

# Topline questionnaire

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 126 APRIL 2023  
FINAL TOPLINE  
APRIL 10-16, 2023  
TOTAL N=5,073**

**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.**

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,073	+/- 1.7 percentage points
<i>White</i>	2,717	+/- 2.1 percentage points
<i>Black</i>	407	+/- 4.9 percentage points
<i>Hispanic</i>	388	+/- 5.0 percentage points
<i>Asian<sup>1</sup></i>	159	+/- 7.8 percentage points

**ASK ALL:**

FUTRTREND Thinking about the future of our country, in general, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

e. Our country's ability to ensure racial equality for all people, regardless of their race or ethnicity

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
8	Very optimistic	8	7	9	6
20	Somewhat optimistic	21	15	22	16
23	Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	24	19	21	26
28	Somewhat pessimistic	28	23	27	35
17	Very pessimistic	14	28	16	14
5	Don't know <b>[anchor]</b>	4	8	4	2
*	No answer	*	*	*	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>1</sup> The Asian sample in this survey was interviewed in English only.

**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

On a different topic...

**ASK ALL:**

DREAM1

As you may know, Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream Speech" at a civil rights march in Washington, D.C., almost 60 years ago. How much have you read or heard about this speech? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS FAMVIEWS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
27	A great deal	24	54	20	15
33	A fair amount	36	26	29	26
27	Some	29	14	27	34
10	Not much	9	4	16	21
3	Nothing at all	2	2	7	4
*	No answer	*	*	1	-

**ASK ALL:**

KINGLEGACY1 How much, if at all, have your personal views on racial equality been influenced by Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS FAMVIEWS WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
14	A great deal	11	32	14	11
24	A fair amount	23	27	24	24
28	Some	29	23	26	27
14	Not much	14	6	18	10
10	Not at all	12	5	6	7
10	Don't know enough to say <b>[anchor]</b>	9	6	11	21
1	No answer	1	1	*	*

**ASK IF DIDN'T SAY 'DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY' IN KINGLEGACY1 (KINGLEGACY1=1-5,99)**  
**[n=4,702]:**

KINGLEGACY2 In a few words, what are some things that come to mind when you think about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.?

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN****ASK ALL:**

KINGIMP

Overall, how would you describe the impact Martin Luther King Jr. has had on our country? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS FUTRFAM, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
47	Very positive	46	53	46	43
35	Somewhat positive	36	27	34	38
9	Neither positive nor negative	9	13	9	5

2	Somewhat negative	2	2	4	3
1	Very negative	1	1	*	1
6	Don't know enough to say <b>[anchor]</b>	6	2	6	10
1	No answer	*	1	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

DREAM2

In the last 60 years, how much progress do you think the U.S. has made in ensuring equal rights for all people, regardless of race or ethnicity? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS FAMVIEWS]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
22	A great deal	26	9	17	16
29	A fair amount	32	21	28	31
33	Some	30	38	35	41
13	Not much	9	27	17	10
2	None at all	2	5	2	1
1	No answer	1	1	2	1

**ASK ALL:**

DREAM3

Overall, do you think efforts to ensure equal rights for all people in the U.S., regardless of race or ethnicity, have... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
20	Gone too far	24	7	15	19
52	Not gone far enough	44	83	58	55
27	Been about right <b>[anchor]</b>	30	9	25	26
1	No answer	1	*	1	*

**ASK IF SAID THE COUNTRY HASN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH OR HAS BEEN ABOUT RIGHT (DREAM3=2,3) [n=4,121]:**

DREAM4

How likely do you think it is that there will be equality for all people in the U.S., regardless of their race or ethnicity, in your lifetime? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS FAMLIFE, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
6	Extremely likely	8	1	5	5
12	Very likely	12	8	16	12
34	Somewhat likely	32	30	42	35
34	Not too likely	35	37	29	42
12	Not at all likely	12	23	7	6
1	No answer	1	*	2	-

**ASK IF SAID THE COUNTRY HASN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH OR HAS BEEN ABOUT RIGHT  
(DREAM3=2,3) [n=4,121]:**

DREAM5 How much, if at all, do you think the following systems in the U.S. need to change to ensure equality for all people, regardless of race or ethnicity? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 OR 4-1]**

a. The economic system

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
9	Requires no changes	12	2	5	6
24	Requires only minor changes	27	12	20	29
46	Requires major changes	44	51	50	47
20	Needs to be completely rebuilt	15	34	24	17
1	No answer	1	1	1	1

b. The political system

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
7	Requires no changes	8	3	7	5
15	Requires only minor changes	16	7	13	19
45	Requires major changes	46	41	46	53
31	Needs to be completely rebuilt	27	48	33	23
2	No answer	2	1	2	*

c. The courts and judicial process

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
8	Requires no changes	11	2	5	6
21	Requires only minor changes	25	8	19	28
47	Requires major changes	46	46	48	51
22	Needs to be completely rebuilt	17	42	26	15
1	No answer	1	1	2	1

d. Policing

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
6	Requires no changes	7	2	6	2
21	Requires only minor changes	27	8	15	15
43	Requires major changes	43	38	48	48
28	Needs to be completely rebuilt	22	51	30	35
1	No answer	1	1	1	*

e. The prison system

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
8	Requires no changes	10	3	7	6
18	Requires only minor changes	21	8	17	19
38	Requires major changes	38	35	39	44

34	Needs to be completely rebuilt	29	53	35	30
2	No answer	2	1	2	*

**QUESTION DREAMS CONTINUED ...**

f. The health care system

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
9	Requires no changes	11	2	6	10
22	Requires only minor changes	25	14	17	18
42	Requires major changes	40	48	45	40
27	Needs to be completely rebuilt	23	35	30	32
1	No answer	1	1	1	-

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PROTTACTICS How often do you think it is acceptable for people to protest against racial inequality by participating in the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

a. Boycotts, that is, refusing to buy goods or use services from certain businesses

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
41	Always acceptable	42	48	34	37
18	Often acceptable	18	16	19	19
24	Sometimes acceptable	24	23	25	24
8	Rarely acceptable	7	7	10	9
8	Never acceptable	8	3	10	9
1	No answer	1	2	3	1

b. Activities that disrupt everyday life, such as shutting down streets or traffic

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
6	Always acceptable	4	13	5	7
7	Often acceptable	6	12	8	7
21	Sometimes acceptable	19	31	22	23
20	Rarely acceptable	20	18	22	24
45	Never acceptable	50	23	40	38
1	No answer	1	3	2	1

c. Sit-ins inside or around public places such as office buildings or businesses

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
21	Always acceptable	19	32	21	24
18	Often acceptable	18	19	16	15
32	Sometimes acceptable	30	33	35	36
15	Rarely acceptable	16	8	13	13

13	Never acceptable	15	6	13	11
1	No answer	1	3	2	1

**QUESTION PROTTACTICS CONTINUED ...**

d. Actions that result in damage to public or private property

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
2	Always acceptable	1	4	3	1
3	Often acceptable	2	7	3	6
9	Sometimes acceptable	6	14	12	12
12	Rarely acceptable	11	15	15	15
73	Never acceptable	79	58	64	65
1	No answer	1	3	2	1

e. Marches or demonstrations that do not disrupt everyday life

<u>Total</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
50	Always acceptable	51	52	48	48
19	Often acceptable	20	17	15	23
20	Sometimes acceptable	20	22	22	18
5	Rarely acceptable	4	4	7	5
4	Never acceptable	4	4	5	5
1	No answer	1	3	2	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=2,072]:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>2</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	28	27	15	2	17	20

<sup>2</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.