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SECTION 1 – MARITAL STATUS AND CHILDREN

Q1. In what year were you born?

Mean total	1968
Total *N*	3,000

[see data file]

Q2. Which best describes your current relationship status?

Married	48%
Married, but currently separated from spouse	1
Not married but living with a partner	11
Currently in a committed relationship but not living with partner	8
Not currently in a relationship	32
Total *N*	3,000

Q3. How long have you been in a relationship with your current spouse?

[Asked of all participants who selected either Married or Married, but currently separated form spouse in Q1. Asked in a dropdown showing values within the following ranges: 0-11 months, 1-50 years, More than 50 years]

1 year or less	2%
1 to 5 years	11
5 to 10 years	14
10 to 15 years	12
15 to 20 years	10
20 to 30 years	16
30 to 40 years	16
40 to 50 years	13
More than 50 years	5[1]
Total *N*	1,490

Q4. How long have you been married to your current spouse?
[Asked of all participants who selected either Married or Married, but currently separated form spouse in Q1. Asked in a dropdown showing values within the following ranges: 0-11 months, 1-50 years, More than 50 years]

1 year or less	9%
1 to 5 years	13
5 to 10 years	13
10 to 15 years	11
15 to 20 years	8
20 to 30 years	16
30 to 40 years	15
40 to 50 years	11
More than 50 years	4
Total *N*	1,490

Q5. Have you ever been divorced or widowed? Check all that apply.
[Asked of all participants who selected either Married or Married, but currently separated form spouse in Q1.]

Divorced	29%
Widowed	3
None of the above	69
Total *N*	1,510

Q6. How long have you been in a relationship with your current partner?
[Asked of all participants who selected Not married but living with a partner in Q1. Asked in a dropdown showing values within the following ranges: 0-11 months, 1-50 years, More than 50 years]

1 year or less	17%
1 to 5 years	35
5 to 10 years	18
10 to 15 years	12
15 to 20 years	6
20 to 30 years	8
30 to 40 years	2
40 to 50 years	-
More than 50 years	-
Total *N*	328

Q7. How long have you been living with your current partner?
[Asked of all participants who selected Not married but living with a partner in Q1. Asked in a dropdown showing values within the following ranges: 0-11 months, 1-50 years, More than 50 years]

1 year or less	27%
1 to 5 years	36
5 to 10 years	13
10 to 15 years	10
15 to 20 years	6
20 to 30 years	7
30 to 40 years	1
40 to 50 years	-
More than 50 years	-
Total *N*	328

Q8. Have you ever been divorced or widowed? Check all that apply.
[Asked of all participants who selected Not married but living with a partner in Q1.]

Divorced	32%
Widowed	8
None of the above	63
Total *N*	338

Q9. How long have you been in a relationship with your current partner?
[Asked of all participants who selected Currently in a committed relationship but not living with partner in Q1. Asked in a dropdown showing values within the following ranges: 0-11 months, 1-50 years, More than 50 years]

1 year or less	41%
1 to 5 years	41
5 to 10 years	12
10 to 15 years	3
15 to 20 years	1
20 to 30 years	1
30 to 40 years	-
40 to 50 years	1
More than 50 years	1
Total *N*	231

Q10. Have you ever been divorced or widowed? Check all that apply.
[Asked of all participants who selected Currently in a committed relationship but not living with partner in Q1.]

Divorced	21%
Widowed	8
None of the above	73
Total *N*	237

Q11. Have you ever been divorced or widowed? Check all that apply.
[Asked of all participants who selected Not currently in a relationship in Q1.]

Divorced	26%
Widowed	10
None of the above	65
Total *N*	896

Q12. How many times have you been married?
[Asked of all participants who selected either Married or Married, but currently separated form spouse in Q1, along with those who selected Divorced and/or Widowed in Q7, Q9, or Q10.]

Mean total	1
Total *N*	3,000

Q13. How old were you when you first married?
[Asked of all participants who selected either Married or Married, but currently separated form spouse in Q1, along with those who selected Divorced and/or Widowed in Q7, Q9, or Q10.]

Mean total	24
Total *N*	2,004

Q14. How many partners have you lived with outside of a marriage?

Mean total	1
Total *N*	3,000

Q15. How many children do you have (please include biological, adopted, or step-children)?

Mean total	2
Total *N*	3,000

Q16. Please tell us about each of your children. **[Number of children (reported from Q14); Age; Living in your home or not; Biological, step-child, or adopted]**
[Asked of all participants who reported having children in Q14.]

Number of children

0	37%
1	14
2	21
3	13
4	9
5	3
6	1
7	1
8+	1
Total *N*	3,000

Children in each age category

0-4 years old	7%
5-11 years old	12
12-17 years old	10
18+ years old	70
Total *N*	1,926

Children living at home

Living at home	32%
Not living at home	68
Total *N*	1,925

Children in each parental situation

Biological with current partner	44%
Biological with previous partner	34
Step-child	18
Adopted child	5
Total *N*	1,923

Q17. Do all of your biological children have the same two biological parents?
[Asked of all participants who reported having children in Q14.]

Yes	59%
No	41
Total *N*	553

SECTION 2 – MARRIAGE

Q18. How satisfied are you with your **[Job, Family, Marriage/Relationship, Life]**?
[Response options for Marriage/Relationship not shown for those who selected Not currently in a relationship in Q1. "Marriage" shown if the participant is currently married, and "Relationship" shown for those currently in a relationship but not married.]

	Job	**Family**	**Marriage/Relationship**	**Life**
Completely satisfied	15%	47%	58%	29%
Somewhat satisfied	24	32	27	43
Neutral/Don't know	12	9	6	11
Somewhat dissatisfied	9	7	6	11
Completely dissatisfied	4	3	3	5
Not applicable	36	2	0	1
Total *N*	2,996	3,000	2,043	2,994

Q19. How likely is it that you will **[get married sometime in the next two years/be married or still married two years from now]**?
[First response option shown to those not currently in a relationship, second response option shown to those who are in a relationship or married.]

Very likely	44%
Likely	5
Somewhat likely	4
Neither likely or unlikely	7
Somewhat unlikely	4
Unlikely	5
Very unlikely	26
Don't know	5
Total *N*	3,000

Q20. How likely is it that you will still be in the same relationship two years from now?
[Asked of all participants who reported being in a relationship in Q1.]

Very likely	47%
Likely	17
Somewhat likely	12
Neither likely or unlikely	6
Somewhat unlikely	4
Unlikely	1
Very unlikely	7
Don't know	6
Total *N*	557

Q21. How likely is it that you will have the same job two years from now?

Very likely	19%
Likely	8
Somewhat likely	8
Neither likely or unlikely	6
Somewhat unlikely	4
Unlikely	4
Very unlikely	8
Don't know	5
Not currently employed	39
Total *N*	3,000

Q22. At any point in the last two years, have you thought that your marriage or relationship was in trouble?
[Asked of all participants but those who selected Not currently in a relationship in Q1.]

Yes	34%
No	66
Total *N*	2,045

Q23. Would you say that your marriage or relationship is stronger, weaker or about the same as two years ago?
[Asked of all participants who responded with an answer of 2 years or higher to Q2, Q5, or Q8 (questions about length of current marriage/relationship).]

Stronger	45%
About the same	46
Weaker	7
Don't know	2
Total *N*	1,933

Q24. Turning to marriage generally, do you feel that marriages in the United States are stronger, weaker, or about the same as two years ago?

Stronger	7%
About the same	39
Weaker	42
Don't know	13
Total *N*	3,000

Q25. Before getting married, how important is it for someone to **[Own a home; Finish college; Have a stable job; Live together with his or her future spouse; Have had several serious relationships; Have some savings or be paying off debt]?**

	Own a home	**Finish college**	**Have a stable job**	**Live together**	**Have had several serious relationships**	**Have some savings or be paying off debt**
Very important	7%	19%	41%	12%	7%	28%
Important	9	18	30	14	11	28
Somewhat important	15	19	19	20	18	25
Neither important nor unimportant	33	24	6	24	31	12
Somewhat unimportant	11	6	2	7	10	3
Unimportant	13	7	1	8	12	2
Not at all unimportant	11	8	1	15	12	3
Total *N*	2,942	2,931	2,943	2,952	2,942	2,950

Q26. What would you say is the ideal age for **men** to marry?

Mean	28.1
Total *N*	2,985

Q27. What would you say is the ideal age for **women** to marry?

Mean	26.2
Total *N*	2,984

Q28. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? [**Go out together, just the two of you]**

[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	6%
Yearly	3
A few times a year	16
About once a month	24
Weekly	27
A few times a week	17
Daily	6
Total *N*	2,037

Q29. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? **[Have a serious argument]**

[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	19%
Yearly	15
A few times a year	34
About once a month	18
Weekly	7
A few times a week	5
Daily	3
Total *N*	2,044

Q30. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? **[Talk about your relationship with each other[2]]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	13%
Yearly	4
A few times a year	17
About once a month	20
Weekly	17
A few times a week	19
Daily	12
Total *N*	2,038

Q31. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? **[Discuss finances with each other]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	6%
Yearly	2
A few times a year	7
About once a month	25
Weekly	24
A few times a week	22
Daily	13
Total *N*	2,034

Q32. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? **[Sleep in different rooms because you were upset with one another]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either Married; Married, but currently separated from spouse; or Not married, but living with partner in Q1.]

Never	73%
Yearly	8
A few times a year	10
About once a month	5
Weekly	1
A few times a week	1
Daily	3
Total *N*	1,767

Q33. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse or partner? **[Talk about political or social issues with each other]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	11%
Yearly	2
A few times a year	11
About once a month	15
Weekly	15
A few times a week	23
Daily	23
Total *N*	2,038

Q34. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse? **[Pray together as a couple, outside of meals]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	50%
Yearly	3
A few times a year	11
About once a month	7
Weekly	9
A few times a week	8
Daily	11
Total *N*	2,034

Q35. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse? **[Have sex with each other]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either Married; Married, but currently separated from spouse; or Not married, but living with partner in Q1.]

Never	12%
Yearly	3
A few times a year	8
About once a month	17
Weekly	25
A few times a week	28
Daily	5
Total *N*	2,023

Q36. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse? **[Do nice things for each other, such as making coffee, putting gas in the car, etc.]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Never	3%
Yearly	1
A few times a year	4
About once a month	7
Weekly	18
A few times a week	25
Daily	42
Total *N*	2,034

Q37. How often do you do each of the following with your spouse? **[Hide finances or purchases from each other]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either Married; Married, but currently separated from spouse; or Not married, but living with partner in Q1.]

Never	71%
Yearly	7
A few times a year	10
About once a month	6
Weekly	2
A few times a week	2
Daily	2
Total *N*	1,765

Q38. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[When more people are married, society is better off.]**

Strongly Disagree	4%
Disagree	6
Somewhat Disagree	5
Neither Agree nor Disagree	33
Somewhat Agree	15
Agree	18
Strongly Agree	20
Total *N*	2,967

Q39. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Marriage is more of a burden than a benefit to couples.]**

Strongly Disagree	30%
Disagree	24
Somewhat Disagree	11
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22
Somewhat Agree	7
Agree	3
Strongly Agree	3
Total *N*	2,978

Q40. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Marriage is needed in order to create strong families.]**

Strongly Disagree	6%
Disagree	9
Somewhat Disagree	7
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16
Somewhat Agree	15
Agree	19
Strongly Agree	28
Total *N*	2,968

Q41. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Being legally married is not as important as having a personal sense of commitment to your partner.]**

Strongly Disagree	14%
Disagree	12
Somewhat Disagree	10
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16
Somewhat Agree	16
Agree	16
Strongly Agree	15
Total *N*	2,978

Q42. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Marriage is old-fashioned and out-of-date.]**

Strongly Disagree	39%
Disagree	21
Somewhat Disagree	10
Neither Agree nor Disagree	17
Somewhat Agree	7
Agree	3
Strongly Agree	2
Total *N*	2,974

Q43. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Marriage makes families and children better off financially.]**

Strongly Disagree	4%
Disagree	6
Somewhat Disagree	6
Neither Agree nor Disagree	25
Somewhat Agree	17
Agree	22
Strongly Agree	21
Total *N*	2,958

Q44. Would you say that your family relationships are stronger, weaker, or about the same as two years ago?

Stronger	33%
About the same	53
Weaker	11
Don't know	3
Total *N*	3,000

Q45. Turning to families generally, do you feel that family relationships in the United States are stronger, weaker, or about the same as two years ago?

Stronger	9%
About the same	43
Weaker	36
Don't know	12
Total *N*	3,000

SECTION 3 – PARENTING

Q46. What do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?

None	3%
1	3
2	51
3	25
4	10
5	2
6	1
7 or more	1
Other	5
Total *N*	2,999

Q47. How likely are you or your partner to give birth or adopt a child in the next two years?
[Asked of all participants under 50 who selected that they were in a relationship or married in Q1.]

Very likely	9%
Likely	4
Somewhat likely	6
Neither likely or unlikely	7
Somewhat unlikely	3
Unlikely	8
Very unlikely	53
Don't know	9
Total *N*	1,630

Q48. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[The cost of raising a child/children is affordable for most people.]**

Strongly Disagree	13%
Disagree	16
Somewhat Disagree	22
Neither Agree nor Disagree	19
Somewhat Agree	14
Agree	12
Strongly Agree	4
Total *N*	2,981

Q49. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Children are better off if they have two married parents.]**

Strongly Disagree	4%
Disagree	6
Somewhat Disagree	5
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18
Somewhat Agree	14
Agree	18
Strongly Agree	35
Total *N*	2,963

Q50. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[It is sometimes necessary to discipline a child with a good, hard spanking.]**

Strongly Disagree	10%
Disagree	9
Somewhat Disagree	8
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18
Somewhat Agree	20
Agree	19
Strongly Agree	15
Total *N*	2,974

Q51. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[It is important for parents to pass on their political values to their children.]**

Strongly Disagree	9%
Disagree	12
Somewhat Disagree	12
Neither Agree nor Disagree	34
Somewhat Agree	16
Agree	11
Strongly Agree	7
Total *N*	2,962

Q52. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Parents should set boundaries on media consumption for their children.]**

Strongly Disagree	2%
Disagree	1
Somewhat Disagree	3
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10
Somewhat Agree	17
Agree	32
Strongly Agree	36
Total *N*	2,971

Q53. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Children need both a male and female role model in the home.]**

Strongly Disagree	6%
Disagree	6
Somewhat Disagree	4
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14
Somewhat Agree	12
Agree	20
Strongly Agree	38
Total *N*	2,973

Q54. How much do you agree or disagree with the following: **[Raising children is one of life's greatest joys.]**

Strongly Disagree	3%
Disagree	2
Somewhat Disagree	3
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16
Somewhat Agree	15
Agree	26
Strongly Agree	35
Total *N*	2,976

Q55. How often does your family: **[Eat dinner together]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they had at least one child in Q14.]

Never	5%
Yearly	1
A few times a year	10
About once a month	8
Weekly	11
A few times a week	18
Daily	47
Total *N*	1,894

Q56. How often does your family: **[Attend the activities of a family member (recitals, sporting events, etc.)]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they had at least one child in Q14.]

Never	18%
Yearly	7
A few times a year	32
About once a month	18
Weekly	15
A few times a week	6
Daily	3
Total *N*	1,892

Q57. How often does your family: **[Do household chores together]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they had at least one child in Q14.]

Never	17%
Yearly	3
A few times a year	8
About once a month	12
Weekly	27
A few times a week	17
Daily	17
Total *N*	1,894

Q58. How often does your family: **[Go out to movies, museums, sporting events, or parks together]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they had at least one child in Q14.]

Never	14%
Yearly	8
A few times a year	28
About once a month	26
Weekly	17
A few times a week	4
Daily	2
Total *N*	1,894

Q59. How often does your family: **[Worship together]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they had at least one child in Q14.]

Never	41%
Yearly	7
A few times a year	12
About once a month	6
Weekly	22
A few times a week	6
Daily	7
Total *N*	1,892

Q60. How often does your family: **[Have an argument]**
[Asked of all participants who selected that they had at least one child in Q14.]

Never	19%
Yearly	13
A few times a year	32
About once a month	18
Weekly	9
A few times a week	6
Daily	3
Total *N*	1,894

Q61. At what age should children: **[Get a job]**

Mean	15.7
Total *N*	2,986

Q62. At what age should children: **[Be allowed to go out with friends without adult supervision]**

Mean	14.8
Total *N*	2,987

Q63. At what age should children: **[Be trusted to have their own cellphone]**

Mean	14.0
Total *N*	2,984

Q64. At what age should children: **[Be allowed to go on a date]**

Mean	15.7
Total *N*	2,984

Q65. At what age should children: **[Get their own social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)]**

Mean	14.8
Total *N*	2,982

Q66. At what age should children: **[Have a comprehensive talk about sex with their parents or guardian]**

Mean	12.4
Total *N*	2,987

Q67. At what age should children: **[Be allowed to play at a park or walk home without adult supervision]**

Mean	12.9
Total *N*	2,987

Q68. What are the most important issues facing families today? Pick **up to three** items.
[Options randomized.]

High work demands and stress on parents	21%
Lack of government programs to support families	8
The costs associated with raising a family	26
The lack of good jobs	19
Decline in religious faith and church attendance	23
Sexual permissiveness in our society	25
The widespread availability and use of drugs and alcohol	27
Crime and other threats to personal safety	19
Change in the definition of marriage and family	16
Parents not teaching or disciplining their children sufficiently	53
More children growing up in single-parent homes	25
Difficulty finding quality time with family in the digital age	21
Other	2
Total *N*	2,999

Q69. Generally speaking, do you think now is **[a good time or a bad time/a bad time or a good time]** for children to be growing up in your community?
[Question wording order randomized.]

Good time	32%
Bad time	34
Don’t know	35
Total *N*	2,993

Q70. How do the decisions or activities of the following institutions affect your family?
[Labeled scale with "Negatively" on the left, "Neutral/not at all" in the center, and "Positively" on the right (i.e. a score less than 50 would indicate that the institution negatively affected their family to some degree, and a score greater than 50 would indicate that the institution positively affected their family to some degree.)]

	Churches or houses of worship	**Public Schools**	**The Police**	**Your employer**
Mean	66	56	61	58
Total *N*	2,986	2,990	2,990	2,993

	The Republican Party	**The Democratic Party**	**Your neighborhood**	**News media**
Mean	48	47	63	45
Total *N*	2,979	2,986	2,993	2,990

SECTION 4 – POLICY

Q71. [When children still live at home,] Should divorce in this country be easier or more difficult to obtain that it is now?
[Because this was an experiment with a control group and an experiment group, approximately half of all respondents saw the bolded phrase at the beginning of this question, and the other half did not.]

	Control	**Children Present**
Easier	21%	11%
More difficult	26	30
Stay as is	36	33
Don't know	17	26
Total *N*	1,498	1,502

Q72. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement:
Parents in my neighborhood have good options for the education of their children.

Strongly Disagree	6%
Disagree	6
Somewhat Disagree	10
Neither Agree nor Disagree	26
Somewhat Agree	20
Agree	22
Strongly Agree	10
Total *N*	2,998

Q73. How would you rate each of the following government programs on a scale? Place each item along the scale where items on the left mean they are not at all good for families with children and items on the right mean they are very good for families with children.

Drag and drop items onto the scale to rate an item. If you are not sure about an item, drag it into the "not sure" box below.

[Labeled scale with “Not at all good for children” on the left and “Very good for families with children” on the right (i.e. a score less than 50 would indicate that the government program was worse than average for families with children, and a score greater than 50 would indicate that the government program was better than average for families with children.)]

	Food stamps	**Child tax credit**	**Head Start**	**Medicaid and other health insurance subsidies**
Mean	59	70	64	59
Total *N*	2,533	2,494	2,387	2,513

	Housing assistance	**Tax deduction for charitable giving**	**Home mortgage tax deduction**
Mean	57	57	64
Total *N*	2,495	2,380	2,409

Q74. Have you or your family ever **directly benefitted** from the following programs?

	Food stamps	**Child tax credit**	**Head Start**	**Medicaid and other health insurance subsidies**
Yes	34%	43%	16%	39%
No	60	47	75	55
Don't know	6	10	9	6
Total *N*	2,996	2,997	2,993	2,995

	Housing assistance	**Tax deduction for charitable giving**	**Home mortgage tax deduction**
Yes	14%	42%	40%
No	79	49	49
Don't know	7	9	11
Total *N*	2,995	2,996	2,994

Q75. How many months of **[paid maternity/unpaid maternity]** leave should employers be required by law to offer?

[Approximately half of all respondents saw Paid maternity and the other half saw Unpaid maternity. Paid versus unpaid randomization matched for both questions (e.g. if respondents saw Paid maternity in Q74, they also saw Paid paternity in Q75). The order of Q74 and Q75 was randomized.]

	Paid maternity	**Unpaid maternity**
Mean	4.6	4.8
Total *N*	1,529	1,465

Q76. How many months of **[paid paternity/unpaid paternity]** leave should employers be required by law to offer?

[Approximately half of all respondents saw Paid paternity and the other half saw Unpaid paternity. Paid versus unpaid randomization matched for both questions (e.g. if respondents saw Paid maternity in Q74, they also saw Paid paternity in Q75). The order of Q74 and Q75 was randomized.]

	Paid paternity	**Unpaid paternity**
Mean	3.9	4.0
Total *N*	1,530	1,465

Q77. Some people believe families with children should receive special tax relief. Other people believe that all households should be taxed the same, whether they have children or not. Where do you stand on this issue?

[Labeled scale with "Special tax relief for households with children" on one end and "Tax all households the same" on the other end. "Not sure" option included (dropped from mean). A score less than 50 indicates that the respondent would prefer special tax relief for households with children, and a score greater than 50 indicates that the respondent would prefer to have all households taxed the same.]

Mean	56
Total *N*	3,000

Q78. Some politicians are proposing that the government pay for universal pre-kindergarten for **[needy/all]** children younger than 5. Do you agree or disagree with these proposals?

[Approximately half of all respondents saw Needy children and the other half saw All children.]

	Needy children	**All children**
Strongly agree	29%	23%
Somewhat agree	23	22
Neither agree nor disagree	21	22
Somewhat disagree	12	13
Strongly disagree	14	21
Total *N*	1,505	1,495

Q79. Recently, the Supreme Court decided that marriage rights should be extended to same-sex couples in all states. Where do you stand? Will this decision strengthen or weaken marriages in the United States?

[Labeled scale with "Strengthen marriage" on one side and "Weaken marriage" on the other. "Not sure" option included (dropped from mean). A score less than 50 would indicate that this decision will weaken marriages to some degree, and a score greater than 50 would indicate that this decision will strengthen marriages to some degree.]

Mean	44
Total *N*	2,545

Q80. Do you think that it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if: [check all that apply]

If there is a strong chance of serious birth defect in the baby?	54%
If she is married and does not want any more children	25
If the woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy?	73
If the family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children?	30
If she has become pregnant as a result of rape?	68
If she is not married and does not want to marry the man?	22
Is the woman wants it for any reason?	31
Total *N*	3,000

Q81. Do you personally know of anyone who has chosen **not** to get married for fear of losing welfare benefits, Medicaid, food stamps, or other government benefits?

Yes	31%
No	69
Total *N*	2,993

Q82. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **[The immigration system should give a higher priority to reuniting families than to helping people who have job skills that are in demand; We should deport illegal immigrants even when it separates parents from children who are natural-born citizens.]**
[Statement order randomized.]

	Priority to families	**Deport immigrants**
Favor	24%	33%
Neutral	47	31
Oppose	30	36
Total *N*	2,997	2,995

Q83. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? **[We should repeal the Affordable Care Act; We should cut taxes on people making less than $200,000 per year.]**
[Statement order randomized.]

	Repeal ACA	Cut taxes
Favor	42%	56%
Neutral	32	30
Oppose	27	14
Total *N*	2,998	2,998

Q84. Would you increase, decrease, or keep spending the same for each of the following programs? **[Aid to world's needy; Military defense; Environmental protection; Combatting crime; Social security**

	Aid to world's needy	Military defense	Environmental protection	Combatting crime	Social security
Increase	17%	41%	36%	47%	54%
Keep spending the same	43	24	24	8	6
Decrease	40	35	41	45	39
Total *N*	2,995	2,994	2,993	2,993	2,995

Q85. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt.	32%
Neutral	35
The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy.	33
Total *N*	2,979

Q86. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest.	34%
Neutral	28
Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good.	38
Total *N*	2,388

Q87. Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient.	54%
Neutral	26
Government often does a better job than people give it credit for.	20
Total *N*	2,920

SECTION 5 – DEMOGRAPHICS

Q88. Is your spouse or partner a man or a woman?
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Man	53%
Woman	47
Total *N*	2,103

Q89. Other than a spouse or your own children, what other relatives currently live with you? Mark all that apply.

Grandparent	2%
Parent	14
Sibling	9
Niece/nephew	3
Son or daughter in law	3
Other (please specify)	5
None of the above	74
Total *N*	3,000

Q90. What is your current employment status?

Self-employed	9%
Employed by someone else	38
Unemployed	12
Homemaker	10
Retired	23
Student	8
Total *N*	2,998

Q91. What is your spouse's or partner's current employment status?
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Self-employed	9%
Employed by someone else	50
Unemployed	8
Homemaker	8
Retired	22
Student	4
Total *N*	2,102

Q92. How long have you worked at your current job? If you have more than one job, respond for the job that is most important to you.
[Asked of all participants who selected either Self-employed or Employed by someone else in Q89.]

1 year or less	29%
1 to 5 years	29
5 to 10 years	15
10 to 15 years	9
15 to 20 years	7
20 to 30 years	7
30 to 40 years	3
40 to 50 years	0
More than 50 years	0
Total *N*	1,442

Q93. How many jobs have you held in the past two years?

Mean	1.1
Total *N*	2,997

Q94. How many hours per week do you typically work?
[Asked of all participants who selected either Self-employed or Employed by someone else in Q89.]

Mean	37.8
Total *N*	1,404

Q95. Which of the following best describes your work schedule?
[Asked of all participants who input an integer greater than 0 in Q93.]

Work time and/or days change from week to week	38%
Regular work schedule that does not change much from week to week	62
Total *N*	1,431

Q96. How many hours per week does your spouse/partner typically work?
[Asked of all participants who selected either Self-employed or Employed by someone else in Q90.]

Mean	39.7
Total *N*	1,404

Q97. Which of the following best describes your spouse or partner's work schedule?
[Asked of all participants who input an integer greater than 0 in Q95.]

Work time and/or days change from week to week	32%
Regular work schedule that does not change much from week to week	68
Total *N*	1,257

Q98. Have you been unemployed in the past 2 years?

Yes	48%
No	52
Total *N*	2,999

Q99. Has your spouse or partner been unemployed in the past 2 years?
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Yes	39%
No	61
Total *N*	2,102

Q100. Do you have access to the following benefits through your place of employment? **[Health insurance provided by employer; Child care provided by employer]**
[Asked of all participants who selected either Self-employed or Employed by someone else in Q89.]

	Health insurance	Child care
Yes	60%	8%
No	40	92
Total *N*	1,444	1,443

Q101. How many sexual partners have you had in the previous two years?

Mean	1.3
Total *N*	2,988

SECTION 6 – POLITICAL VIEWS

Q102. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

Republican	25%
Democrat	33
Independent	37
Other (please specify)	4
Total *N*	2,999

Q103. Would you call yourself a strong **[Republican/Democrat]** or a not very strong **[Republican/Democrat]?**
[Asked of all participants who selected Republican or Democrat in Q101.]

	Republican	Democrat
Strong	57%	54%
Not very strong	43	46
Total *N*	758	1,160

Q104. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?
[Asked of all participants who selected Independent in Q101.]

Republican Party	25%
Democratic Party	16
Neither	59
Total *N*	975

Q105. Does your spouse or partner support the same political party you do?
[Asked of all participants who selected that they were either married or in a relationship in Q1.]

Yes	68%
No	14
Unsure	18
Total *N*	2,104

SECTION 7 – DEMOGRAPHICS II

Q106. Are you male or female?

Male	48%
Female	52
Total *N*	3,000

Q107. Which racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black or African-American	12
Hispanic or Latino	14
Asian or Asian-American	3
Native American	1
Middle Eastern	0
Mixed Race	2
Other (please specify)	1
Total *N*	3,000

Q108. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Did not graduate from high school	9%
High school graduate	35
Some college, but no degree (yet)	22
2-year college degree	9
4-year college degree	16
Postgraduate degree (MA, MBA, MD, JD PhD, etc.)	9
Total *N*	3,000

Q109. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

Working full time now	32%
Working part time now	12
Temporarily laid off	2
Unemployed	9
Retired	20
Permanently disabled	7
Taking care of home or family	8
Student	8
Other (please specify)	2
Total *N*	3,000

Q110. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Less than $10,000	9%
$10,000 - $19,999	10
$20,000 - $29,999	13
$30,000 - $39,999	10
$40,000 - $49,999	8
$50,000 - $59,999	9
$60,000 - $69,999	5
$70,000 - $79,999	6
$80,000 - $99,999	6
$100,000 - $119,999	4
$120,000 - $149,999	3
$150,000 or more	4
Prefer not to say	14
Total *N*	3,000

Q111. In which state do you live?

[see data file]

Q112. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	16
A few times a week	12
Once a week	4
A few times a month	7
Seldom	16
Never	16
Don't know	3
Total *N*	3,000

Q113. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	38%
Roman Catholic	21
Mormon	1
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1
Jewish	3
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	5
Agnostic	5
Nothing in particular	20
Something else (please specify)	4
Total *N*	3,000

Q114. To which Protestant church or group do you belong?
[Asked of all participants who selected Protestant in Q112.]

Baptist	27%
Methodist	12
Nondenominational or Independent Church	18
Lutheran	10
Presbyterian	5
Pentecostal	9
Episcopalian	3
Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ	4
Congregational or United Church of Christ	2
Holiness	1
Reformed	1
Adventist	1
Jehovah's Witness	1
Something else (please specify)	6
Total *N*	1,245

Q115. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	31%
No	69
Total *N*	2,104

Q116. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs …

Most of the time	46%
Some of the time	25
Only now and then	13
Hardly at all	10
Don't know	5
Total *N*	3,000

Q117. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	12
Moderate	36
Conservative	29
Very conservative	7
Don't know	10
Total *N*	3,000

Q118. For whom did you vote for President in 2012?

Barack Obama	31%
Mitt Romney	29
Someone else	2
Did not vote	33
Don't recall	4
Total *N*	2,998

Q119. Primary Election 2016

Likely to vote in Democratic primary or attend Democratic caucus	32%
Likely to vote in Republican primary or attend Republican caucus	33
Not likely to vote in a primary election or attend a caucus	35
Total *N*	2,623

Q120. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	28
Not too important	14
Not at all important	18
Total *N*	3,000

Q121. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	19
Once or twice a month	8
A few times a year	14
Seldom	24
Never	26
Don't know	2
Total *N*	2,037

[1]Percentages totals that do not equal 100 can be accounted to rounding error
[2]The original wording displayed in the survey was, "Talk about your relationship with each another." However, it appears that this minor typographical error had no effect on responses, and was treated as such.