40	40
	31 A moderately big problem	32	33	31
	18 A small problem	11	21	22
	6 Not a problem at all	3	6	7
	* No answer	*	*	*
k.	Climate change			
	<u>Total</u>			
	48 A very big problem	52	46	48
	24 A moderately big problem	29	22	22
	17 A small problem	12	20	19
	10 Not a problem at all	7	12	12
	* No answer	*	*	*
l.	Sexism			
	<u>Total</u>			
	26 A very big problem	34	22	19
	35 A moderately big problem	35	36	37
	29 A small problem	23	32	34
	9 Not a problem at all	7	9	10
	* No answer	*	*	*

TREND:

		<u>A very big problem</u>	<u>A moderately big problem</u>	<u>A small problem</u>	<u>Not a Problem at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Terrorism					
	Feb 19-March 4, 2019	34	40	23	2	*
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	35	37	25	3	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	53	30	13	3	1

NO ITEM b

c.	The federal budget deficit					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1

NATPROBS TREND CONTINUED ...

	<u>A very big problem</u>	<u>A moderately big problem</u>	<u>A small problem</u>	<u>Not a Problem at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
d. The affordability of health care					
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	67	26	5	2	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	23	5	2	*
e. Racism					
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	40	37	19	3	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1
NO TREND FOR ITEM f					
g. Drug addiction					
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	70	26	4	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	25	6	1	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	56	32	9	2	1
h. Job opportunities for all Americans					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	25	37	26	11	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	47	40	10	2	1
i. Illegal immigration					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1
j. Economic inequality					
Feb 19-March 4, 2019 ³	51	30	14	5	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	28	12	5	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	29	9	5	1
k. Climate change					
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	46	27	18	9	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1
l. Sexism					
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	26	40	28	5	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	34	35	24	7	1
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	23	36	30	10	2

³ February 2019 and prior, question asked about "The gap between the rich and poor."

ASK ALL:

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]:

ASK ALL:

WORKHARD

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	60	55	61	64
	39	44	39	36
	1	1	1	*
TREND:				
		Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to <u>work hard</u>	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success <u>for most people</u>	No <u>answer</u>
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018 ⁴	62	37	*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [n=2,471]:

POOREASY

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Lower income</u>	<u>Middle income</u>	<u>Upper income</u>
	47	37	52	54
	50	60	45	44
	3	3	3	2
TREND:				
		Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return <u>anything in return</u>	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently <u>help them live decently</u>	No <u>answer</u>
	Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁵	47	52	1

⁴ In W40, question was called FATE.

⁵ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.