



CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

With Nielsen Scarborough

America First? American National Identity Declines Over Last Two Years Among Both Republicans and Democrats

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Survey Methodology

The survey was carried out November 1-6, 2017 online from a nationally representative sample of Nielsen Scarborough's probability-based panel, originally recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of adults. The national sample was 2,000, including a down-weighted oversample of 1,042 among 18-34 year olds. Responses were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, and geographic region using benchmarks from the US Census. The survey was also weighted by partisan identification.

The margin of error is 2.19%

To access the survey methodology of all three of the polls listed in the report, please click [here](#).

Note: These questions were fielded as part of a larger poll on foreign and domestic issues. Participants in this study were provided by Nielsen from Nielsen's sample of respondents.

Identity

Q15. In terms of what's important about you, how much do you identify as each of the following? (*Rated from 0-10, mean scores are reported*) **[RANDOMIZE ROWS; GROUP ITEMS A+B, ITEMS D+E]**

<i>By Party, November 2017</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
Q15a. A citizen of the United States	9.1	8.1	8.8	8.5
Q15b. A citizen of the world	5.0	7.6	6.1	7.3
Q15c. A follower of your religious faith	6.5	4.3	4.5	5.3
Q15d. A member of your race	5.1	5.5	4.5	5.2
Q15e. Part of your ethnic group	4.6	5.5	4.5	5.0
Q15f. Your gender	6.5	7.1	5.9	6.7

Q16. Which one of these identities is **most** important to you today? Please select one. **[SHOW ANSWER OPTION IN SAME ORDER AS Q15]**

<i>All Respondents, by Year</i>	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2017
1. A citizen of the United States	53	44	44
2. A citizen of the world	16	13	21
3. A follower of your religious faith	18	19	22
4. A member of your race	3	4	3
5. Part of your ethnic group	2	2	3
6. Your gender	7	6	7
7. Your generation <i>2016 only</i>		6	
8. Your socio-economic group <i>2016 only</i>		6	
Refused	<1	1	1

<i>Republicans, by Year</i>	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2017
1. A citizen of the United States	62	53	53
2. A citizen of the world	7	3	7
3. A follower of your religious faith	24	32	33
4. A member of your race	2	1	2
5. Part of your ethnic group	1	<1	1
6. Your gender	4	4	4
7. Your generation <i>2016 only</i>		4	
8. Your socio-economic group <i>2016 only</i>		3	
Refused	0	1	<1

<i>Democrats, by Year</i>	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2017
1. A citizen of the United States	45	36	35
2. A citizen of the world	27	21	34
3. A follower of your religious faith	13	6	12
4. A member of your race	3	8	5
5. Part of your ethnic group	4	4	4
6. Your gender	10	8	10
7. Your generation <i>2016 only</i>		9	
8. Your socio-economic group <i>2016 only</i>		7	
Refused	<1	1	<1

<i>Independents, by Year</i>	Nov. 2015	Oct. 2016	Nov. 2017
1. A citizen of the United States	48	37	43
2. A citizen of the world	14	16	20
3. A follower of your religious faith	23	22	20
4. A member of your race	9	1	2
5. Part of your ethnic group	1	2	4
6. Your gender	6	1	8
7. Your generation <i>2016 only</i>		4	
8. Your socio-economic group <i>2016 only</i>		15	
Refused	0	2	2

<i>By Party, November 2017</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. A citizen of the United States	53	35	43	44
2. A citizen of the world	7	34	20	21
3. A follower of your religious faith	33	12	20	22
4. A member of your race	2	5	2	3
5. Part of your ethnic group	1	4	4	3
6. Your gender	4	10	8	7
Refused	<1	<1	2	1

<i>Republicans, by Age, November 2017</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. A citizen of the United States	41	58	53
2. A citizen of the world	11	6	7
3. A follower of your religious faith	39	31	33
4. A member of your race	2	2	2
5. Part of your ethnic group	2	1	1
6. Your gender	4	3	4
Refused	<1	0	<1

<i>Democrats, by Age, November 2017</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. A citizen of the United States	25	40	35
2. A citizen of the world	41	30	34
3. A follower of your religious faith	11	12	12
4. A member of your race	5	5	5
5. Part of your ethnic group	5	3	4
6. Your gender	13	9	10
Refused	0	1	<1

<i>Independents, by Age, November 2017</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. A citizen of the United States	33	48	43
2. A citizen of the world	27	16	20
3. A follower of your religious faith	16	23	20
4. A member of your race	3	2	2
5. Part of your ethnic group	6	3	4
6. Your gender	13	6	8
Refused	2	2	2

<i>By Age, November 2017</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. A citizen of the United States	32	49	44
2. A citizen of the world	28	18	21
3. A follower of your religious faith	22	22	22
4. A member of your race	4	3	3
5. Part of your ethnic group	5	3	3
6. Your gender	10	6	7
Refused	<1	1	1

<i>Women, by Party, November 2017</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. A citizen of the United States	52	34	38	41
2. A citizen of the world	7	29	13	19
3. A follower of your religious faith	34	13	28	22
4. A member of your race	2	6	3	4
5. Part of your ethnic group	<1	3	2	2
6. Your gender	5	14	13	10
Refused	<1	<1	4	1

<i>Men, by Party, November 2017</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. A citizen of the United States	54	36	48	46
2. A citizen of the world	8	40	25	23
3. A follower of your religious faith	33	9	14	21
4. A member of your race	2	4	2	3

5. Part of your ethnic group	1	5	6	3
6. Your gender	2	5	5	4
Refused	0	1	1	<1

Latino Issues and Immigration

Q22e. For the following 5 pairs of statements, select the one that most closely aligns (agrees) with your personal opinion.

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. The federal government should reform immigration policy to reduce the number of newcomers coming into our country.	69	30	48	49
or				
2. The federal government should keep immigration policy the way it is now.	19	56	38	38
Refused	12	14	14	14

US Citizenship is Top Identity

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. The federal government should reform immigration policy to reduce the number of newcomers coming into our country.	76	39	63	61
or				
2. The federal government should keep immigration policy the way it is now.	11	49	26	27
Refused	13	13	12	13

<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. The federal government should reform immigration policy to reduce the number of newcomers coming into our country.	48	22	30	26
or				
2. The federal government should keep immigration policy the way it is now.	49	64	64	62
Refused	3	14	6	12

Abortion

Q28. In your opinion, abortion should be... [RANDOMLY REVERSE ANSWER CHOICES]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Illegal in all cases	17	3	10	10
2. Illegal in most cases	44	9	26	26
3. Legal in most cases	27	40	35	34
4. Legal in all cases.	10	47	27	29
Refused	1	1	2	1

<i>US Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Illegal in all cases	8	1	8	5
2. Illegal in most cases	47	10	26	31
3. Legal in most cases	34	45	35	38
4. Legal in all cases.	11	44	30	25
Refused	1	1	1	1

<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Illegal in all cases	3	2	3	2
2. Illegal in most cases	19	4	20	8
3. Legal in most cases	50	39	44	41
4. Legal in all cases.	28	55	34	49
Refused	0	<1	0	<1

Climate Change

Q30. From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence of global warming and climate change, or not?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. No, there is no solid evidence.	36	2	12	17
2. There is some/mixed evidence.	44	14	37	29
3. Yes, there is solid evidence.	20	84	49	53
Refused	<1	<1	1	<1

US Citizenship is Top Identity

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. No, there is no solid evidence.	37	2	18	22
2. There is some/mixed evidence.	46	15	45	34
3. Yes, there is solid evidence.	17	83	37	44
Refused	0	0	<1	<1

World Citizenship is Top Identity

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. No, there is no solid evidence.	7	<1	6	2
2. There is some/mixed evidence.	53	9	18	16
3. Yes, there is solid evidence.	40	91	76	82
Refused	0	0	0	0

Economic Nationalism

Q12. Which of the following is closest to your view? [RANDOMIZE]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	18	56	42	38
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	82	43	57	61
Refused	<1	1	2	1

<i>Republicans</i>			
	18-34	35+	18+
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	23	16	18
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	76	83	82
Refused	1	<1	<1
<i>Democrats</i>			
	18-34	35+	18+
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	61	54	56
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	38	45	43
Refused	1	1	1
<i>Independents</i>			
	18-34	35+	18+
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	49	38	42
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	49	60	57
Refused	2	2	2

<i>All Parties by Age</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	46	35	38
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	54	64	61
Refused	1	1	1

<i>US Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	16	48	33	30
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	84	52	66	70
Refused	1	0	2	1

<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	31	65	57	59
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	68	33	43	39
Refused	1	1	0	1

Religion is Top Identity

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	13	48	38	24
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	87	49	59	75
Refused	<1	3	3	1

Gender is Top Identity

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. In today's society, the circumstances into which you are born, not how hard you work, heavily influence how far you will go.	53	68	53	63
2. With hard work and determination, anything is achievable in the United States. The circumstances into which you are born place few restrictions on what you are able to do.	47	32	47	37
Refused	0	0	0	0

Q13. Do you believe there is more, less, or the same levels of upward mobility in the United States today than there were a generation ago?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. More	31	17	19	26
2. Less	36	68	61	54
3. The same	24	15	20	19
Refused	1	1	<1	1

US Citizenship is Top Identity

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. More	42	20	22	32
2. Less	34	63	58	47
3. The same	24	16	20	21
Refused	1	1	<1	1

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>				
1. More	51	12	9	18
2. Less	32	75	71	68
3. The same	16	13	19	14
Refused	0	<1	1	<1

Q14. Do you feel the wealth gap between rich and poor is...

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Getting larger	58	93	82	77
2. Getting smaller	7	3	4	4
3. Staying the same	35	4	13	18
Refused	<1	<1	1	<1

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
<i>US Citizenship is Top Identity</i>				
1. Getting larger	59	93	86	74
2. Getting smaller	6	4	4	5
3. Staying the same	35	3	10	21
Refused	0	0	0	0

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>				
1. Getting larger	67	95	90	90
2. Getting smaller	13	1	6	3
3. Staying the same	20	4	5	6
Refused	0	0	0	0

Race

Q20. Which of the following is closer to your view regarding symbols of the Confederacy (for example, the Confederate Flag and Confederate monuments)?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. They represent Southern history and heritage	89	30	62	59
2. They represent racial injustice	10	69	36	40
Refused	1	1	2	1

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
<i>US Citizenship is Top Identity</i>				
1. They represent Southern history and heritage	94	42	77	73
2. They represent racial injustice	6	57	23	27
Refused	<1	1	0	<1

<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. They represent Southern history and heritage	74	19	29	28
2. They represent racial injustice	23	81	69	71
Refused	3	<1	3	1
<i>African Americans</i>	18-34		35+	18+
1. They represent Southern history and heritage	22		22	22
2. They represent racial injustice	78		78	78
<i>Whites</i>	18-34		35+	18+
1. They represent Southern history and heritage	53		72	66
2. They represent racial injustice	47		28	34
<i>All Races by Age</i>	18-34		35+	18+
1. They represent Southern history and heritage	47		63	59
2. They represent racial injustice	52		35	40
Refused	1		1	1

Q18. Having thought about this issue, which is closest to your view?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games but I don't agree they should be doing it	39	26	41	33
2. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games and I agree with the protest	6	64	29	35
3. I don't think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games	55	9	29	31
Refused	1	1	1	1

<i>US Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games but I don't agree they should be doing it	37	37	50	38
2. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games and I agree with the protest	3	47	15	20
3. I don't think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games	59	15	35	40
Refused	1	1	1	1

<i>World Citizenship is Top Identity</i>	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games but I don't agree they should be doing it	34	18	30	22
2. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games and I agree with the protest	20	79	56	68
3. I don't think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games	46	3	14	10
Refused	0	0	0	0

<i>African Americans</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games but I don't agree they should be doing it	14	12	13
2. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games and I agree with the protest	83	79	80
3. I don't think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games	3	8	7

<i>Whites</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games but I don't agree they should be doing it	43	34	36
2. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games and I agree with the protest	38	23	27
3. I don't think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games	19	44	37

<i>All Races by Age</i>	18-34	35+	18+
1. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games but I don't agree they should be doing it	39	31	33
2. I think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games and I agree with the protest	45	31	35
3. I don't think NFL players should have the right to kneel at games	17	37	31
Refused	<1	1	1

Q21. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's reaction to the protests in Charlottesville? **[RANDOMLY REVERSE ANSWER CHOICES]**

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Approve strongly	34	1	12	16
2. Approve somewhat	41	5	21	22
3. Disapprove somewhat	15	14	20	15
4. Disapprove strongly	7	78	42	44
Refused	2	1	4	2