

NBC News | SurveyMonkey Poll Results

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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online from Monday, May 14 through Monday, May 21, 2018. Results are among a national sample of 6,518 adults aged 18 and over. The error estimate for all adults is plus or minus 1.5 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

TOPLINE RESULTS

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	5	10	7	12	20	24	13	9	1
4/20—4/27	5	10	7	12	19	25	12	9	1
3/12—3/25	5	9	7	11	20	25	12	10	1
2/26—2/28	4	9	7	11	20	23	11	15	1
1/30—2/1	4	9	7	13	20	28	9	9	1
1/20—1/22	5	9	6	14	18	29	8	10	1

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	26	19	13	40	2
4/20—4/27	25	20	12	41	2
3/12—3/25	24	19	12	43	2
2/26—2/28	26	18	10	45	1
1/30—2/1	28	17	10	43	2
1/20—1/22	23	18	11	47	1

Of these, which do you think is the biggest source of division in America today?

	<u>Race</u>	<u>Partisanship</u>	<u>Ideology</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Religion</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>None of the above</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	30	23	21	11	6	2	7	2
2/26—2/28	26	25	22	13	5	2	6	2

Some people say that racism no longer exists in American society and politics. Would you say that:

	<u>Racism remains a major problem in our society</u>	<u>Racism exists today but is not a major problem</u>	<u>Racism once existed but no longer exists in our society</u>	<u>Racism has never been a major problem in our society</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	64	30	3	1	2

Do you think race relations in the United States are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

	<u>Getting better</u>	<u>Getting worse</u>	<u>Staying about the same</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	20	45	33	2

In general, do you think there is too much, too little or about the right amount of attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days?

	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>About the right amount</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	38	41	18	2

As you may know, Hispanics, Blacks, Asians and other minorities are expected to make up more than half the U.S. population by the middle of this century. Do you think this increase in minority populations:

	<u>Strengthens the country</u>	<u>Weakens the country</u>	<u>Doesn't make much difference</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	35	18	44	3

How serious a problem do you think racial discrimination against blacks is in this country?

	<u>Extremely serious</u>	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Somewhat serious</u>	<u>Not so serious</u>	<u>Not serious at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	21	25	26	17	8	2

How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	29	28	22	19	3

Do you think the police treat all groups equally, or do they treat some groups better than others?

	<u>Treat all groups equally</u>	<u>Treat some groups better than others</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	29	68	3

Do you favor or oppose allowing universities to increase the number of underrepresented minority students studying at their schools by considering race along with other factors when choosing students?

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	14	26	22	33	4

Do you think it is appropriate or not appropriate for a candidate to discuss racial issues as part of his or her political campaign?

	<u>Appropriate</u>	<u>Not appropriate</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	70	27	3

Have you experienced discrimination in the workplace based on your race?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not employed</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	23	63	10	3

In the last 30 days, have you felt you were treated unfairly in a store or restaurant because of your race?

	<u>Yes, treated unfairly</u>	<u>No, not treated unfairly</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	15	82	3

Overall, do you think your race or ethnicity has made it harder or made it easier for you to succeed economically in life, or has it not made much difference?

	<u>Made it harder</u>	<u>Made it easier</u>	<u>Not made much difference</u>	<u>Both harder and easier</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	14	19	52	11	3

At work or school, do you interact with:

	<u>Mostly Whites</u>	<u>Mostly Blacks</u>	<u>Mostly Hispanics</u>	<u>A mix of people from different races</u>	<u>Not employed or in school</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	16	2	3	63	13	3

During social activities in person, including time with friends, do you interact with:

	<u>Mostly Whites</u>	<u>Mostly Blacks</u>	<u>Mostly Hispanics</u>	<u>A mix of people from different races</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	28	3	4	61	3

How often, if ever, do race relations come up in your conversations with family and friends?

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
5/14—5/21	13	38	35	12	3

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online among a national sample of 6,518 adults aged 18 and over from May 14 through May 21, 2018. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week has been weighted for age, race, sex, education and region using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey is plus or minus 1.5 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 10,000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total	6,518	1.5
Republican	2,449	2.5
Democrat	2,895	2.3
Independent	1,006	3.8
Male	3,225	2.1
Female	3,293	2.1
18-24	614	4.5
25-34	787	4.1
35-44	948	4.0
45-54	1,317	3.4
55-64	1,422	3.3
65+	1,430	3.6
White	4,562	2.0
Black	615	4.2
Hispanic	510	4.5
Asian	216	7.1
Other	615	4.2