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1. I agree to continue
2. I do not agree

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

dmCntry [Country] In which country or region do you currently reside?

244. United States of America
14. Australia
33. Brazil
42. Canada
48. China
76. France
85. Germany
116. India
123. Italy
126. Japan
157. Mexico
215. Spain
243. United Kingdom
996. Other country

BASE: ALL US RESPONDENTS

dmStateUS [State (US)] In what state or territory do you currently reside?

[DISPLAY IN DROP DOWN LIST]

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| 1. | Alabama | 29. | Nevada |
| 2. | Alaska | 30. | New Hampshire |
| 3. | Arizona | 31. | New Jersey |
| 4. | Arkansas | 32. | New Mexico |
| 5. | California | 33. | New York |
| 6. | Colorado | 34. | North Carolina |
| 7. | Connecticut | 35. | North Dakota |
| 8. | Delaware | 36. | Ohio |
| 9. | District of Columbia | 37. | Oklahoma |
| 10. | Florida | 38. | Oregon |
| 11. | Georgia | 39. | Pennsylvania |
| 12. | Hawaii | 40. | Rhode Island |
| 13. | Idaho | 41. | South Carolina |
| 14. | Illinois | 42. | South Dakota |
| 15. | Indiana | 43. | Tennessee |
| 16. | Iowa | 44. | Texas |
| 17. | Kansas | 45. | Utah |
| 18. | Kentucky | 46. | Vermont |
| 19. | Louisiana | 47. | Virginia |
| 20. | Maine | 48. | Washington |
| 21. | Maryland | 49. | West Virginia |
| 22. | Massachusetts | 50. | Wisconsin |
| 23. | Michigan | 51. | Wyoming |
| 24. | Minnesota | 52. | American Samoa |
| 25. | Mississippi | 54. | Guam |
| 26. | Missouri | 56. | Northern Mariana Islands |
| 27. | Montana | 58. | Puerto Rico |
| 28. | Nebraska | 59. | Virgin Islands |

BASE: ALL US RESPONDENTS

dmZipUS [Zip Code (US)] What is your zip code?

[5 DIGITS – DISPLAY ERROR IF ZIP CODE IS NOT VALID]

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

dmGenM [Gender-Multi] Do you currently describe yourself as...? *Please select all that apply.*

- 1. Male
- 2. Female
- 4. Non-binary
- 5. Gender non-conforming
- 13. I identify as (please specify) [TEXT BOX]
- 9. Prefer not to answer

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

dmAge [Age] What is your age?

[RANGE 0 -120]

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BASE: ALL US RESPONDENTS

dmHispUS [Hispanic Origin (US)] Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

BASE: ALL US RESPONDENTS

dmRaceMUS [Race-Multi (US)] What is your race? Please select all that apply.

1. White
2. Black or African American
3. American Indian or Alaska Native
4. Asian Indian
5. Chinese
6. Korean
7. Japanese
8. Filipino
9. Middle Eastern or North African
12. Vietnamese
11. Other Asian
10. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
13. Some other race

SECTION 100 – OVERARCHING VALUE SYSTEMS

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q100 The U.S. Constitution gives parents significant authority to raise their children as they see fit. At the same time, government can and does impose restrictions on parenting to ensure the well-being of all children, including child labor laws, minimum schooling requirements, and required childhood vaccinations.

In your opinion, in balancing parents' authority with the government's interest in ensuring the well-being of children, should our country...? *Please select one.*

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 – Heavily favor parents' authority
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 – Heavily favor the government's interest in ensuring children's well-being
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Q103 Regardless of whether or not you are a parent, how easy or hard do you think it is to be a parent? On a scale of 1 to 6 where 1 = "It's an easy job" and 6 = "It's the toughest job out there," where do you think parenting falls?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 - It's an easy job
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 - It's the toughest job out there
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

Qagree. This study contains questions about difficult topics related to child abuse and neglect. We know this can be a sensitive subject to discuss, but we greatly appreciate your participation. Please know that your responses will be held in strict confidence and will be combined with the responses of other participants.

If you understand the nature of this survey and agree to continue, please select 'I agree to continue' below.

1. I agree to continue
2. I do not agree

MAIN SURVEY

SECTION 200 – BELIEFS ON ROOT CAUSES

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q200 Which of the following factors do you think are significant contributors to why child abuse or neglect occurs? *Please select all that apply.*

[PN: Include pop-up box with the definition for abuse: Abuse is generally associated with nonaccidental physical injury, a pattern of behavior that impairs a child's emotional development or sense of self-worth, or the coercion of any child to engage in any sexually explicit conduct.]

[PN: Include pop-up box with the definition for neglect: Neglect is the failure to act to provide for a child's needs leading to potential or actual harm, such as inadequate supervision, lack of protection from hazards, and unmet basic needs.]

[COLUMN, MULTISELECT; FORCE RESPONSE MIN. 1/COLUMN]

1. Child abuse
2. Child neglect

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE 1-12; GROUP CODES 5-7 TOGETHER AND ROTATE; ANCHOR 96-99; 99 EXCL]

1. Parents with ill intent or a desire to harm their child
2. Parents who don't want to care for their child
3. Parents facing significant stress
4. Generational trauma or patterns (i.e., parents were victims of abuse/neglect themselves as children and the pattern continues)
5. Parents' lack of financial resources
6. Lack of access to child care
7. Lack of access to affordable housing
8. Insufficient community supports
9. Parents who use drugs or alcohol
10. Parents who are uninformed or uneducated about how to parent
11. Parents with untreated or unresolved mental illness
12. Unpreparedness for parenthood/unplanned pregnancy
96. Something else
99. Not sure

BASE: IDENTIFIED CONTRIBUTORS TO ABUSE / NEGLECT (Q200/NE 99)

Q205 And, which of these factors in cases of abuse and neglect do you think is typically the *primary cause*? *Please select one per column.*

[COLUMN, MULTISELECT]

1. Child abuse
2. Child neglect

[ROWS]

[INSERT OPTIONS SELECTED FOR EACH COLUMN AT Q200 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q200]

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q210 In your opinion, when do situations of poverty (i.e., the state or condition in which one lacks the financial resources and essentials for a certain standard of living) put a child sufficiently at risk for abuse or neglect to warrant government intervention?

[LARGE OPEN END TEXT BOX]

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q215 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

[COLUMN]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE; HOLD CODES 1-2 AND 4-5 TOGETHER AND ROTATE WITHIN]

1. Parents who have been **neglectful** can provide safe and nurturing care for their children when they receive needed supports.
2. Parents who have been **abusive** can provide safe and nurturing care for their children when they receive needed supports.
3. I am more understanding of parents involved in cases of child abuse or neglect if I know they are trying to get help or find a way out of their situation.
4. I think that most acts of child neglect or abuse are intentional or willful on the parent's part.
5. I think that most acts of child neglect or abuse usually aren't the parent's fault, but rather a product of unfortunate circumstances.

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q220 Think about parents in the following situations who were previously found to be abusive or neglectful. How likely do you think each would be able to ensure their children are safe and appropriately cared for if they were provided appropriate supports?

[COLUMNS]

1. Not at all likely
2. Not very likely
3. Somewhat likely
4. Very likely

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE; HOLD CODES 4-5 TOGETHER AND ROTATE WITHIN]

1. Parents living in poverty or experiencing homelessness
2. Parents with untreated or undiagnosed mental health issues
3. Parents with substance abuse issues
4. Parents with a history of physically abusive behavior
5. Parents with a history of emotionally/verbally abusive behavior
6. Parents with a criminal history (felony charges/non-misdemeanor)

SECTION 300 – OPINIONS ON PATH TO INTERVENTION + IDEAL SYSTEM

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

[INTRO2]

Switching gears, we are now going to focus on the child welfare system. The child welfare system is governed by a set of federal and state policies. The overall mission of federal, state, and local child welfare agencies is to provide for the safety, stability, and well-being of children who've been abused or neglected, or are at risk of abuse and neglect. Child welfare services vary from state to state but in general the main responsibilities include:

- Receiving and investigating reports of possible child abuse and neglect.
- Providing supportive services to families to prevent child abuse or neglect. These include mental health services, substance abuse treatment programs and in-home parenting support, among others.
- Providing an alternative home for children via foster or kinship care or a group home when it's determined (by courts) that they cannot remain safely at home.
- Helping children leave foster care to be safely cared for by a permanent family, by reuniting them with their birth parents or connecting them with relatives who serve as guardians or with adoptive families. This includes providing services to these families to promote safety and stability, so the child does not need to return to foster care.

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q300 How familiar would you say you are with the child welfare system as a whole?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. Not at all familiar
2. Not very familiar
3. Somewhat familiar
4. Very familiar

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q302 In an ideal world, which of the following statements most closely reflects your position on what the primary purpose of the child welfare system in this country *should* be?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 – Primarily protecting children at risk of abuse or neglect by their families
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 – Primarily strengthening families' ability to care for their children
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q305 Consider a situation where you suspected or knew that a child was being or had been abused or neglected. Which of the following is the **minimum** level of evidence you would need to feel comfortable filing a report? *Please select one.*

[PN: pop up box for report: By reporting, we mean when a member of the public contacts child abuse and neglect hotlines, or child protective services offices, to alert them (i.e., submit a report) about suspected child abuse or neglect.]

[SINGLE SELECT; DISPLAY IN QNR ORDER]

1. First-hand knowledge that a child has already been harmed or is actively being harmed
2. A strong reason to suspect that a child has already been harmed or is actively being harmed
3. A strong reason to suspect that a child is at risk of being harmed in the future
4. Any reason to suspect that a child has already been harmed or is at risk of being harmed in the future

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q310 Once reports of child abuse and neglect are received by the child welfare system, authorities must make the decision of whether or not to investigate the report. Often times, the decision to do so is based on limited information about the suspected abuse or neglect.

In your opinion, which of the following statements most closely reflects your position on how the U.S. child welfare system *should* work when deciding whether or not to investigate reports of abuse or neglect in these scenarios? *Please select one.*

[PN: pop up box for investigate: By investigating, we mean the process of, once contacted with a report of child abuse or neglect, a caseworker being assigned to conduct an in-home visit to look for evidence supporting or refuting the allegations of child abuse or neglect.]

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 - Investigate every report, even if that means that some parents might be investigated unnecessarily.
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 - Only investigate reports where there is compelling evidence that abuse or neglect has occurred, or is occurring, even if that means that some legitimate reports aren't investigated.
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q315 Do you believe that any of these scenarios should lead to an investigation by child welfare authorities? *Please select one for each row*

[PN: Add investigate pop up box from Q310]

[COLUMNS]

1. Yes, child welfare authorities should investigate
2. No, but another government or community agency should offer support
99. Not sure

[ROWS; RANDOMIZE; HOLD CODES 5-7 TOGETHER AND ROTATE WITHIN]

1. When a newborn shows signs of exposure to substance use during pregnancy (e.g., withdrawal symptoms, testing positive for drugs, being diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, etc.) after being born.
2. When a child regularly says they have had to skip meals because there isn't any food at home.
3. When a child has bruises, cuts, burns, or other indications of physical harm.
4. When a family with children is experiencing homelessness.
5. When there is evidence that a child routinely lacks basic hygiene.
6. When there is evidence of a child's parent(s) abusing substances.
7. When there is evidence of a child's parent(s) facing mental health challenges that could affect their ability to care for their children.
8. When there is evidence of domestic violence/spousal abuse occurring in the child's home.
9. When a young child is left home alone unattended or unsupervised for any extended period of time.

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q320 In your opinion, which of the following is the **minimum** amount of evidence that child welfare authorities should need in order to conduct an investigation? *Please select one.*

[SINGLE SELECT; DISPLAY IN QNR ORDER]

1. A report detailing first-hand knowledge that a child has already been harmed or is actively being harmed
2. A report detailing a strong reason to suspect that a child has already been harmed or is actively being harmed
3. A report detailing a strong reason to suspect that a child is at risk of being harmed
4. A report detailing any reason to suspect that a child has already been harmed or is at risk of being harmed

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q325 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the U.S. child welfare system?

[COLUMNS]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE]

1. Too often, decisions on whether the child welfare system should intervene in families are influenced by racial biases.
2. Too often, decisions on whether the child welfare system should intervene in families are influenced by socioeconomic/poverty biases.

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q330 Which of the following statements best reflects who you think is most effective at responding to concerns of child abuse and neglect? *Please select one.*

[SINGLE SELECT; ROTATE 1-2 ANCHORING 3]

1. Government agencies can most effectively respond to concerns of child abuse and neglect.
2. Community or religious organizations can most effectively respond to concerns of child abuse and neglect.
3. Both governmental and community/religious organizations are needed to effectively respond to concerns of child abuse and neglect.

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q400 Regardless of their current role, which of the following agencies or organizations do you think *should* be primarily responsible for the following activities?

[COLUMNS]

1. Mostly government agencies
2. Equally government agencies and community/religious organizations
3. Mostly community/religious organizations

[ROWS; RANDOMIZE]

1. Meeting the needs of families to prevent abuse or neglect
2. Conducting investigations into allegations of abuse or neglect
3. Ensuring that children who cannot safely remain with their parents have a temporary alternative home
4. Meeting the needs of children and parents who have been reported for abuse and neglect so that they can remain together
5. Finding alternative permanent homes for children who cannot be cared for by their parents

SECTION 500 – PERCEPTIONS ON CURRENT SYSTEM

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q500 Consider what you know about the current U.S. child welfare system. From which of the following sources have you learned what you know? *Please select all that apply.*

[MULTISELECT, RANDOMIZE 1-7, ANCHOR 96; ANCHOR & EXCLUSIVE 97]

1. News/media outlets
2. Social media platforms
3. Politicians/political platforms
4. Non-profit/advocacy groups
5. My own online research
6. My friends or family
7. My personal experience
96. Something else
97. I don't know anything about the U.S. child welfare system

BASE: HAS KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM (Q500/NE97)

Q505 And, which of these sources have you relied on *most* to inform what you know about the current U.S. child welfare system? *Please select one.*

[SINGLE SELECT; INSERT LIST FROM Q500, ONLY SHOW THOSE SELECTED IN THE SAME ORDER]

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q510 Overall, how positive or negative is your perception of the current U.S. child welfare system?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 – Very negative
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 – Very positive
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q525 Overall, how would you rate how the current U.S. child welfare system functions?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 – The U.S. child welfare system is an inherently broken system that can't be fixed
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4 – The U.S. child welfare system functions the way it was designed to operate
5. 5
6. 6
7. 7 – The U.S. child welfare system is high-functioning
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q530 How much of a challenge do you see the following when it comes to the obstacles that the current U.S. child welfare system faces. *Please select one for each row.*

[COLUMNS]

1. Not a challenge at all
2. Somewhat of a challenge
3. A significant challenge

[ROWS; RANDOMIZE; HOLD CODES 5-7 TOGETHER AND ROTATE WITHIN;]

1. Incompetent leadership
2. Incompetent/inexperienced caseworkers
3. Too much bureaucracy/red tape
4. Limited funding
5. Lack of resources/staffing
6. Lack of community support
7. Lack of services to meet the needs of parents and children (e.g., counseling/mental health services, etc.)
8. Racial biases
9. The stigma of working for child welfare impeding workers doing their job

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q535 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the U.S. child welfare system?

[COLUMNS]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE]

1. The child welfare system faces the nearly impossible task of balancing the needs of families with the safety of children.
2. The child welfare system is an example of government overreach.
3. The child welfare system perpetuates the oppression of marginalized populations.
4. The child welfare system only gets attention when something bad happens.
5. The child welfare system is simply overwhelmed and lacks resources.
6. The child welfare system has strong community and public support.
7. The child welfare system does more good than harm.

SECTION 600 – PERCEPTIONS ON CHILD REMOVAL / FAMILY PRESERVATION

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q605 Moving on, we are now going to focus on specific aspects of the child welfare system. Once reports of abuse or neglect are investigated, there can be varying levels of evidence about whether a child will be at risk of harm if he/she remains in the home. Often times, the decision on whether or not to remove a child from their home is based on limited information and may not always be clear.

In your opinion, which of the following statements most closely reflects your position on how the U.S. foster care system *should* work when it comes to considering removing a child from their families? *Please select one.*

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. 1 - Heavily favor the system removing the child from their home, even if removal might not be absolutely necessary.
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 - Heavily favor the system keeping the child with their family, even if the risk of future harm is unclear.
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q615 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the U.S. foster care system?

[COLUMNS]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE]

1. Child welfare authorities should identify extended family members to take in children when problems arise before resorting to foster care with somebody the child does not already know.
2. Child welfare authorities should be wary of relying on the help of the extended family members who are related to the parent who is neglecting or abusing their child.
3. Extended family members should receive similar screening, support and resources as foster parents when they take on full-time care of children.

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q620 When a child welfare agency places a child in foster care, it will work to help parents address the challenges they face so that children can return to their homes. At the same time, agencies work to ensure children have a permanent place to live and are not in foster care for too long. Oftentimes, the decision on how long parents should have to address challenges they face may not always be clear.

In your opinion, which of the following statements most closely reflects your position on how the U.S foster care system *should* work when deciding how long parents should be given to address challenges? *Please select one.*

1. 1 - Heavily favor the system giving parents more time to address challenges and reunify with their children, even if it means that children spend more time in foster care.
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6 - Heavily favor the system minimizing the amount of time that children remain in foster care, even if it means that parents and children are less likely to be reunited.
99. Not sure

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q625 Typically, parents are given approximately 15 months to show that they are addressing the issues that interfere with their ability to provide adequate parenting while their children are kept in temporary foster care.

In your opinion, do you feel that this is too much, too little, or enough time?

1. Not enough time at all
2. Not quite enough time
3. The right amount of time
4. A bit too much time
5. Far too much time

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q630 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the U.S. adoption system?

[COLUMNS]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree

[ROWS, RANDOMIZE]

1. Once a child is adopted from foster care, it is better for them to avoid contact with their biological parents/families.
2. Adoptive parents should help their adopted children maintain ongoing and safe relationships with their biological parents/families.
3. Children should not be adopted to an adoptive family until all extended family/kin options have been exhausted first.
4. Adoption agencies should make every effort to recruit families that share the race and ethnicity of the child(ren) in foster care before placing them with a family outside of their culture or ethnicity.

SECTION 800: CUSTOM DEMOGRAPHICS

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q800 Are you...?

[RANDOMIZE 2-4, ANCHOR 1 AT THE TOP AND 5-99 AT THE BOTTOM]

1. Heterosexual (Straight)
2. Gay
3. Lesbian
4. Bisexual
5. Queer
96. Something else
99. Decline to answer

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q802 And do you consider yourself to be a transgender individual?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. Yes
2. No
99. Decline to answer

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q804 Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. A large city
2. A suburb near a large city
3. A small city or town
4. A rural area

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q805 Regardless of how you may vote, what do you usually consider yourself?

[SINGLE SELECT; RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent
4. Other

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q810 Again thinking about your political leanings, how would you describe your political philosophy?

[ROTATE 1-5 AND 5-1]

1. Very liberal
2. Liberal
3. Moderate/somewhere in between
4. Conservative
5. Very conservative

BASE: REPUBLICAN (Q805.1)

Q815 Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be more of a supporter of Donald Trump or more of a supporter of the Republican Party?

[SINGLE SELECT; RANDOMIZE; ANCHOR 3]

1. Republican Party supporter
2. Donald Trump supporter
3. Both a supporter of the Republican Party and Donald Trump

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q820 Overall, how big of a role does your religion on spirituality play in your life?

1. 1 – No role at all
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4 – A moderate role
5. 5
6. 6
7. 7 – A big role

BASE: ALL QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS

Q825 What personal experience, if any, do you have with the U.S. child welfare system? *Please select all that apply.*

[MULTISELECT, RANDOMIZE 1-6, KEEPING 1,2 & 3,4 TOGETHER AND ROTATE WITHIN, ANCHOR 96, ANCHOR AND EXCLUSIVE 97]

1. I was a child in the system
2. A family member is/was a child in the system
3. I have been reported to the child welfare system
4. I have reported someone to the child welfare system
5. I care(d) for a child in the welfare system
6. I work(ed) for the child welfare system
96. Something else
97. I don't have any personal experience with the U.S. child welfare system

SECTION: STANDARD DEMOGRAPHICS

BASE: ALL US RESPONDENTS AND 18+

dmEduUS [Education (US)] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

[SINGLE RESPONSE]

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: DISPLAY IN ONE COLUMN, GOING DOWN.]

1. Less than high school
2. Completed some high school
3. High school graduate
4. Job-specific training program(s) after high school
5. Some college, but no degree
6. Associate degree
7. Bachelor's degree (such as B.A., B.S.)
8. Some graduate school, but no degree
9. Graduate degree (such as MBA, MS, M.D., Ph.D.)

BASE: ALL US RESPONDENTS 18+

dmHhIncUS [Household Income (US)] How much total combined income did all members of your household earn before taxes last year?

This includes money from jobs; net income from business, farm, or rent; pensions; dividends; interest; social security payments; and any other money income received by members of your household who are eighteen (18) years of age or older.

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: DISPLAY IN ONE COLUMN, GOING DOWN.]

1. Less than \$15,000
2. \$15,000 to \$24,999
3. \$25,000 to \$34,999
4. \$35,000 to \$49,999
5. \$50,000 to \$74,999
6. \$75,000 to \$99,999
7. \$100,000 to \$124,999
8. \$125,000 to \$149,999
9. \$150,000 to \$199,999
10. \$200,000 to \$249,999
11. \$250,000 or more

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS AND 18+

dmMarStat [Marital Status] What is your current marital status?

1. Never married
2. Married or civil union
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Widowed
6. Living with partner

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

dmAdultHh [Adults in Household]

[IF AGE 18 OR OVER (dmAge/>17)]

Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in your household?

[IF AGE 17 AND YOUNGER (dmAge/<18)]

How many people age 18 or older live in your household? If you live in more than one household, please answer for only one of the households.

[IF AGE (dmAge/>17) RANGE: 1-50]

[IF AGE (dmAge/<18) RANGE: 0-50]

[[[

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS

dmChildHh [Children in Household]

[IF AGE 18 OR OVER (dmAge/>17)]

How many people under the age of 18 live in your household?

[IF AGE 17 OR YOUNGER (dmAge/<18)]

Including yourself, how many people under the age of 18 live in your household? If you live in more than one household, please answer for only one of the households.

[IF AGE (dmAge/>17) RANGE: 0-15]

[IF AGE (dmAge/<18) RANGE: 1-15]

[[[

BASE: CHILDREN IN HH (dmChildHh >0)

dmParent [IF dmChildHh=1] You indicated that there is 1 child under the age of 18 residing in your household.

Are you the parent/legal guardian of this child?

[IF dmChildHh=2] You indicated that there are children under the age of 18 residing in your household. Are you the parent/legal guardian of any of these children?

[SINGLE SELECT]

1. Yes, I am their parent
2. Yes, I am their guardian
3. No, I am neither their parent nor guardian

BASE: ALL RESPONDENTS 18+

dmEmploy [Employment Status] Which of the following best describes your employment status?

[SINGLE RESPONSE]

1. Employed full time
2. Employed part time
3. Self-employed full time
4. Self-employed part time
5. Not employed, but looking for work
6. Not employed and not looking for work
7. Not employed, unable to work due to a disability or illness
8. Retired
9. Student
10. Stay-at-home spouse or partner