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Methodology

The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The Post, Kaiser, and Harvard jointly design and analyze surveys examining public knowledge, perceptions, and misperceptions on major issues. The Post then reports the results as well as facts to dispel myths and misperceptions. Our hope is that this project contributes to a better understanding of public knowledge on major issues facing the country as well as more effective efforts by the media to educate, inform, and engage citizens in national debates.

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The *African American Men Survey*, the 15th in this partnership series, was conducted by telephone from March 20 to April 29, 2006 among 2,864 randomly selected adults nationwide. The survey included large oversamples of African American men and women (see table below) in order to allow for accurate analysis of subgroups of this population. Results shown in the total column represent the opinions of the country as a whole, including respondents of all races, and are adjusted so that black respondents are represented in proportion to their actual share of the population. Hispanics and Asians were interviewed along with white and black respondents, but because of the actual size of those populations, there were not enough respondents to break out separately. Telephone interviews were conducted by ICR/International Communications Research.

Population	Number interviewed	Margin of sampling error
Total	2864	± 4 percentage points
Black men	1328	± 3 percentage points
Black women	507	± 5 percentage points
White men	437	± 6 percentage points
White women	495	± 6 percentage points
Black men aged 18-29	400	± 6 percentage points

Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). (3) "Vol." indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

1. How satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not-too-satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
56	47	46	54	59	Very satisfied
34	37	38	38	31	Somewhat satisfied
7	11	11	4	8	Not too satisfied
2	5	5	2	1	Not at all satisfied
1	*	*	1	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	*	Refused

2. Generally speaking, do you think you have a (better life) or a (worse life) than your parents had when they were your age?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
79	79	84	79	79	Better life
8	10	8	9	7	Worse life
8	6	4	7	9	(Vol.) About the same
2	2	1	1	3	(Vol.) Better in some ways, worse in others
2	3	2	4	2	Don't know
*	*	--	*	--	Refused

3. Looking ahead, would you say that you feel (mostly optimistic) or (mostly pessimistic) about your future?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
82	79	77	83	82	Mostly optimistic
13	13	12	14	12	Mostly pessimistic
1	2	2	*	2	(Vol.) Neither
1	1	3	1	2	(Vol.) Both equally
3	4	6	1	2	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused

4. I'm going to read you a list of some things that different people value in their lives. Some people say these things are important to them. Other people say they are not important. Please tell me how important each thing is to you personally. How about (INSERT)? Is that very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

Total	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Refused
a. Being successful in a career	53	34	7	5	*	*
b. having enough free time to do things you want to do	63	31	5	1	*	*
c. Being married	56	20	14	10	*	*
d. Having lots of close friends	46	35	14	5	*	*
e. Living a religious life	54	25	13	8	*	*
f. Having children	64	17	8	10	1	*
g. Being wealthy	11	42	34	13	*	--
h. Being respected by others	66	27	4	2	*	*
i. Standing up for your racial or ethnic group	44	29	17	9	1	*

Black Men	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Refused
a. Being successful in a career	76	18	4	2	1	*
b. having enough free time to do things you want to do	68	25	5	2	*	*
c. Being married	52	25	12	10	1	*
d. Having lots of close friends	26	38	25	10	*	*
e. Living a religious life	70	21	6	3	*	*
f. Having children	63	21	9	7	*	*
g. Being wealthy	28	36	24	11	1	--
h. Being respected by others	76	16	4	3	*	*
i. Standing up for your racial or ethnic group	76	16	4	4	*	--

Black Women	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Refused
a. Being successful in a career	67	24	4	4	*	*
b. having enough free time to do things you want to do	64	29	5	2	*	--
c. Being married	39	28	14	18	1	*
d. Having lots of close friends	28	34	24	13	1	--
e. Living a religious life	76	17	4	2	*	--
f. Having children	64	20	8	7	1	*
g. Being wealthy	21	40	24	14	*	--
h. Being respected by others	78	18	2	1	*	*
i. Standing up for your racial or ethnic group	77	18	2	1	1	--

White Men	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Refused
a. Being successful in a career	56	34	5	5	--	*
b. having enough free time to do things you want to do	65	32	2	1	--	--
c. Being married	61	22	12	4	*	--
d. Having lots of close friends	45	38	13	3	--	1
e. Living a religious life	44	27	17	12	*	*
f. Having children	67	16	6	10	1	*
g. Being wealthy	9	50	32	9	*	--
h. Being respected by others	59	32	4	3	1	1
i. Standing up for your racial or ethnic group	33	31	22	13	1	*

White Women	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	Don't know	Refused
a. Being successful in a career	42	42	9	7	*	*
b. having enough free time to do things you want to do	57	35	5	2	1	*
c. Being married	50	21	16	13	*	*
d. Having lots of close friends	52	35	10	3	*	--
e. Living a religious life	57	27	11	4	*	*
f. Having children	63	19	7	11	--	*
g. Being wealthy	3	37	42	18	--	--
h. Being respected by others	69	27	3	1	*	--
i. Standing up for your racial or ethnic group	39	31	18	10	2	*

6. During the past month, how often have you felt (INSERT)? Was it very often, somewhat often, not too often, or hardly ever?

Total	Very often	Somewhat often	Not too often	Hardly ever	(Vol.) Never	Don't know	Refused
a. Unable to control the important things in your life	11	29	32	24	2	1	*
b. That things were going your way	24	53	16	6	*	*	*
c. That you were losing hope	5	13	26	49	6	*	--

Black Men	Very often	Somewhat often	Not too often	Hardly ever	(Vol.) Never	Don't know	Refused
a. Unable to control the important things in your life	19	34	25	20	1	1	*
b. That things were going your way	26	46	20	8	*	*	*
c. That you were losing hope	7	16	27	45	4	1	--

Black Women	Very often	Somewhat often	Not too often	Hardly ever	(Vol.) Never	Don't know	Refused
a. Unable to control the important things in your life	15	32	29	20	1	1	*
b. That things were going your way	25	47	20	8	*	*	*
c. That you were losing hope	7	18	29	40	5	--	--

White Men	Very often	Somewhat often	Not too often	Hardly ever	(Vol.) Never	Don't know	Refused
a. Unable to control the important things in your life	12	28	30	26	2	1	*
b. That things were going your way	23	58	14	5	*	*	*
c. That you were losing hope	5	10	21	56	8	*	--

White Women	Very often	Somewhat often	Not too often	Hardly ever	(Vol.) Never	Don't know	Refused
a. Unable to control the important things in your life	9	30	34	23	3	1	1
b. That things were going your way	24	51	18	6	*	1	*
c. That you were losing hope	4	14	28	48	6	*	--

7. I am going to read a list of things that some people do. For each, thinking about your own values and morals, I'd like you to tell me whether you think it is acceptable or unacceptable? First/next is (INSERT). Is that acceptable or unacceptable? (GET ANSWER THEN ASK: "Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?")

Total	Strongly acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Strongly unacceptable	Don't know	Refused
a. Sex between two adults of the same sex	21	20	10	46	3	*
b. Marriages between blacks and whites	54	30	7	7	1	*
c. Abortion	15	26	14	39	4	2
d. Having a child without being married	25	39	15	20	1	*

Black Men	Strongly acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Strongly unacceptable	Don't know	Refused
a. Sex between two adults of the same sex	9	12	9	67	2	1
b. Marriages between blacks and whites	59	31	3	4	2	1
c. Abortion	11	23	13	47	5	1
d. Having a child without being married	22	42	15	19	2	*

Black Women	Strongly acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Strongly unacceptable	Don't know	Refused
a. Sex between two adults of the same sex	13	15	11	58	2	1
b. Marriages between blacks and whites	62	31	2	4	1	1
c. Abortion	12	22	11	50	4	1
d. Having a child without being married	30	35	15	17	1	1

White Men	Strongly acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Strongly unacceptable	Don't know	Refused
a. Sex between two adults of the same sex	16	20	11	51	3	*
b. Marriages between blacks and whites	48	30	11	10	1	1
c. Abortion	18	28	15	35	2	3
d. Having a child without being married	22	37	18	22	1	--

White Women	Strongly acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Strongly unacceptable	Don't know	Refused
a. Sex between two adults of the same sex	23	24	8	42	3	*
b. Marriages between blacks and whites	54	29	7	7	2	*
c. Abortion	15	28	12	41	3	*
d. Having a child without being married	23	41	13	21	1	*

8. In general, how often do you experience stress in your daily life -- never, rarely, sometimes, or frequently?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
4	5	4	3	3	Never
16	19	17	18	14	Rarely
39	43	45	38	38	Sometimes
40	32	33	40	45	Frequently
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	1	--	Refused

9. I'm going to read you a list of things that some people worry about and others do not. I'd like you to tell me how worried you are about each of the following things. Are you worried about (INSERT), or not? (GET ANSWER, THEN ASK: "Is that very or somewhat worried/Is that not too worried or not worried at all?")

Total

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	(Vol.) Not working	(Vol.) No children	Don't know	Refused
a. not getting the healthcare you need	23	27	20	29	--	--	*	--
b. being arrested	6	6	20	68	--	--	*	*
c. losing your job	8	15	20	45	12	--	*	--
d. your child not getting into a good college	12	19	20	37	--	11	*	*
e. you or a family member getting HIV or AIDS	11	16	25	47	--	--	*	*
f. not having enough money to pay your bills	19	32	21	28	--	--	*	--
g. being a victim of a violent crime	11	29	31	28	--	--	*	*
h. being a victim of racial discrimination	7	15	24	54	--	--	*	--
i. being unfairly treated by the police	11	17	29	44	--	--	*	--

Black Men

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	(Vol.) Not working	(Vol.) No children	Don't know	Refused
a. not getting the healthcare you need	38	22	17	24	--	--	--	--
b. being arrested	22	13	18	46	--	--	*	--
c. losing your job	23	16	19	36	7	--	--	--
d. your child not getting into a good college	29	24	17	25	--	5	1	*
e. you or a family member getting HIV or AIDS	34	18	19	28	--	--	*	*
f. not having enough money to pay your bills	33	26	18	22	--	--	*	--
g. being a victim of a violent crime	26	25	22	26	--	--	*	*
h. being a victim of racial discrimination	28	26	21	25	--	--	*	--
i. being unfairly treated by the police	37	25	16	22	--	--	--	--

Black Women

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	(Vol.) Not working	(Vol.) No children	Don't know	Refused
a. not getting the healthcare you need	37	21	17	24	--	--	1	--
b. being arrested	13	9	17	62	--	--	--	*
c. losing your job	16	15	19	38	13	--	--	--
d. your child not getting into a good college	25	18	17	30	--	8	*	1
e. you or a family member getting HIV or AIDS	30	16	24	30	--	--	*	--
f. not having enough money to pay your bills	31	30	20	19	--	--	--	--
g. being a victim of a violent crime	25	27	22	26	--	--	*	--
h. being a victim of racial discrimination	22	24	26	28	--	--	*	--
i. being unfairly treated by the police	25	19	26	30	--	--	--	--

White Men

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	(Vol.) Not working	(Vol.) No children	Don't know	Refused
a. not getting the healthcare you need	21	27	20	32	--	--	*	--
b. being arrested	4	8	19	69	--	--	--	--
c. losing your job	5	16	20	50	9	--	--	--
d. your child not getting into a good college	8	21	18	40	--	14	*	--
e. you or a family member getting HIV or AIDS	5	13	27	54	--	--	--	*
f. not having enough money to pay your bills	12	32	22	34	--	--	--	--
g. being a victim of a violent crime	7	25	32	35	--	--	*	*
h. being a victim of racial discrimination	2	8	21	67	--	--	1	--
i. being unfairly treated by the police	7	15	27	51	--	--	--	--

White Women	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not at all worried	(Vol.) Not working	(Vol.) No children	Don't know	Refused
a. not getting the healthcare you need	16	29	22	32	--	--	*	--
b. being arrested	3	2	21	75	--	--	--	--
c. losing your job	6	12	18	47	17	--	*	--
d. your child not getting into a good college	8	16	18	47	--	11	*	*
e. you or a family member getting HIV or AIDS	8	16	23	54	--	--	*	--
f. not having enough money to pay your bills	15	32	24	28	--	--	--	--
g. being a victim of a violent crime	5	36	35	24	--	--	*	*
h. being a victim of racial discrimination	3	10	25	62	--	--	--	--
i. being unfairly treated by the police	3	14	31	52	--	--	--	--

10. Growing up, did you live with both your parents, with your mother only, with your father only, or with someone else?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
76	57	56	83	77	Both parents
16	31	29	12	13	Mother only
2	2	1	3	2	Father only
3	6	9	2	4	Someone else
1	2	3	*	1	(Vol.) Grandparents or other relatives
1	1	1	1	2	(Vol.) Mother and stepfather
*	*	*	--	1	(Vol.) Father and stepmother
*	*	1	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	*	--	Refused

10a. Is your father still alive, or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
49	49	43	49	44	Yes, still alive
50	48	55	49	56	No, not alive
1	3	2	1	*	Don't know
--	--	--	--	--	Refused

11. How close (are/were) you with your own father: very close, somewhat close, not too close, or not close at all?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
52	48	54	47	56	Very close
26	25	21	34	22	Somewhat close
8	12	8	9	10	Not too close
11	12	15	7	11	Not close at all
2	3	3	2	2	(Vol.) Father unknown/don't know father
*	*	*	1	--	Don't know
*	--	--	*	--	Refused

12. About how often do you usually talk to your father, either in person or on the phone?

Based on total whose father is alive

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
30	28	21	30	27	Everyday
38	30	24	43	40	Once a week or more
16	15	21	16	17	Once a month or more
7	10	11	5	10	A few times a year
7	12	18	4	4	Less often than that
2	3	5	2	2	(Vol.) Never
*	1	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused
N=1237	N=624	N=207	N=195	N=165	

12a. Is your mother still alive, or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
64	66	61	65	58	Yes, still alive
36	34	39	35	42	No, not alive
*	*	*	--	*	Don't know
--	--	--	--	--	Refused

13. How close (are/were) you with your own mother: very close, somewhat close, not too close, or not close at all?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
75	83	77	72	75	Very close
18	13	15	23	16	Somewhat close
4	2	4	3	5	Not too close
3	2	3	2	4	Not close at all
*	*	1	*	*	(Vol.) Mother unknown/don't know mother
*	*	*	--	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused

14. Are you married; living with a partner but not married; separated; divorced; widowed or have you never been married?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
52	43	26	64	50	Married
10	8	10	8	6	Living with a partner but not married
3	4	8	1	4	Separated
9	8	13	5	14	Divorced
8	3	10	4	14	Widowed
19	33	32	18	12	Never married
*	*	*	--	--	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused

15. Do you have any children, either from a current relationship or a previous relationship?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
67	64	72	62	73	Yes
33	36	28	38	27	No
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused

16. How many children do you have?

Based on total with children

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
22	24	27	19	20	One
37	27	27	39	39	Two
22	20	19	24	22	Three
9	13	14	9	7	Four
10	16	12	10	12	Five +
*	1	1	--	*	Refused
N=1925	N=841	N=368	N=286	N=370	

15/16. Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
67	64	72	62	73	Have children (NET)
15	15	19	11	14	1 child
25	17	20	24	28	2 children
15	13	14	15	16	3 children
6	9	10	5	5	4 children
6	10	9	6	9	5 or more children
33	36	28	38	27	Do not have children
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused

17. How many of those children are under age 18?

15/17. Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
67	64	72	62	73	Have children (NET)
33	38	35	29	32	Have children under 18 (subnet)
15	17	18	12	13	1 child
11	10	7	10	14	2 children
4	7	6	5	4	3 children
2	2	3	1	1	4 children
*	2	1	*	*	5 or more children
34	26	37	33	40	No children under 18
33	36	28	38	27	Do not have children
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused

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18. I'd like you to think of your child that had the most recent birthday, even if that child is from a previous relationship and does not live with you now. What is the age of the child that had the most recent birthday?
OK, that's the child I'd like you to think about in answering the next few questions...

19. Does that child live with you in your current home or not?

Based on total with a child under age 18

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
88	62	91	80	97	Yes
11	38	9	17	3	No
--	--	--	--	--	Don't know
1	--	--	2	--	Refused
N=925	N=475	N=173	N=129	N=116	

15/17/19. Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
67	64	72	62	73	Have children (NET)
33	38	35	29	32	Have children under 18 (subnet)
29	24	32	23	31	Child lives in current home
4	15	3	5	1	Child does not live in current home
34	26	37	33	40	No children under 18
33	36	28	38	27	Do not have children
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused

20. Does the father of THAT CHILD live with you in your current home or not?

Based on total females with a child under age 18 who lives in current home

Total	Black Women	White Women	
63	30	62	Yes
36	70	37	No
1	--	1	Don't know
--	--	--	Refused
N=279	N=161	N=108	

15/17/19/20. Combo Table

Based on total females

Total	Black Women	White Women	
72	72	73	Have children (Net)
34	35	32	Have children under 18 (subnet)
32	32	31	Child lives in current home (subnet)
20	9	19	Father of that child lives in current home
12	23	12	Father of that child does not live in current home
2	3	1	Child does not live in current home
38	37	40	No children under 18
28	28	27	Do not have children
--	--	--	Don't know
--	--	--	Refused
N=761	N=368	N=370	

Q21-23 asked of fathers living with selected child

21. How often do you spend time with that child (INSERT)? Would you say everyday, once or twice a week, a few times a month, or less than once a month?

Based on total males with a child under age 18 who lives in current home

Total	Everyday	Once or twice a week	A few times a month	Less than once a month	(Vol.) Not relevant for my child's age	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. doing fun things like going to movies, sporting events or the park	21	40	24	5	5	5	1	--
b. having private talks	45	31	10	1	13	*	--	--
c. helping with reading or homework	42	23	9	7	19	*	--	--
d. watching television or videos	52	31	10	1	1	5	--	--

N=414

Black Men	Everyday	Once or twice a week	A few times a month	Less than once a month	(Vol.) Not relevant for my child's age	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. doing fun things like going to movies, sporting events or the park	21	41	27	6	3	2	--	--
b. having private talks	56	26	9	3	5	*	--	--
c. helping with reading or homework	53	24	6	6	9	1	--	--
d. watching television or videos	58	25	10	3	3	1	--	--

N=287

White Men	Everyday	Once or twice a week	A few times a month	Less than once a month	(Vol.) Not relevant for my child's age	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. doing fun things like going to movies, sporting events or the park	23	40	25	6	1	4	1	--
b. having private talks	45	37	14	1	4	--	--	--
c. helping with reading or homework	44	28	10	10	8	--	--	--
d. watching television or videos	54	25	13	1	*	7	--	--

N=108

22. How involved are you in disciplining that child?

Based on total males with a child under age 18 who lives in current home

Total	Black Men	White Men	
88	85	84	Very involved
9	9	11	Somewhat involved
1	1	2	Not too involved
*	2	--	Not involved at all
2	2	3	(Vol.) Child too young to be disciplined
--	--	--	Don't know
--	--	--	Refused
N=414	N=287	N=108	

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23. Some families are more expressive in showing affection and others are not so expressive. During the past month, how often, if at all, would you say you've given that child a hug, a kiss, or told them you loved them? Would you say at least once a day, several times a week, at least once a week, or less than that?

Based on total males with a child under age 18 who lives in current home

Total	Black Men	White Men	
72	59	70	At least once a day
17	28	14	Several times a week
6	7	8	At least once a week
5	6	8	Less than that
*	1	--	(Vol.) Never
--	--	--	Don't know
--	--	--	Refused
N=414	N=287	N=108	

Q24-27 asked of fathers not living with selected child (Note: While these questions were asked of ALL males fitting this description, the smaller sample of white males prevents reporting out these results separately for this group)

24. How often would you say you see that child: at least once a week, at least once a month, a few times a year, less often than that, or never?

Based on males with a child under age 18 who does not live in current home

Black Men	
54	At least once a week
16	At least once a month
15	A few times a year
12	Less often than that
--	Never
1	(Vol.) Child spends summers and holidays with father
2	(Vol.) Other
1	Don't know
--	Refused
N=188	

25. If it was up to you, would you spend (more time) with that child, (less time), or are you spending about the right amount of time now?

Based on males with a child under age 18 who does not live in current home

Black Men	
81	More time
1	Less time
17	About the right amount of time now
--	Don't know
--	Refused
N=188	

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26. For each, tell me if this is a big reason, a small reason, or not a reason that you don't see them more than you do.

Based on males with a child under age 18 who does not live at home who want to spend more time with them

Black Men	Big reason	Small reason	Not a reason	(Vol.) Have no other children	Don't know	Refused
a. Their mother has objections	29	10	58	--	*	2
b. Their mother's current partner has objections	14	9	75	--	2	--
c. They live too far away	29	14	57	--	--	--
d. Your work schedule makes it difficult	29	15	56	--	--	--
e. Your current partner doesn't like you to see them	11	5	84	--	1	--
f. You need to give attention to your other children	14	5	64	17	--	--

N=153

27. How satisfied are you with the amount of financial support you are able to give that child?

Based on males with a child under age 18 who does not live in current home

Black Men

37	Very satisfied
29	Somewhat satisfied
16	Not too satisfied
17	Not at all satisfied
1	(Vol.) Do not give financial support
--	Don't know
--	Refused

N=188

Q28-30a asked of mothers not living with father of selected child (Note: While these questions were asked of ALL females fitting this description, the smaller sample of whites prevents reporting out these results separately for this group)

28. How often would you say the father of that child sees him or her: at least once a week, at least once a month, a few times a year, less often than that, or never?

Based on females who child's father does not live with them

Black Women

32	At least once a week
14	At least once a month
15	A few times a year
16	Less often than that
18	Never
--	(Vol.) Child spends summers and holidays with father
5	(Vol.) Other
*	Don't know
*	Refused

N=120

29. If it was up to you, would you want that child's father to spend (more time) with the child, (less time), or is he spending about the right amount of time now?

Based on females who child's father does not live with them

Black Women

57	More time
7	Less time
34	About the right amount of time
2	Don't know
--	Refused

N=120

30. How satisfied are you with the amount of financial support the child's father is able to give your child?

Based on females who child's father does not live with them

Black Women

24	Very satisfied
24	Somewhat satisfied
14	Not too satisfied
28	Not at all satisfied
9	(Vol.) Do not get financial support
1	Don't know
--	Refused

N=120

30a. Just for my records, is the father of that child white, black, Hispanic, or something else?

Based on females who child's father does not live with them

Black Women

4	White
88	Black
4	Hispanic
4	Something else
--	Don't know
*	Refused

N=120

31.   Do you happen to have any grandchildren, or not?

15/31. Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
67	64	72	62	73	Have children
30	29	37	26	38	Have grandchildren
37	35	35	36	35	Do not have grandchildren
33	36	28	38	27	Do not have children
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused

32.   Overall, how involved are you personally in your grandchildren's' lives? Very involved, somewhat involved, not too involved, or not at all involved?

Based on total who have grandchildren

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
50	52	70	42	48	Very involved
37	31	21	45	36	Somewhat involved
11	11	5	12	12	Not too involved
2	6	2	1	2	Not involved at all
1	--	*	1	1	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused
N=939	N=392	N=191	N=118	N=216	

33.   For various reasons, grandparents sometimes take on the primary responsibility for raising a grandchild. Have you ever had primary responsibility for any of your grandchildren for six months or more?

Based on total who have grandchildren

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
22	23	34	18	22	Yes
78	77	66	82	78	No
--	--	--	--	--	Don't know
--	--	--	--	--	Refused
N=939	N=392	N=191	N=118	N=216	

34. Now I'm going to mention some groups in this country. For each, please tell me if you think this group as a whole is doing very well, somewhat well, not-too-well, or not well at all.

Total	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	Don't know	Refused
a. White men	48	44	4	2	2	*
b. Black men	14	51	25	6	3	*
c. White women	33	60	3	2	1	*
d. Black women	16	57	22	2	3	*

Black Men	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	Don't know	Refused
a. White men	66	26	3	1	4	*
b. Black men	10	46	31	11	1	*
c. White women	51	41	3	2	4	*
d. Black women	27	55	13	3	2	*

Black Women	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	Don't know	Refused
a. White men	63	29	3	1	4	--
b. Black men	12	43	30	12	3	--
c. White women	52	41	3	1	4	--
d. Black women	25	58	13	1	2	--

White Men	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	Don't know	Refused
a. White men	40	53	3	2	1	*
b. Black men	16	50	25	5	4	*
c. White women	32	64	1	1	1	*
d. Black women	14	58	22	3	4	*

White Women	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not well at all	Don't know	Refused
a. White men	53	40	4	1	2	*
b. Black men	13	54	24	5	4	*
c. White women	28	64	4	2	1	*
d. Black women	16	59	20	2	3	*

35. Now I'd like you to think just about black men. Regardless of how they are doing now, do you think that things are (getting better) for black men as a group, (getting worse), or staying about the same?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
50	29	24	58	50	Getting better
13	34	36	8	10	Getting worse
34	36	37	30	35	Staying about the same
3	1	3	4	5	Don't know
*	*	--	*	--	Refused

36. Considering everything, do you think it is a (good time) or a (bad time) to be a black man in America?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
69	60	44	72	69	Good time
17	28	42	13	16	Bad time
7	7	8	7	7	(Vol.) Both/mixed
1	2	1	1	2	(Vol.) Neither
5	3	6	5	6	Don't know
1	*	--	1	*	Refused

37. Do you think that what happens generally to black men in this country will have something to do with what happens in your OWN life, or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
37	56	42	37	34	Yes
58	39	51	59	61	No
4	4	6	4	5	Don't know
*	*	--	*	*	Refused

38. Do you think black men generally put (too much) emphasis, (too little) emphasis or about the right amount of emphasis on (INSERT)?

Total	Too Much	Too Little	About Right	Don't know	Refused
a. Education	2	59	33	7	*
b. Sports	49	2	43	6	*
c. Their families	4	41	46	10	*
d. Their health	2	48	40	10	*
e. Getting ahead at work	7	32	54	8	*
f. Sex	39	3	36	21	*
g. Maintaining a tough image	52	8	31	9	*

Black Men	Too Much	Too Little	About Right	Don't know	Refused
a. Education	4	73	21	2	*
b. Sports	54	5	38	2	*
c. Their families	6	54	35	4	*
d. Their health	5	71	21	3	*
e. Getting ahead at work	9	52	35	3	*
f. Sex	60	6	29	5	*
g. Maintaining a tough image	57	16	23	3	1

Black Women	Too Much	Too Little	About Right	Don't know	Refused
a. Education	2	69	26	4	--
b. Sports	53	8	36	3	*
c. Their families	3	60	30	7	*
d. Their health	3	75	18	4	--
e. Getting ahead at work	6	48	40	6	*
f. Sex	60	7	22	12	--
g. Maintaining a tough image	50	20	23	7	*

White Men	Too Much	Too Little	About Right	Don't know	Refused
a. Education	1	57	36	6	--
b. Sports	49	2	45	3	*
c. Their families	4	41	46	9	--
d. Their health	2	45	45	8	--
e. Getting ahead at work	2	31	60	7	--
f. Sex	35	1	45	18	*
g. Maintaining a tough image	50	7	36	7	--

White Women	Too Much	Too Little	About Right	Don't know	Refused
a. Education	3	57	32	7	*
b. Sports	40	2	49	9	--
c. Their families	2	36	51	11	*
d. Their health	1	44	38	16	--
e. Getting ahead at work	7	26	55	12	--
f. Sex	35	4	30	31	*
g. Maintaining a tough image	49	7	29	15	*

39. What is your employment status? Are you…?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
53	59	44	66	40	Employed full time
10	7	8	4	14	Employed part time
8	1	9	*	14	A homemaker or stay at home parent
17	14	16	19	22	Retired
4	5	8	1	5	A student
3	6	6	4	2	Unemployed
1	1	2	*	1	Laid off
4	7	6	5	2	Disabled
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	*	*	*	--	Refused

S2.   Are you, yourself, of Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Latin American background?

S3.   Are you White Hispanic or Black Hispanic?
        Asked of those who are Hispanic

S4.   Do you consider yourself to be white, black or African-American, Asian-American, or some other race?
        Asked of those who are not Hispanic

S2/S3/S4 Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
71	--	--	100	100	White, Non-Hispanic
10	93	92	--	--	Black, Non-Hispanic
1	--	--	--	--	Asian
3	--	--	--	--	Other
14	7	8	--	--	Hispanic (net)
11	--	--	--	--	White
1	7	8	--	--	Black
2	--	--	--	--	Unspecified
*	--	--	--	--	Don't know
1	--	--	--	--	Refused

40.   Have you ever felt the need to change the way you look or act in order to fit in better with white coworkers, or not?

41.   Did that bother you a lot, a little, or not at all?

40/41 Combo Table
        Based on total employed black respondents

Total	Black Men	Black Women	
16	16	17	Ever felt the need to change
4	5	2	Bothered a lot
8	6	10	Bothered a little
4	5	4	Did not bother at all
84	84	83	Never felt the need to change
*	*	--	Have never had white co-workers
N=1132	N=851	N=281	

42. Do you feel that black men face (more obstacles) or (fewer obstacles) advancing in the workplace than (INSERT)? IF MORE: Is that a lot more, or just some?

Total	More, a lot more	More, a little more	Fewer	About the same	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites	34	31	18	12	5	*
b. Black women	16	23	38	14	8	*

Black Men	More, a lot more	More, a little more	Fewer	About the same	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites	62	17	15	2	3	*
b. Black women	40	25	24	6	4	*

Black Women	More, a lot more	More, a little more	Fewer	About the same	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites	60	16	16	4	4	*
b. Black women	36	21	32	7	4	--

White Men	More, a lot more	More, a little more	Fewer	About the same	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites	24	35	21	16	5	--
b. Black women	11	25	39	18	7	--

White Women	More, a lot more	More, a little more	Fewer	About the same	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites	33	33	17	12	6	*
b. Black women	15	24	38	13	10	--

43. For each of the following, please tell me whether you think it is a big problem, a small problem, or not a problem for black men today.
First/next, is (INSERT) a big problem, a small problem or not a problem for black men today?

Total	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not a Problem	Don't know	Refused
a. HIV/AIDS	56	27	6	11	*
b. Becoming involved in crime	69	25	3	3	*
c. Racial discrimination	53	37	8	2	*
d. Poverty	68	24	5	3	*
e. Not having good jobs	60	28	8	3	*
f. Drug and alcohol abuse	68	24	4	4	*
g. Not being responsible fathers	58	30	7	6	*
h. Young black men not taking their education seriously enough	72	19	5	3	*

Black Men	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not a Problem	Don't know	Refused
a. HIV/AIDS	82	13	3	3	*
b. Becoming involved in crime	88	9	2	1	*
c. Racial discrimination	68	25	5	1	*
d. Poverty	77	17	5	1	*
e. Not having good jobs	85	11	3	1	*
f. Drug and alcohol abuse	87	10	2	1	*
g. Not being responsible fathers	85	11	3	1	*
h. Young black men not taking their education seriously enough	91	6	2	1	*

Black Women	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not a Problem	Don't know	Refused
a. HIV/AIDS	77	14	3	7	*
b. Becoming involved in crime	84	12	1	3	*
c. Racial discrimination	69	22	7	2	*
d. Poverty	75	16	6	3	*
e. Not having good jobs	82	13	3	2	*
f. Drug and alcohol abuse	85	10	1	4	*
g. Not being responsible fathers	82	14	4	1	*
h. Young black men not taking their education seriously enough	84	11	3	2	--

White Men	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not a Problem	Don't know	Refused
a. HIV/AIDS	45	37	8	10	--
b. Becoming involved in crime	62	31	4	2	--
c. Racial discrimination	41	47	10	2	1
d. Poverty	62	29	7	2	*
e. Not having good jobs	54	33	11	3	--
f. Drug and alcohol abuse	63	30	5	2	--
g. Not being responsible fathers	56	33	8	3	--
h. Young black men not taking their education seriously enough	69	22	7	3	*

White Women	Big Problem	Small Problem	Not a Problem	Don't know	Refused
a. HIV/AIDS	55	25	5	15	--
b. Becoming involved in crime	70	23	2	5	*
c. Racial discrimination	53	36	8	4	--
d. Poverty	68	25	3	4	*
e. Not having good jobs	58	28	9	5	*
f. Drug and alcohol abuse	65	22	4	8	--
g. Not being responsible fathers	52	31	7	9	*
h. Young black men not taking their education seriously enough	66	22	6	6	*

44. If you had to pick just one, which of these would you say is the single biggest problem facing black men today?

Based on total respondents (note: also includes those who said only one was a "big problem")

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
3	6	7	2	3	HIV/AIDS
11	10	13	9	13	Becoming involved in crime
9	6	7	8	8	Racial discrimination
9	4	5	9	10	Poverty
9	11	14	7	10	Not having good jobs
13	15	16	11	13	Drug and alcohol abuse
13	14	16	16	13	Not being responsible fathers
26	31	19	29	23	Young black men not taking their education seriously enough
*	*	1	--	*	(Vol.) None of these
7	2	2	9	7	Don't know
*	*	*	*	--	Refused

45. Do you think the problems facing black men are more a result of what (white people have done to blacks), or more a result of what (black men have failed to do for themselves)?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
22	23	19	16	23	What white people have done to blacks
56	59	56	63	51	Black men have failed to do
14	14	17	13	18	(Vol.) Both equally
2	1	2	3	2	(Vol.) Neither
6	3	5	4	5	Don't know
*	*	1	*	*	Refused

46. Do you think America's economic system is (stacked against blacks), or do you think the system is (fair to everyone)?

Based on one half total respondents

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
29	55	49	20	26	Stacked against blacks
52	28	29	69	45	Fair to everyone
4	3	6	2	5	(Vol.) Other
11	8	9	9	17	(Vol.) Neither
5	5	7	1	6	Don't know
*	*	--	*	*	Refused
N=1433	N=655	N=254	N=214	N=264	

47. Do you think America's economic system is (stacked against black men), or do you think the system is (fair to everyone)?

Based on one half total respondents

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
33	56	62	26	26	Stacked against black men
48	32	24	57	47	Fair to everyone
5	2	1	5	8	(Vol.) Other
9	7	8	9	10	(Vol.) Neither
5	4	5	3	10	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused
N=1431	N=673	N=253	N=223	N=231	

48. Here are explanations some people give why fewer and fewer blacks are getting married these days. For each, tell me if you think it is a big reason, a small reason, or not a reason why the black marriage rate is declining.

Total	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Many black men don't feel they can support a family financially	35	34	25	6	*
b. Black men are less likely to value marriage	35	33	24	8	*
c. Black women are reluctant to marry men who have less education and lower incomes than they do	38	34	22	7	*
d. Too many young black men are in prison or have been killed	40	29	24	7	*

Black Men	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Many black men don't feel they can support a family financially	49	30	20	2	*
b. Black men are less likely to value marriage	42	32	22	3	*
c. Black women are reluctant to marry men who have less education and lower incomes than they do	44	34	19	3	*
d. Too many young black men are in prison or have been killed	70	16	12	2	*

Black Women	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Many black men don't feel they can support a family financially	48	27	21	4	*
b. Black men are less likely to value marriage	40	27	27	5	--
c. Black women are reluctant to marry men who have less education and lower incomes than they do	42	29	24	5	--
d. Too many young black men are in prison or have been killed	69	14	13	4	--

White Men	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Many black men don't feel they can support a family financially	29	38	26	6	--
b. Black men are less likely to value marriage	39	31	22	8	--
c. Black women are reluctant to marry men who have less education and lower incomes than they do	33	36	24	6	--
d. Too many young black men are in prison or have been killed	34	33	27	5	--

White Women	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Many black men don't feel they can support a family financially	35	33	24	8	--
b. Black men are less likely to value marriage	29	34	24	12	--
c. Black women are reluctant to marry men who have less education and lower incomes than they do	36	36	19	9	*
d. Too many young black men are in prison or have been killed	35	29	25	11	*

49. According to government statistics, the average black woman is better educated and makes more money than the average black man. For each, tell me if you think this is a big reason for that difference, a small reason, or not a reason.

Total	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites are more comfortable with black women than black men	27	32	34	6	*
b. Black women work harder	41	24	30	5	*
c. There is more discrimination against black men	34	33	28	5	*
d. Black women are less likely to have a criminal record	45	30	22	3	*

Black Men	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites are more comfortable with black women than black men	48	25	22	5	*
b. Black women work harder	41	26	30	2	1
c. There is more discrimination against black men	57	25	16	1	1
d. Black women are less likely to have a criminal record	50	26	22	2	*

Black Women	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites are more comfortable with black women than black men	40	26	26	8	*
b. Black women work harder	53	22	22	4	--
c. There is more discrimination against black men	55	24	18	3	--
d. Black women are less likely to have a criminal record	44	30	23	3	--

White Men	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites are more comfortable with black women than black men	20	35	40	5	--
b. Black women work harder	37	26	33	3	--
c. There is more discrimination against black men	26	38	35	2	--
d. Black women are less likely to have a criminal record	41	35	23	1	--

White Women	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. Whites are more comfortable with black women than black men	26	32	34	8	--
b. Black women work harder	42	23	27	9	--
c. There is more discrimination against black men	31	31	29	9	*
d. Black women are less likely to have a criminal record	53	24	18	6	--

49a. Do you think most black men do or do NOT show proper respect for black women?

49b. Is this a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious a problem or not a serious problem at all?

Q49a/Q49b Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
52	61	62	52	52	Black men do not show proper respect for black women (net)
27	43	40	25	24	Very serious problem
21	14	17	24	23	Somewhat serious problem
3	3	3	2	4	Not too serious problem
1	1	1	*	*	Not serious at all problem
32	32	31	34	29	Black men do show proper respect for black women
15	6	8	14	18	Don't know
1	*	*	*	*	Refused

50. Please tell me if each of the following statements is something that black parents should or should not be telling their sons.

Total	Yes, should	No, should not	Don't know	Refused
a. Most white people cannot be trusted	5	92	2	*
b. Anyone can be successful in this country if they are willing to work hard	97	2	1	*
c. You will have to work harder than white people to get the same amount of credit	40	58	2	*
d. The police are looking for any reason to give a black man a hard time	24	74	2	1

Black Men	Yes, should	No, should not	Don't know	Refused
a. Most white people cannot be trusted	21	76	3	*
b. Anyone can be successful in this country if they are willing to work hard	94	5	1	*
c. You will have to work harder than white people to get the same amount of credit	64	34	2	*
d. The police are looking for any reason to give a black man a hard time	50	48	2	*

Black Women	Yes, should	No, should not	Don't know	Refused
a. Most white people cannot be trusted	16	82	2	--
b. Anyone can be successful in this country if they are willing to work hard	95	4	1	--
c. You will have to work harder than white people to get the same amount of credit	60	38	1	*
d. The police are looking for any reason to give a black man a hard time	45	52	3	*

White Men	Yes, should	No, should not	Don't know	Refused
a. Most white people cannot be trusted	5	93	2	--
b. Anyone can be successful in this country if they are willing to work hard	99	1	*	--
c. You will have to work harder than white people to get the same amount of credit	35	63	2	*
d. The police are looking for any reason to give a black man a hard time	21	76	2	1

White Women	Yes, should	No, should not	Don't know	Refused
a. Most white people cannot be trusted	2	95	3	--
b. Anyone can be successful in this country if they are willing to work hard	97	1	1	--
c. You will have to work harder than white people to get the same amount of credit	37	61	2	--
d. The police are looking for any reason to give a black man a hard time	18	80	2	--

5. Now I'd like to ask you if you have ever had the following experiences in your life.

Total	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	Wrongfully arrested
a. Visited or lived in a foreign country	55	45	*	*	NA
b. Had a close friend or relative who was murdered	29	71	*	*	NA
c. Dated someone of a different race	43	57	*	*	NA
d. Personally been a victim of a violent crime	19	81	*	*	NA
e. Had a friend of a different race	92	8	*	*	NA
f. Been laid off or fired from a job	48	52	*	*	NA
g. Had a friend who was openly gay or lesbian	64	35	*	*	NA
h. Had a problem with alcohol or drugs	14	85	*	*	NA
i. Been wrongfully arrested	12	88	*	*	NA
j. Been arrested *(only asked of those who haven't been wrongfully arrested)*	16	72	*	*	12

Black Men

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	Wrongfully arrested
a. Visited or lived in a foreign country	41	59	*	*	NA
b. Had a close friend or relative who was murdered	61	38	*	*	NA
c. Dated someone of a different race	59	41	*	*	NA
d. Personally been a victim of a violent crime	25	75	*	*	NA
e. Had a friend of a different race	91	9	*	*	NA
f. Been laid off or fired from a job	54	46	*	*	NA
g. Had a friend who was openly gay or lesbian	48	51	*	*	NA
h. Had a problem with alcohol or drugs	19	81	*	*	NA
i. Been wrongfully arrested	31	69	*	*	NA
j. Been arrested *(only asked of those who haven't been wrongfully arrested)*	22	48	*	*	31

Black Women

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	Wrongfully arrested
a. Visited or lived in a foreign country	30	70	--	--	NA
b. Had a close friend or relative who was murdered	54	46	--	--	NA
c. Dated someone of a different race	41	59	--	*	NA
d. Personally been a victim of a violent crime	18	82	--	*	NA
e. Had a friend of a different race	83	17	--	--	NA
f. Been laid off or fired from a job	43	57	*	--	NA
g. Had a friend who was openly gay or lesbian	62	38	*	--	NA
h. Had a problem with alcohol or drugs	8	92	--	--	NA
i. Been wrongfully arrested	11	89	--	--	NA
j. Been arrested *(only asked of those who haven't been wrongfully arrested)*	13	76	--	*	11

White Men

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	Wrongfully arrested
a. Visited or lived in a foreign country	63	37	--	--	NA
b. Had a close friend or relative who was murdered	29	71	--	--	NA
c. Dated someone of a different race	36	64	*	*	NA
d. Personally been a victim of a violent crime	18	82	--	--	NA
e. Had a friend of a different race	94	6	--	--	NA
f. Been laid off or fired from a job	62	38	--	--	NA
g. Had a friend who was openly gay or lesbian	59	41	*	--	NA
h. Had a problem with alcohol or drugs	20	80	*	--	NA
i. Been wrongfully arrested	16	84	--	--	NA
j. Been arrested *(only asked of those who haven't been wrongfully arrested)*	22	62	--	--	16

White Women

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	Wrongfully arrested
a. Visited or lived in a foreign country	49	51	--	--	NA
b. Had a close friend or relative who was murdered	18	82	*	--	NA
c. Dated someone of a different race	41	59	--	--	NA
d. Personally been a victim of a violent crime	17	83	*	--	NA
e. Had a friend of a different race	92	8	--	--	NA
f. Been laid off or fired from a job	36	64	--	--	NA
g. Had a friend who was openly gay or lesbian	70	29	1	--	NA
h. Had a problem with alcohol or drugs	11	89	1	--	NA
i. Been wrongfully arrested	5	95	*	--	NA
j. Been arrested *(only asked of those who haven't been wrongfully arrested)*	9	86	*	--	5

51. In your day-to-day life, how often do any of the following things happen to you because of your racial background? (INSERT). Would you say very often, somewhat often, once in a while, or never?

Total	Very often	Somewhat often	Once in a while	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. You are treated with less respect than other people.	3	7	30	60	*	*
b. You receive poorer service than other people at restaurants or stores.	2	8	25	64	*	*
c. People act as if they think you are not smart.	4	9	28	58	1	*
d. People act as if they are afraid of you.	3	6	12	79	*	*
e. People act as if they think you are dishonest.	2	6	15	76	*	*

Black Men	Very often	Somewhat often	Once in a while	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. You are treated with less respect than other people.	9	19	38	33	1	*
b. You receive poorer service than other people at restaurants or stores.	9	20	38	32	1	*
c. People act as if they think you are not smart.	14	21	31	33	*	*
d. People act as if they are afraid of you.	13	21	29	36	1	*
e. People act as if they think you are dishonest.	10	18	30	41	1	*

Black Women	Very often	Somewhat often	Once in a while	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. You are treated with less respect than other people.	6	15	33	45	*	--
b. You receive poorer service than other people at restaurants or stores.	5	19	35	41	*	--
c. People act as if they think you are not smart.	12	17	28	42	1	--
d. People act as if they are afraid of you.	6	13	13	68	*	--
e. People act as if they think you are dishonest.	6	11	24	58	1	--

White Men	Very often	Somewhat often	Once in a while	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. You are treated with less respect than other people.	1	5	28	66	--	--
b. You receive poorer service than other people at restaurants or stores.	2	6	24	69	--	--
c. People act as if they think you are not smart.	3	8	25	64	*	--
d. People act as if they are afraid of you.	1	8	14	77	*	--
e. People act as if they think you are dishonest.	1	4	17	78	1	--

White Women	Very often	Somewhat often	Once in a while	Never	Don't know	Refused
a. You are treated with less respect than other people.	1	5	29	64	1	--
b. You receive poorer service than other people at restaurants or stores.	1	5	25	68	1	--
c. People act as if they think you are not smart.	2	5	30	62	1	--
d. People act as if they are afraid of you.	--	2	9	89	*	--
e. People act as if they think you are dishonest.	--	3	10	87	*	--

52. Have you EVER been (INSERT ITEM) because of your racial background, or not?

Based on total black men and total black women

Total Blacks	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Physically threatened or attacked	17	83	*	*
b. Denied housing you could afford	13	85	1	*
c. Denied a job you were qualified for	25	71	4	*
d. Unfairly stopped by police	29	70	1	*
e. Denied a loan	15	80	5	*

Black Men	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Physically threatened or attacked	25	75	*	*
b. Denied housing you could afford	16	82	1	*
c. Denied a job you were qualified for	31	64	4	*
d. Unfairly stopped by police	48	50	1	*
e. Denied a loan	21	74	4	*

Black Women	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
a. Physically threatened or attacked	10	90	*	--
b. Denied housing you could afford	11	88	2	--
c. Denied a job you were qualified for	20	76	4	--
d. Unfairly stopped by police	13	87	1	--
e. Denied a loan	10	85	5	--

53. As you may know, young black men have a higher chance than most people of winding up in jail. For each please tell me whether you think it is big reason, a small reason, or not a reason why this is true:

Total	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. More black men grow up in poverty	62	25	11	2	*
b. Black men are less likely to think committing crimes is wrong	28	32	35	4	*
c. Police are more likely to target black men than whites	43	34	19	4	*
d. Courts are more likely to convict black men than whites	33	31	31	5	*
e. Many black parents aren't teaching their children right from wrong	40	31	23	6	*
f. Black men have fewer job opportunities	36	33	28	3	*
g. Schools are failing black men	31	28	37	5	*

Black Men	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. More black men grow up in poverty	69	19	11	1	*
b. Black men are less likely to think committing crimes is wrong	44	27	26	2	*
c. Police are more likely to target black men than whites	71	19	8	1	*
d. Courts are more likely to convict black men than whites	67	19	12	2	*
e. Many black parents aren't teaching their children right from wrong	58	23	17	1	*
f. Black men have fewer job opportunities	60	25	13	1	*
g. Schools are failing black men	47	25	25	3	*

Black Women	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. More black men grow up in poverty	61	21	14	3	--
b. Black men are less likely to think committing crimes is wrong	38	26	32	4	--
c. Police are more likely to target black men than whites	68	17	11	3	*
d. Courts are more likely to convict black men than whites	62	18	15	5	--
e. Many black parents aren't teaching their children right from wrong	52	21	23	4	--
f. Black men have fewer job opportunities	54	27	17	2	--
g. Schools are failing black men	43	21	31	5	--

White Men	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. More black men grow up in poverty	61	29	9	1	--
b. Black men are less likely to think committing crimes is wrong	25	36	37	2	--
c. Police are more likely to target black men than whites	29	44	25	1	--
d. Courts are more likely to convict black men than whites	21	37	38	4	--
e. Many black parents aren't teaching their children right from wrong	40	35	21	4	--
f. Black men have fewer job opportunities	29	39	31	2	--
g. Schools are failing black men	25	32	40	3	--

White Women	Big Reason	Small Reason	Not a Reason	Don't know	Refused
a. More black men grow up in poverty	60	26	10	4	--
b. Black men are less likely to think committing crimes is wrong	26	34	32	8	*
c. Police are more likely to target black men than whites	40	36	18	6	*
d. Courts are more likely to convict black men than whites	28	37	29	7	--
e. Many black parents aren't teaching their children right from wrong	35	32	23	10	*
f. Black men have fewer job opportunities	36	31	29	4	--
g. Schools are failing black men	29	31	33	8	*

54. How often would you say you come in contact with black men in your day to day life: every day, several times a week, a few times a month or less than that?

Based on total Non Black men and Non Black women

Total	White Men	White Women	
47	53	39	Everyday
23	23	27	Several times a week
16	12	17	A few times a month
13	12	16	Less than that
1	--	1	(Vol.) Never
*	--	*	Don't know
*	--	--	Refused
N=1029	N=437	N=495	

55. Have you or any of your close friends or family members ever been in prison or jail, or not?

55a1. Was that you or a friend or family member?

Q55/Q55a1 Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
42	69	62	46	31	Respondent/close friend/family been in jail
5	12	4	8	1	Respondent
5	9	5	5	3	Both respondent and friend/family
32	48	53	33	27	Friend/family only
57	31	37	54	69	Respondent/friend/family never been in jail
*	*	1	--	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused

55a. (Was that person/Were you) sent to prison or jail fairly or unfairly?

Based on total who themselves or a close friend or family member have been in prison or jail

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
75	62	67	82	77	Fairly
19	32	26	14	15	Unfairly
6	6	8	4	9	Don't know
*	*	--	--	--	Refused
N=1524	N=884	N=295	N=169	N=132	

Q55/Q55a Combo Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
42	69	62	46	31	Respondent/close friend/family been in jail
32	42	41	38	24	Fairly
8	22	16	6	5	Unfairly
57	31	37	54	69	Respondent/friend/family never been in jail
*	*	1	--	*	Don't know
*	*	*	--	--	Refused

56. Are you living in a home that you or your family own, are you renting a house or apartment, living in a facility such as a retirement home, or somewhere else?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
76	62	55	84	76	Home that you/family own
21	34	42	12	20	Renting
1	1	1	*	2	Facility
3	3	2	3	2	Somewhere else
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	1	--	--	--	Refused

57. Have you ever served in the U.S. armed forces or U.S. reserves, or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
16	23	3	31	2	Yes
84	76	97	69	98	No
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	1	--	--	--	Refused

57a. Would you consider yourself a born-again, evangelical Christian or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
36	51	61	33	35	Yes
63	45	37	67	62	No
2	2	1	1	2	Don't know
*	1	*	--	*	Refused

58. Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
14	18	24	14	15	More than once a week
24	23	27	21	26	Once a week
15	20	15	13	11	Once or twice a month
18	18	17	19	16	A few times a year
17	14	11	16	19	Seldom
13	6	5	17	12	Never
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	1	*	--	--	Refused

59. About how often do you pray?   Would you say several times a day, once a day, several times a week, once a week, less than once a week, or never?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
34	43	53	24	44	Several times a day
22	24	23	18	22	Once a day
15	13	11	16	16	Several times a week
6	7	4	10	3	Once a week
12	7	4	14	10	Less than once a week
10	5	3	18	4	Never
*	*	1	--	*	Don't know
*	1	1	*	*	Refused

60. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
17	18	13	18	14	Excellent
33	27	24	37	35	Very good
29	31	32	27	29	Good
15	18	24	14	16	Fair
5	6	7	4	6	Poor
*	*	--	--	--	Don't know
*	1	--	--	--	Refused

61. Do you usually get an annual physical exam, or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
70	73	86	63	79	Yes
30	26	14	37	21	No
*	*	--	--	*	Don't know
*	1	--	--	--	Refused

62. Have you ever gone to see a mental health professional, such as a therapist, counselor, psychologist or psychiatrist, or not?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
32	24	29	32	34	Yes
68	75	71	68	65	No
*	*	--	--	*	Don't know
*	1	--	--	*	Refused

READ: And now I have just a few questions for classification purposes only.

63.   Were you born in the U.S. or another country?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
90	88	90	96	93	Born in the US
10	10	10	4	7	Born in another country
--	--	--	--	--	Don't know
*	1	--	--	--	Refused

64.   Were either of your PARENTS born in another country, or were they both born in the United States?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
21	16	16	14	12	One or both parents born in another country
79	82	84	86	87	Both parents born in the United States
*	*	1	--	*	Don't know
*	2	--	--	*	Refused

65.   How old are you?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
22	27	24	20	18	18-29
39	41	40	40	36	30-49
22	21	20	25	22	50-64
16	9	13	16	22	65+
--	--	--	--	--	Don't know
2	3	3	*	2	Refused

66.   What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
51	62	55	52	49	HS Grad or Less (net)
16	20	19	16	16	Less than HS grad (sub net)
3	4	5	2	4	None, or Grade 8
12	16	15	14	13	High School incomplete
35	42	36	37	33	HS Grad+ (subnet)
32	39	34	31	29	HS Grad
4	3	1	6	3	Business/tech
48	36	45	47	50	Some College or More (net)
23	23	28	21	24	Some college
25	14	17	26	27	College Grad+ (subnet)
17	10	12	18	19	College Grad
8	4	5	8	8	Post Grad
*	*	*	--	--	Don't know
*	2	*	*	1	Refused

67.   Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes: (READ LIST)

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
41	44	58	32	46	Less than $40,000 (net)
12	17	24	7	12	Less than $20,000
14	14	18	10	18	$20,000 but less than $30,000
13	12	13	14	14	$30,000 but less than $40,000
1	1	4	1	2	Less than $40,000, unspecified
52	44	35	62	47	$40,000 or more (net)
9	12	10	11	8	$40,000 but less than $50,000
16	15	12	16	15	$50,000 but less than $75,000
12	9	7	14	8	$75,000 but less than $100,000
12	7	4	16	11	$100,000 or more
4	2	2	4	5	$40,000 or more, unspecified
3	6	3	2	2	Don't know
4	6	4	3	6	Refused

70.   Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, or something else?

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
24	7	4	30	25	Republican
33	54	59	28	30	Democrat
27	20	18	33	26	Independent
11	13	12	7	12	Something else
3	2	4	1	4	Don't know
2	4	2	1	3	Refused

70a.   Would you consider yourself closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

Q70/70a Combo/Leaned Party Table

Total	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
32	9	6	44	31	Republican/Lean Republican
45	65	67	41	43	Democrat/Lean Democrat
7	7	8	7	7	Non-Lean Independent
11	13	12	7	12	Something else
3	2	4	1	4	Don't know
2	4	2	1	3	Refused

71.   Are you registered to vote at your present address?

	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
Total					
82	76	83	86	82	Yes
17	20	16	14	17	No
*	1	1	1	--	Don't know
1	3	*	--	2	Refused

REGION FROM SAMPLE

	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
Total					
19	17	17	20	22	Northeast
22	18	18	27	23	North Central
36	55	56	36	36	South
22	10	8	17	19	West

METRO STATUS FROM SAMPLE

	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
Total					
34	61	59	26	29	Urban
41	23	24	42	44	Suburban
25	16	17	31	27	Rural

Language of Interview

	Black Men	Black Women	White Men	White Women	
Total					
1	3	3	*	--	All Spanish
*	--	--	--	--	Mostly Spanish
--	--	--	--	--	Both
2	2	2	1	4	Mostly English
97	95	94	99	96	All English

Note: The following open-ended question was added to the survey after one week of interviewing, when it became clear to the researchers that we needed more information about those who said they had been arrested or wrongfully arrested. Because most interviews for non-black respondents had already been completed when we added the question, only the responses for black males are reported below. For national comparison data, we added the same question to a national omnibus survey; results are reported on the following page.

74a. Earlier you mentioned you were (wrongfully) arrested, can you tell me in a word or two what you were arrested for?

Based on total asked who have been arrested or wrongfully arrested

Black Men

13	Alcohol/drugs (other than drunk driving/DWI)
11	Traffic violations (ie, speeding, driving without license)
11	Breaking and entering/property damage/burglary/theft/robbery
7	Battery/assault/fighting
6	Drunk driving/DWI/DUI
4	Disorderly conduct/trespassing/loitering/harassment
3	Racially related incident (ie, "I was arrested for being black")
2	Domestic violence
2	Sexual misconduct
2	Confrontation with police
2	Forgery/embezzlement/bad checks
1	Homicide/homicide-related
1	Participating in public demonstration/march
13	Other
6	Nothing/something didn't do/mistaken identity
1	Don't know why/don't remember
18	Refused

N=419

The following questions were added to a national omnibus survey in order to get comparison data on an open-ended question about reasons for being arrested. The study was conducted by telephone from April 19 – 23, 2006 among 1,012 randomly selected adults nationwide. The margin of sampling error for these results is +/-3 percentage points. All fieldwork was conducted by ICR/International Communications Research.

AR-1. Have you ever (ITEM), or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused	Wrongfully arrested
a. Visited or lived in a foreign country	**51**	**49**	**--**	**--**	**NA**
b. Had a close friend or relative who was murdered	**18**	**81**	*****	*****	**NA**
e. Had a friend of a different race	**91**	**9**	**--**	**--**	**NA**
h. Had a problem with alcohol or drugs	**8**	**92**	*****	*****	**NA**
i. Been wrongfully arrested	**6**	**93**	*****	*****	**NA**
j. Been arrested *(only asked of those who haven't been wrongfully arrested)*	**13**	**81**	*****	*****	**6**

AR-2. Earlier you mentioned you were (wrongfully) arrested, can you tell me in a word or two what you were arrested for?

Based on total who have been arrested or wrongfully arrested

17	Drunk driving/DWI/DUI
15	Breaking and entering/property damage/burglary/theft
12	Alcohol/drugs (other than drunk driving/DWI)
11	Disorderly conduct/trespassing/loitering
7	Traffic violations (i.e. speeding, driving without license)
6	Battery/assault/fighting
4	Domestic violence
2	Forgery/embezzlement/bad checks
*	Sexual misconduct
*	Participating in public demonstration/march
11	Other
6	Nothing/something didn't do/mistaken identity
1	Don't know why/don't remember
11	Refused

N=180

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