SSI Survey_2016

2016 SSI Poll

The 2016 Survey Sampling International Poll was administered from September 14-23, 2016 to roughly 4,800 U.S. residents recruited using its online panel, which was quota sampled by gender, education, age, and state of residence (based on Current Population Survey estimates). Oversamples of black, Latinx, and Asian American respondents were collected to facilitate across race comparisons of attitudes and self-assessed behaviors.

American religious exceptionalism metrics highlighted:

How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree (3)	Somewhat agree (2)	Somewhat disagree (1)	Strongly disagree (0)
America holds a special place in God's plan (christnat_plan)	○	○	○	○
The U.S. was established to be religiously diverse (christnat_diverse)	○	○	○	○
The success of the U.S. is not a reflection of divine will (christnat_notdivine)	○	○	○	○
The vast resources of the U.S. indicate that God has chosen it to lead other nations (christnat_resources)	○	○	○	○

1. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ○ Did not graduate from high school (0)
- ○ High school graduate (1)
- ○ Some college, but no degree (yet) (2)
- ○ 2-year college degree (3)
- ○ 4-year college degree (4)
- ○ Postgraduate degree (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, etc.) (5)

2. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

- ○ White (1)
- ○ Black or African-American (2)
- ○ Asian or Asian-American (3)
- ○ Native American (4)
- ○ Mixed Race (5)
- ○ Other (please specify) (6) _____

3. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

- ○ Yes (1)
- ○ No (0)

4. Are you male or female?

- ○ Male (0)
- ○ Female (1)

5. In what year were you born?

▼ 1900 (1) ... 1998 (124)

6. What state do you live in?

▼ Alabama (1) ... Wyoming (49)

7. Where would you place yourself on the scale below?

	1 (0)	2 (1)	3 (2)	4 (3)	5 (4)	6 (5)	7 (6)	
Strong Democrat	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	Strong Republican

8. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

- ○ Very liberal (0)
- ○ Liberal (1)
- ○ Moderate (2)
- ○ Conservative (3)
- ○ Very conservative (4)
- ○ Not sure (9)

9. Do you agree or disagree?

	Strongly agree (3)	Somewhat agree (2)	Somewhat disagree (1)	Strongly disagree (0)
The U.S. should decrease LEGAL immigration into the country (lessimm_1)	○	○	○	○
The U.S. should decrease ILLEGAL immigration into the country (lessimm_2)	○	○	○	○

10. Which of the following do you think is the best approach for the U.S. to take with refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria?

- ○ Do not accept any refugees into the U.S. (0)
- ○ Proceed with the plan to resettle 10,000 refugees without religious screening (2)
- ○ Resettle only Christian refugees from Syria (1)
- ○ Not sure (9)

11. Do you agree or disagree that ILLEGAL immigrants should be deported out of the United States?

- ○ Strongly disagree (0)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ○ Somewhat agree (2)
- ○ Strongly agree (3)

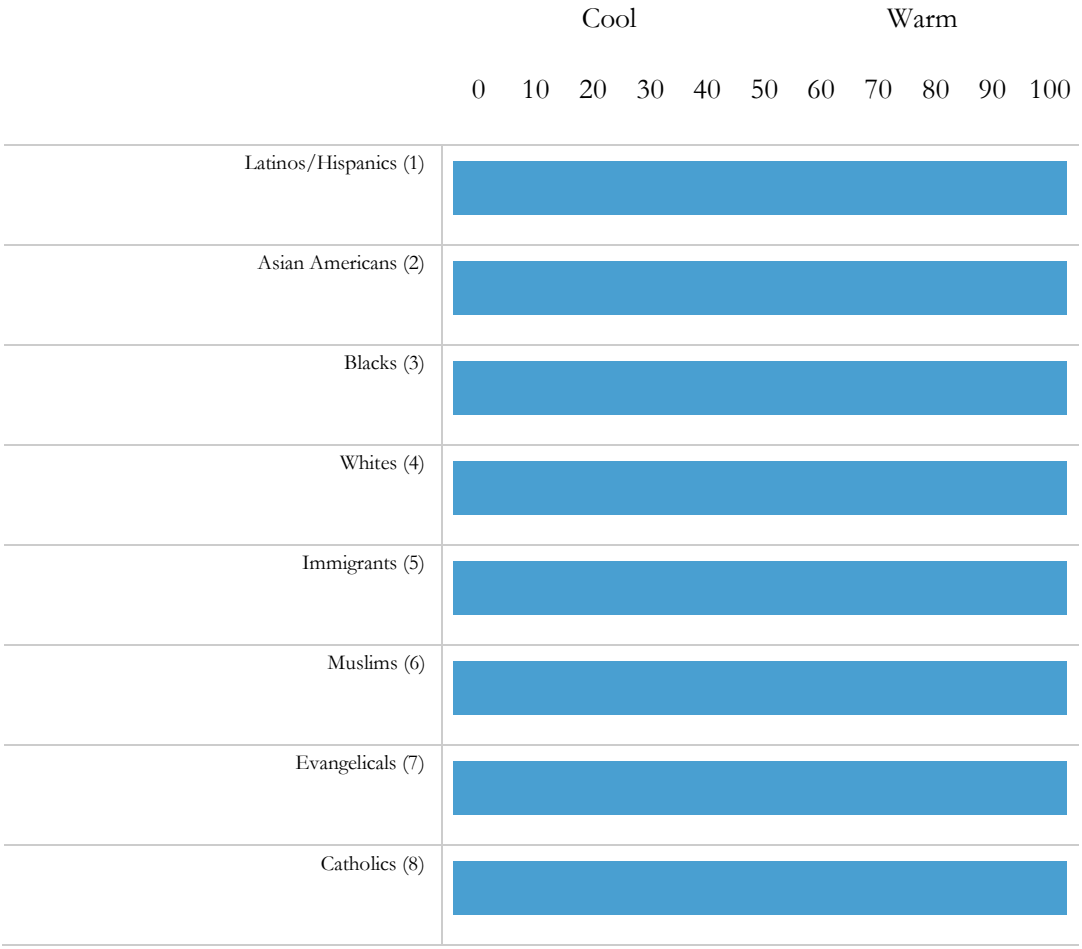
12. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

▼ Less than $10,000 (0) ... Prefer not to say (-999)

13. Do you agree or disagree that generally speaking, America is a better country than most other countries?

- ○ Strongly disagree (0)
- ○ Somewhat disagree (1)
- ○ Neither disagree nor agree (2)
- ○ Somewhat agree (3)
- ○ Strongly agree (4)

14. On a scale of 0 to 100, how warmly would you say you feel toward the following groups?



15. In the U.S. foreign workers can obtain temporary work visas that last anywhere from 1 to 6 years. If it were up to you to decide, to which of the following workers would you most prefer to award a temporary work visa, if you had to choose only one?

- ○ I would prefer a worker who has a specialized occupation (i.e., requiring an advanced degree or skill) (1)
- ○ I would prefer a worker who can fill a current labor market shortage (i.e., typically agricultural) (2)
- ○ I would prefer a worker who has some sort of extraordinary ability (i.e., an athlete or celebrity) (3)
- ○ I would choose to not award a temporary work visa to anyone (4)

16. What is your five-digit zip code at your home?

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17. How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree (3)	Somewhat agree (2)	Somewhat disagree (1)	Strongly disagree (0)
The U.S. military should be used to destroy suspected terror camps abroad (forpol_terror)	○	○	○	○
The U.S. military should be used to protect U.S. allies (forpol_allies)	○	○	○	○

18. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your feelings about the Bible?

- ○ The Bible is the actual word of God and is to be taken literally, word for word (2)
- ○ The Bible is the word of God but not everything in it should be taken literally, word for word (1)
- ○ The Bible is a book written by men and is not the word of God (0)

19. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

- ○ More than once a week (5)
- ○ Once a week (4)
- ○ Once or twice a month (3)
- ○ A few times a year (2)
- ○ Seldom (1)
- ○ Never (0)

21. Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

- ○ Yes, would (1)
- ○ No, would not (0)

22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree (0)	Somewhat disagree (1)	Neither agree nor disagree (2)	Somewhat agree (3)	Strongly agree (4)
Irish, Italians, Jews and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors. (resent_irish)	○	○	○	○	○
Generations of discrimination and slavery have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class. (resent_generations)	○	○	○	○	○
Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve. (resent_over)	○	○	○	○	○
It's really a matter of people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites. (resent_itsreally)	○	○	○	○	○