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Atlantic Media**

Next America Survey 2016

Final Topline  
February 29, 2016

<u>Total</u>	1,276 adults age 18 and older Margin of error: Plus or minus 4.3 percentage points
White, non-Hispanic	597 adults age 18 and older Margin of error: Plus or minus 5.9 percentage points
Black, non-Hispanic	266 adults age 18 and older Margin of error: Plus or minus 9.2 percentage points
Hispanic	258 adults age 18 and older Margin of error: Plus or minus 8.5 percentage points
Asian, non-Hispanic	107 adults age 18 and older Margin of error: Plus or minus 13.2 percentage points

Interviewing dates: February 10-25, 2016  
English and Spanish

**Notes:**

Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%  
An asterisk (\*) indicates less than 0.5%

Trend Information:

Mar 18-26, 2014:	National Journal <i>Next America 2014</i> (n=1,271)
Oct 14-24, 2013:	National Journal <i>Next America 2013</i> (n=1,272)
Sep 27- Oct 2, 2012:	National Journal <i>Next America 2012</i> (n=1,246)
Apr 5-11, 2012:	National Journal <i>Minority Focus 2012</i> (n=1,308)

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## ROTATE Q1 AND Q2

Q1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Right direction	33	25	56	43	57
Wrong direction	57	66	31	50	33
Neither (VOL.)	4	4	5	3	4
Don't know (VOL.)	4	3	7	3	6
Refused (VOL.)	2	2	1	1	1

## ROTATE Q1 AND Q2

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? [IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>
<b>Total</b>				
Feb 10-25, 2016	50	44	4	2
Mar 18-26, 2014	43	48	7	2
Sep 27- Oct 2, 2012	51	41	8	--
Apr 5-11, 2012	48	40	12	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 <sup>2</sup>	43	48	9	--
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 <sup>3</sup>	47	41	12	--
<b>White</b>				
Feb 10-25, 2016	39	56	4	2
Mar 18-26, 2014	33	60	5	2
Sep 27- Oct 2, 2012	40	52	8	--
Apr 5-11, 2012	39	49	12	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	33	58	9	--
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	38	49	12	--
<b>Black</b>				
Feb 10-25, 2016	90	7	2	1
Mar 18-26, 2014	78	11	7	4
Sep 27- Oct 2, 2012	87	6	7	--
Apr 5-11, 2012	90	7	4	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	89	5	6	--
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	89	4	8	--

*Q2 continued on next page...*

<sup>1</sup> For this question and many others throughout the topline, results for "Don't know" often reflect combined "Don't know" and "Refused" percentages. DK and REF are reported separately where available.

<sup>2</sup> Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 trends based on Pew Research Center for the People & the Press September 2011 Generations Survey

<sup>3</sup> Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 trends based on Pew Research Center for the People & the Press/Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life July/August 2010 Religion and Public Life Survey

Q2 continued...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>
Hispanic				
Feb 10-25, 2016	61	32	5	2
Mar 18-26, 2014	51	35	12	2
Sep 27- Oct 2, 2012	67	25	8	--
Apr 5-11, 2012	58	26	16	--
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	51	39	10	--
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	56	34	10	--
Asian				
Feb 10-25, 2016	74	20	6	0
Mar 18-26, 2014	72	27	1	*

EMPLOY. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? [READ]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Total Employed	54	54	46	62	50
Employed Full Time	42	42	37	45	33
Employed Part Time	8	7	8	12	12
Small Business Owner	4	5	1	5	5
Total Not Employed	46	46	53	38	49
Homemaker	7	6	5	9	8
Retired	22	26	23	10	21
Student	7	5	8	9	15
Unemployed	6	5	7	7	6
Disabled (VOL.)	5	4	10	3	0
Don't know (VOL.)	0	0	0	0	0
Refused (VOL.)	*	*	1	0	1

STUD. Are you also a full- or part-time student?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Total Student	14	12	17	20	24
Yes, full-time	11	10	15	11	19
Yes, part-time	3	2	2	8	5
Not a student	85	88	81	80	76
Don't know (VOL.)	*	*	0	0	0
Refused (VOL.)	*	0	1	0	0

Q3. Thinking about the field you currently work in, would you say your skillset today is [READ]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Above average for your field	51	56	49	33	43
Average for your field	42	41	44	48	44
Below average for your field	7	3	7	19	8
Don't know (VOL.)	1	*	0	*	5
Refused (VOL.)	0	0	0	0	0
N=	(678)	(300)	(124)	(158)	(69)

Q4 How concerned are you that advances in technology and other changes will make the skills you have for your current job obsolete in the [INSERT ITEM]? Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned? How about in the [NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned about your skills becoming obsolete?]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>	<u>N</u>
a. Next 5 years							
Total	6	14	27	52	*	*	(678)
White	3	11	28	57	*	0	(300)
Black	5	17	34	44	0	0	(124)
Hispanic	15	23	24	36	0	1	(158)
Asian	11	12	26	47	1	3	(69)
b. Next 10 years							
Total	13	16	20	50	1	0	(678)
White	7	16	21	56	*	0	(300)
Black	20	14	29	37	*	0	(124)
Hispanic	29	22	14	34	1	0	(158)
Asian	16	15	25	44	1	0	(69)

Q5 Which ONE of the following statements comes closer to your view of the value of your education as it relates to your current job? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
I could perform my job responsibilities just as well had I NOT obtained as much education	39	39	41	48	21
The responsibilities of my job frequently require me to use the skills and knowledge I gained through my education	58	59	54	45	79
Don't know (VOL.)	3	2	5	7	0
Refused (VOL.)	*	*	0	0	0
N=	(678)	(300)	(124)	(158)	(69)

Q6 Which of the following statements do you agree with more [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
If I obtained more training or education, I would be able to get a better or higher paying job	72	67	86	81	67
Even with more training and education, there is no way I would be able to get a better or higher paying job	25	30	11	17	23
Neither (VOL.)	2	2	2	*	10
Don't know (VOL.)	1	1	1	1	0
Refused (VOL.)	*	*	0	0	0
N=	(678)	(300)	(124)	(158)	(69)

Q7 With your current employer, do you have access to meaningful job training opportunities?

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Yes	72	73	73	64	79
No	27	26	27	36	20
Don't know (VOL.)	0	0	0	0	0
Refused (VOL.)	1	1	0	0	1
N=	(678)	(300)	(124)	(158)	(69)

Q8 Please tell me how likely you are to do each of the following in order to improve your skills for work. (First/Next), [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]. [READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Would you be very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely to do this?]

ITEMS A,B,D,E,F BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED, A HOMEMAKER, OR UNEMPLOYED<sup>4</sup>

ITEM C BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED ONLY

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too likely	Not at all likely	Already doing/ did this (VOL.)	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)	N
<b>a. Go to community college or a 4 year university for additional education</b>								
Total	23	18	16	39	4	*	*	(800)
White	17	16	17	45	5	*	*	(345)
Black	39	30	9	19	2	1	*	(150)
Hispanic	34	19	18	28	1	0	*	(194)
Asian	26	14	14	42	3	0	0	(77)
<b>b. Complete a skills credential or certification</b>								
Total	33	29	12	22	3	*	1	(800)
White	31	26	15	25	2	0	1	(345)
Black	47	30	5	14	1	*	3	(150)
Hispanic	33	40	11	14	2	1	*	(194)
Asian	36	26	5	31	1	0	0	(77)
<b>c. Receive on-the-job training provided by your employer</b>								
Total	56	19	3	15	5	1	1	(678)
White	55	15	4	18	8	*	1	(300)
Black	65	25	2	4	*	0	3	(124)
Hispanic	49	28	4	15	3	1	0	(158)
Asian	52	29	5	15	0	0	0	(69)
<b>d. Enroll in a government training program</b>								
Total	18	21	12	46	1	1	1	(800)
White	12	19	13	54	0	1	*	(345)
Black	37	26	11	24	*	*	0	(150)
Hispanic	27	24	11	31	3	1	2	(194)
Asian	28	20	13	39	1	0	0	(77)

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<sup>4</sup> This filter throughout the survey excludes respondents who indicate they are Retired, a Student, Disabled, or DK/Refused in EMPLOY

Q8 continued...

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not too likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>Already doing/ did this (VOL.)</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>	<u>N</u>
e. Enroll in short term private training, such as a coding academy								
Total	12	23	16	46	1	1	1	(800)
White	9	23	17	49	*	1	1	(345)
Black	18	14	18	47	1	2	0	(150)
Hispanic	18	29	18	33	*	*	1	(194)
Asian	27	16	8	46	0	1	*	(77)
f. Take online courses								
Total	27	29	12	29	2	1	*	(800)
White	27	28	10	32	2	*	1	(345)
Black	34	24	17	23	1	1	0	(150)
Hispanic	27	26	15	28	1	3	*	(194)
Asian	28	40	9	19	2	3	0	(77)

Q9 Which of the following would you say is the biggest barrier to your obtaining more training or education? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED, A HOMEMAKER, OR UNEMPLOYED

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
It costs too much	29	25	39	34	27
You don't have enough time because of family obligations	23	24	20	25	27
You don't have enough time because of work	23	22	22	25	24
You don't think it would help you earn more	11	14	7	3	9
You don't know where or how to obtain it	3	2	2	5	3
Other (SPECIFY)(VOL.)	10	11	7	7	6
Don't know (VOL.)	1	1	2	1	1
Refused (VOL.)	1	*	1	1	4
N=	(800)	(345)	(150)	(194)	(77)

Q10 Who do you think is MOST LIKELY to develop the best new ideas for helping workers upgrade their skills and remain current in their field through their working lifetime?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Employers	43	48	27	30	43
State or local government	18	16	19	28	14
The federal government	16	15	20	17	20
Nonprofit community groups	15	12	24	22	11
Don't know (VOL.)	7	7	8	3	8
Refused (VOL.)	1	1	2	0	5

READ TO ALL: Next...

Q11. When you think about your own children or other children in your neighborhood today, do you believe the schooling they are receiving at the elementary, middle and high school level is preparing them to perform college work successfully?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>
Total	Feb 10-25, 2016	49	46	4	1
	Mar 18-26, 2014	53	40	5	1
	Oct 14-24, 2013	61	31	8	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	62	30	7	--
White	Feb 10-25, 2016	47	47	5	1
	Mar 18-26, 2014	50	44	5	2
	Oct 14-24, 2013	60	32	8	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	60	31	9	--
Black	Feb 10-25, 2016	41	57	2	*
	Mar 18-26, 2014	60	39	1	*
	Oct 14-24, 2013	59	31	10	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	65	29	6	--
Hispanic	Feb 10-25, 2016	61	37	2	0
	Mar 18-26, 2014	64	30	6	*
	Oct 14-24, 2013	62	29	9	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	72	26	1	--
Asian	Feb 10-25, 2016	63	26	9	1
	Mar 18-26, 2014	55	30	15	0
	Oct 14-24, 2013	58	30	12	--



Q12. Do you think young people in the United States today need a 4-year college degree in order to be successful, or not?<sup>5</sup>

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>
Total	Feb 10-25, 2016	53	46	1	*
	Mar 18-26, 2014	49	48	1	1
	Oct 14-24, 2013	52	46	2	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	61	37	2	--
White	Feb 10-25, 2016	49	50	1	*
	Mar 18-26, 2014	45	54	1	1
	Oct 14-24, 2013	47	51	3	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	57	41	2	--
Black	Feb 10-25, 2016	46	51	2	*
	Mar 18-26, 2014	57	40	2	0
	Oct 14-24, 2013	55	44	2	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	67	29	4	--
Hispanic	Feb 10-25, 2016	65	34	0	1
	Mar 18-26, 2014	67	31	2	*
	Oct 14-24, 2013	70	28	1	--
	Sep 27-Oct 2, 2012	73	26	1	--
Asian	Feb 10-25, 2016	74	26	0	0
	Mar 18-26, 2014	58	41	*	1
	Oct 14-24, 2013	61	37	2	--

Q13. Which of the following paths do you think gives young people today the best chance to succeed after they graduate high school? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Going to college	53	50	46	67	58
Getting training or a certificate in a vocational skill	37	40	41	24	32
Entering the workforce immediately after high school	6	5	9	7	8
Don't know (VOL.)	2	2	2	1	0
Refused (VOL.)	2	2	1	1	3

<sup>5</sup> Trend wording from 2013 and 2012 did not include reference to "in the United States."

Q14. Which of the following statements do you agree with more [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
The government should provide free public college education because a post-secondary degree is now so essential to success	51	44	72	64	48
It is too expensive for the government to guarantee free public college education and families and students should contribute	44	52	22	33	47
Don't know (VOL.)	3	3	5	1	4
Refused (VOL.)	1	2	1	2	1

Q15 Would you be willing to pay more in federal taxes for the government to provide free public college education for all young people in America?

BASED ON THOSE WHO SUPPORT FREE PUBLIC COLLEGE

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Yes	74	77	67	74	73
No	25	22	29	24	27
Don't know (VOL.)	1	1	*	3	0
Refused (VOL.)	1	0	3	0	0
N=	(622)	(218)	(180)	(146)	(56)

Q14/Q15 SUMMARY TABLE BASED ON TOTAL

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
The government should provide free public college education because a post-secondary degree is now so essential to success	51	44	72	64	48
Would be willing to pay more in federal taxes	38	34	48	47	35
Would NOT be willing to pay more in federal taxes	13	10	21	15	13
Don't know (VOL.)	1	*	*	2	0
Refused (VOL.)	*	0	2	0	0
It is too expensive for the government to guarantee free public college education and families and students should contribute	44	52	22	33	47
Don't know (VOL.)	3	3	5	1	4
Refused (VOL.)	1	2	1	2	1

Q16. Please tell me whether you think each of the following groups of people has better access to employment opportunities compared to other Americans, worse access, or equal access to employment opportunities compared to other Americans. (First/How about), [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE], [READ FOR FIRST TIME THEN AS NECESSARY: Do you think [ITEM] have better, worse, or equal access to employment opportunities compared to other Americans?]

		Better access	Worse access	Equal access	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
a. African-Americans						
	Total	10	34	54	1	1
	White	11	28	58	2	1
	Black	7	55	35	2	1
	Hispanic	14	36	49	*	1
	Asian	3	38	59	*	*
b. Hispanics						
	Total	12	33	52	2	1
	White	12	31	54	3	1
	Black	21	35	43	2	0
	Hispanic	6	41	53	1	*
	Asian	3	31	64	0	2
c. Asians						
	Total	23	7	65	4	1
	White	20	7	68	5	1
	Black	37	11	48	3	1
	Hispanic	28	6	61	5	*
	Asian	17	9	73	0	*
d. Whites						
	Total	38	6	54	1	1
	White	29	8	61	2	1
	Black	68	3	26	1	1
	Hispanic	50	3	46	1	*
	Asian	47	1	49	1	*
e. Gays and lesbians						
	Total	7	27	60	6	1
	White	7	24	62	6	1
	Black	11	31	51	5	2
	Hispanic	4	31	61	4	*
	Asian	3	27	61	8	1
f. Muslims						
	Total	8	38	44	8	2
	White	7	37	45	9	2
	Black	13	42	36	7	2
	Hispanic	9	36	49	5	1
	Asian	*	39	51	7	2

Q17. Which of the following two statements best reflects your views...? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Anyone who works hard still has a fair chance to succeed and live a comfortable life in today's America	44	44	36	52	52
Today's economy mostly rewards the rich and it's difficult for average people to get ahead	52	52	59	45	48
Don't know (VOL.)	2	3	1	2	0
Refused (VOL.)	1	1	4	1	0

Q18. Please tell me whether each of the following has been a major barrier, a minor barrier, or not a barrier at all to achieving your personal goals in life so far. (First/Next), [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Has this been a major barrier, a minor barrier, or not a barrier at all to achieving your personal goals in life]

ITEMS A,B,C,E BASED ON TOTAL

ITEM D BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED ONLY

	<u>Major barrier</u>	<u>Minor barrier</u>	<u>Not a barrier at all</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>	<u>N</u>
a. A lack of good jobs in your community						
Total	30	29	39	2	*	
White	26	29	42	2	1	
Black	47	23	28	2	*	
Hispanic	34	27	37	1	*	
Asian	26	31	36	7	0	
b. Not having a high enough level of education						
Total	28	24	47	1	*	
White	21	22	56	*	*	
Black	36	31	32	*	0	
Hispanic	50	22	27	*	0	
Asian	27	27	42	4	1	
c. Not having enough technical skills						
Total	23	27	49	1	*	
White	19	27	53	*	*	
Black	31	31	38	1	*	
Hispanic	28	28	43	1	0	
Asian	38	21	34	7	0	

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	<u>Major barrier</u>	<u>Minor barrier</u>	<u>Not a barrier at all</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>	<u>N</u>
d. A lack of opportunities to be promoted at work						
Total	21	34	45	1	*	(678)
White	16	34	49	1	*	(300)
Black	34	34	32	0	0	(124)
Hispanic	29	30	42	0	0	(158)
Asian	18	42	40	0	0	(69)
e. Wages not increasing fast enough to get ahead						
Total	40	30	29	1	*	
White	35	31	33	1	*	
Black	64	21	15	1	*	
Hispanic	45	30	23	2	0	
Asian	36	40	24	0	0	

Q19. How would you describe the neighborhood where you currently live? Would you say it is mostly white, mostly black, mostly Hispanic, mostly some other race or ethnicity, or would you say it is mixed?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Mostly white	41	53	14	19	42
Mostly black	5	2	20	5	*
Mostly Hispanic	5	2	4	18	6
Mostly some other race or ethnicity	1	1	0	*	3
Mixed	48	42	61	57	47
Don't know (VOL.)	*	0	1	*	2
Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	*	1

Q20. Which of the following statements do you agree with the most [READ AND RANDOMIZE, ALWAYS KEEPING 1 AND 2 TOGETHER]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
My neighborhood is a better place to live because it has families from many different racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds	49	49	41	50	52
My neighborhood faces problems because it has families from many different racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds	8	5	15	11	11
My neighborhood does not have many families from many different racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds	38	40	41	33	31
Don't know (VOL.)	3	3	2	4	2
Refused (VOL.)	2	2	1	3	4

Q21. Do you think that children of color in your local community have access to the same number of opportunities as white children, or not?

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Yes	72	77	41	73	71
No	24	18	57	24	26
Don't know (VOL.)	4	4	2	4	3
Refused (VOL.)	*	1	0	0	0

Q22 How much of the time do you think you can trust the police to do what is right for you or your local community? Almost always, most of the time, only some of the time, OR almost never?

	<u>Almost always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>	<u>N</u>
Total							
Feb 10-25, 2016	39	38	15	8	1	1	(1,276)
Aug 6-11, 2015 <sup>6</sup>	40	34	19	7	1	--	(1,200)
White							
Feb 10-25, 2016	45	36	12	6	1	1	(597)
Aug 6-11, 2015	48	33	13	5	1	--	(866)
Black							
Feb 10-25, 2016	13	40	29	18	*	1	(266)
Aug 6-11, 2015	16	35	32	17	0	--	(116)

Q22 continued on next page...

<sup>6</sup> August 6-11, 2015 trends based on Kaiser Family Foundation August 2015 Tracking Survey. Trend phrasing did not include the word "local"

Q22 continued...

	<u>Almost always</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Only some of the time</u>	<u>Almost never</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>	<u>N</u>
Hispanic							
Feb 10-25, 2016	31	44	14	11	*	*	(258)
Aug 6-11, 2015	36	29	25	10	*	--	(147)
Asian							
Feb 10-25, 2016	48	34	17	1	0	0	(107)

READ TO ALL: Now I want to ask you some questions about choices that governments, families and businesses are facing...

- Q23. When thinking about ways to help more young people obtain the education they need to succeed in today's economy, some argue that the government should ensure that all young children at age 4 can attend pre-kindergarten classes, also known as "pre-K" or "pre-school." Do you think pre-K programs for all young children would [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-2]

	<u>Provide more children a better chance to succeed</u>	<u>Move children out of the house and away from their family at too young an age</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>
Total				
Feb 10-25, 2016	76	20	3	2
Mar 18-26, 2014	70	21	6	3
White				
Feb 10-25, 2016	73	22	3	1
Mar 18-26, 2014	66	25	6	4
Black				
Feb 10-25, 2016	88	8	2	2
Mar 18-26, 2014	82	13	4	1
Hispanic				
Feb 10-25, 2016	76	20	3	1
Mar 18-26, 2014	78	18	3	1
Asian				
Feb 10-25, 2016	76	16	3	5
Mar 18-26, 2014	80	17	2	2

Q24 President Obama has set a goal of increasing the share of Americans age 25 to 34 who earn some kind of post-high school degree from about 40 percent today to 60 percent by 2020. If the United States met this goal, do you think... [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

	The economy would improve because of the increasing number of well-trained workers	The economy would NOT improve much because there will be more workers with advanced degrees than employers need	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Total				
Feb 10-25, 2016	66	28	5	1
Oct 14-24, 2013	55	35	10	--
White				
Feb 10-25, 2016	61	32	6	1
Oct 14-24, 2013	48	40	19	--
Black				
Feb 10-25, 2016	82	13	5	*
Oct 14-24, 2013	76	19	5	--
Hispanic				
Feb 10-25, 2016	67	32	1	*
Oct 14-24, 2013	68	27	5	--
Asian				
Feb 10-25, 2016	78	17	3	2
Oct 14-24, 2013	63	28	9	--

Q25. Which do you think would do the MOST to improve the economy in your local community? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Spending more money on education, including K through 12 schools and public colleges and universities	40	35	53	43	69
Cutting taxes for individuals and businesses	24	27	17	20	16
Raising taxes on foreign products to reduce imports	17	18	13	22	6
Reducing the number of new immigrant workers who can enter the US	13	16	12	7	5
Don't know (VOL.)	4	2	5	6	3
Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	2	2



- Q26 As you may know, the average student now graduates from college owing \$35,000 in student loans. What do you think is the best way to reduce the level of debt among college graduates? [READ AND RANDOMIZE]

	Colleges and universities should do more to hold down costs, even if that means larger classes, less money for sports, and fewer activities for <u>students</u>	The government should provide students more financial assistance, even if that means higher federal <u>spending</u>	Both (VOL.)	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Total					
Feb 10-25, 2016	49	43	3	4	1
Oct 14-24, 2013 <sup>7</sup>	56	31	6	7	--
White					
Feb 10-25, 2016	54	38	4	3	1
Oct 14-24, 2013	62	24	7	7	--
Black					
Feb 10-25, 2016	34	59	2	4	*
Oct 14-24, 2013	42	49	4	5	--
Hispanic					
Feb 10-25, 2016	44	48	3	3	2
Oct 14-24, 2013	42	50	4	4	--
Asian					
Feb 10-25, 2016	42	47	4	5	2
Oct 14-24, 2013	53	31	8	9	--

READ TO ALL: Changing topics...

- Q27 Now, suppose the 2016 presidential election were being held TODAY and you had to choose between, [READ AND RANDOMIZE 1-2]...Who would you vote for?

	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	48	37	80	68	71
Donald Trump, the Republican	34	46	5	14	16
Other candidate (VOL.)	10	10	8	10	6
Don't know (VOL.)	6	6	5	7	5
Refused (VOL.)	2	2	2	1	3

<sup>7</sup> October 14-24, 2013 trend referenced the average student loan debt as \$26,000

Q28 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to [READ 1-2 IN SAME ORDER AS Q27]?<sup>8</sup>

SUMMARY OF Q27/Q28 BASED ON TOTAL

	<u>Total</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
Clinton/Lean Clinton	52	39	84	73	73
Trump/Lean Trump	38	51	5	15	18
Other candidate (VOL.)	5	4	4	7	3
Don't know (VOL.)	2	2	3	4	5
Refused (VOL.)	3	4	3	1	*

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

SEX Respondent's Sex

49 Male  
51 Female

AGE What is your age?

21 18 to 29  
33 30 to 49  
25 50 to 64  
19 65 and older  
\* Don't know (VOL.)  
1 Refused (VOL.)

AGE RECODED BY GENERATION

30 Millennials  
27 Gen X  
30 Baby Boomers  
12 Silent Generation  
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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<sup>8</sup> Asked of those who responded Other candidate, Don't Know, or Refused in Q27

EDUC2. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? [DO NOT READ] [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Enter code 3-HS grad if R completed training that did NOT count toward a degree]

- 3 Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)
- 7 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)
- 29 High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)
- 17 Some college, no degree (includes some community college)
- 14 Two year associate degree from a college or university
- 15 Four year college or university degree/Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 2 Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree
- 12 Postgraduate or professional degree, including master's, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)
- \* Don't know (VOL.)
- \* Refused (VOL.)

HISP Are you of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or other Spanish background?

- 15 Yes
- 84 No
- \* Don't know (VOL.)
- 1 Refused (VOL.)

HISP Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or some other Spanish background?

RACE What is your race? Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race? [IF R SAYS HISPANIC OR LATINO, PROBE: Do you consider yourself a WHITE (Hispanic/Latino) or a BLACK (Hispanic/Latino)?]

- 64 White non-Hispanic
- 35 Total non-White
  - 12 Black non-Hispanic
  - 15 Hispanic
  - 6 Asian non-Hispanic
  - 2 Other non-Hispanic
- 1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

BIRTH\_HISP Were you born in the United States, on the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

BASED ON HISPANICS (N=258)

- 43 Born in the U.S.
- 4 Born in Puerto Rico
- 49 Born in another country
- 0 Don't know (VOL.)
- 4 Refused (VOL.)

- INC Last year, that is in 2015, approximately what was your total family income before taxes – just tell me when I get to the right category.
- INC1 (IF “DON’T KNOW” OR “REFUSED”) Keeping in mind that this is a completely confidential survey, can you please tell me if your total household income BEFORE taxes last year was over or under \$75,000?
- INC2 (IF UNDER \$75,000) Was it over or under \$50,000?
- INC3 (IF UNDER \$50,000) Was it over or under \$30,000?

28	\$75,000 or more
13	\$50,000 to under \$75,000
22	\$30,000 to under \$50,000
33	Under \$30,000
5	Undesignated

REG Which of these statements best describes you? [READ 1-3 IN ORDER]

71	Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
6	Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed [OR]
23	Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address?
1	Don't know (VOL.)
*	Refused (VOL.)

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

25	Republican
37	Democrat
33	Independent
2	No preference (VOL.)
*	Other party (VOL.)
2	Don't know (VOL.)
1	Refused (VOL.)

PARTYLN. As of today, do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?<sup>9</sup>

SUMMARY OF PARTY AND PARTYLN BASED ON TOTAL

39	Republican/Lean Republican
51	Democrat/Lean Democrat
10	Refused to Lean

That completes the interview. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. Have a nice day/evening.

<sup>9</sup> Asked of those who responded Independent, No preference, Other Party, Don't know, or Refused in PARTY