

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 139 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2023
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, 2023
TOTAL N=5,203**

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.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,203	+/- 1.8 percentage points

ASK ALL:
COLGJOB

How important do you think it is for someone to have a four-year college degree in order to get a well-paying job in today's economy? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

Nov 27-
Dec 3,
2023

8	Extremely important
17	Very important
35	Somewhat important
25	Not too important
16	Not at all important
*	No answer

ASK ALL:
COLGIMP

Compared with 20 years ago, how important would you say it is for someone to have a four-year college degree in order to get a well-paying job? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Nov 27-
Dec 3,
2023

32	More important today than 20 years ago
49	Less important today than 20 years ago
17	About as important [ANCHOR]
1	No answer

ASK ALL:
EDUCJOB

Overall, how useful was your education in giving you the skills and knowledge you needed to get a well-paying job? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS COLGJOB, WITH 6 ALWAYS LAST]**

Nov 27-
Dec 3,
2023

15	Extremely useful
19	Very useful
29	Somewhat useful
17	Not too useful
11	Not at all useful
9	Not applicable
*	No answer

ASK ALL:
DEGRJOB

Thinking about the cost of getting a four-year college degree today, would you say it is... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3 or 3-1]**

Nov 27-
Dec 3,
2023

22	Worth it, even if someone has to take out loans in order to attend
47	Worth it, but only if someone doesn't have to take out loans in order to attend
29	Not worth it
1	No answer

ASK ALL:
NDEGRJOB

How likely is it that someone who does not have a four-year college degree could get a well-paying job in today's economy? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS COLGJOB]**

Nov 27-
Dec 3,
2023

8	Extremely likely
26	Very likely
46	Somewhat likely
18	Not too likely
3	Not at all likely
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=2,041]:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹

<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	29	27	13	3	17	18

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.