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Accountability

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

No Child Left Behind

1a. As you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether the standards are being met. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew the No Child Left Behind Act. What do you think Congress should do? Should they...

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Renew the Act as is	31 %	28 %	43 %	42 %	33 %	20 %
Renew with minimal changes	26	29	19	18	26	22
Renew with major changes	25	23	31	23	23	32
Not renew at all	18	20	6	17	17	25

1b. As you may know, federal legislation requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether the standards are being met. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew this federal legislation. What do you think Congress should do? Should they...

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Renew the Act as is	37 %	36 %	50 %	31 %	39 %	30 %
Renew with minimal changes	34	37	21	32	34	29
Renew with major changes	18	16	20	21	16	26
Not renew at all	11	11	9	16	11	16

National Standards

2. Under No Child Left Behind, should there be a single national standard and a single national test for all students in the United States? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
One test and standard for all students	73 %	74 %	68 %	73 %	74 %	63 %
Different tests and standards in different states	27	26	32	27	26	37

Student Accountability

3. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	52 %	54 %	49 %	43 %	52 %	53 %
Somewhat support	29	28	33	36	30	26
Neither support nor oppose	9	9	5	9	9	7
Somewhat oppose	6	6	8	5	6	9
Completely oppose	3	3	5	6	3	6

4. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	60 %	61 %	53 %	53 %	61 %	53 %
Somewhat support	25	23	30	29	24	26
Neither support nor oppose	6	7	4	4	6	6
Somewhat oppose	6	5	6	7	5	9
Completely oppose	4	3	8	6	4	7

5. Do you think students who pass an examination at the tenth-grade level should be given the opportunity to transfer immediately to a community college, or do you think all students should be required to complete four years of high school before going on to further education?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Give opportunity to transfer to community college	45 %	45 %	42 %	43 %	46 %	44 %
Require four years of high school	55	55	58	57	54	56

School Accountability under NCLB

6. Do you support or oppose making available to the general public the average test scores of students at each public school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	38 %	39 %	33 %	40 %	38 %	40 %
Somewhat support	22	22	18	20	21	23
Neither support nor oppose	20	20	24	21	21	16
Somewhat oppose	9	9	12	9	9	8
Completely oppose	11	10	13	10	10	12

7. Suppose a public school does not meet state-determined standards for five years in a row. Do you support or oppose the following measures?

7.1 replacing teachers

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	33 %	34 %	27 %	36 %	34 %	32 %
Somewhat support	34	33	44	28	34	32
Neither support nor oppose	22	23	18	25	24	14
Somewhat oppose	6	7	5	6	6	12
Completely oppose	4	3	6	6	3	9

7.2 replacing the principal

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	38 %	37 %	39 %	40 %	38 %	40 %
Somewhat support	30	32	28	23	30	29
Neither support nor oppose	23	23	19	28	25	14
Somewhat oppose	6	5	7	5	5	11
Completely oppose	3	2	6	5	3	5

7.3 turning the school into a charter school

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	12 %	12 %	14 %	12 %	11 %	19 %
Somewhat support	17	17	20	14	17	20
Neither support nor oppose	46	46	38	51	48	28
Somewhat oppose	11	11	12	10	10	15
Completely oppose	14	13	16	13	13	19

School Choice

Vouchers

8. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	21 %	14 %	41 %	35 %	21 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	24	24	27	26	25	22
Neither favor nor oppose	20	22	17	17	21	18
Somewhat oppose	15	17	8	12	15	17
Completely oppose	19	23	7	11	19	25

9. Some people say low-income students participating in these programs should be allowed to attend either religious or nonreligious private schools. Other people say low income students participating in these programs should be allowed to attend only non religious private schools. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Choose both religious and non-religious schools	85 %	84 %	91 %	82 %	85 %	81 %
Choose only non-religious schools	15	16	9	18	15	19

10. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit to low-income parents who send their child to a private school. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	27 %	22 %	42 %	37 %	27 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	26	26	25	23	26	25
Neither favor nor oppose	23	22	21	24	23	22
Somewhat oppose	10	12	6	7	10	13
Completely oppose	15	17	6	8	15	15

Charter Schools

11. Many states allow for the formation of charter schools, which are privately managed under a renewable performance contract that exempts them from many of the regulations of other public schools. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	19 %	18 %	25 %	19 %	19 %	22 %
Somewhat support	25	24	22	29	25	25
Neither support nor oppose	42	44	41	35	43	33
Somewhat oppose	8	8	5	10	8	8
Completely oppose	6	6	7	7	5	13

12. Do you think charter schools should be given more, less, or the same amount of government funding for each child as other public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
More	7 %	4 %	14 %	9 %	7 %	9 %
Less	25	27	16	22	24	32
Same	68	68	70	69	70	59

13. Based on what you have heard about charter schools, are the following statements true or false?

13.1 Charter schools are free to teach religion

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
True	24 %	24 %	22 %	25 %	24 %	28 %
False	13	13	9	15	12	19
Don't know	63	63	69	60	64	54

13.2 Charter schools may not charge tuition

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
True	16 %	15 %	18 %	16 %	14 %	27 %
False	24	22	21	28	23	28
Don't know	60	62	61	56	63	45

School Choice under NCLB

14. Students attending a public school that fails to meet state-determined standards for two years in a row currently have the option of using government funds to attend another public school in their district, provided that school meets state determined standards for student learning. Do you support or oppose also allowing these students to attend any of the following schools?

14.1 public schools in another district

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	31 %	30 %	32 %	33 %	31 %	35 %
Somewhat support	29	28	35	30	29	26
Neither support nor oppose	26	27	20	23	27	16
Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	10	7	13
Completely oppose	6	7	5	5	6	10

14.2 a private school

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	22 %	22 %	23 %	24 %	22 %	25 %
Somewhat support	25	24	29	30	25	26
Neither support nor oppose	29	29	31	30	31	20
Somewhat oppose	10	11	9	7	10	11
Completely oppose	13	15	8	9	13	18

14.3 public schools in their district that failed to meet state standards

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	11 %	11 %	14 %	11 %	11 %	17 %
Somewhat support	14	13	20	14	14	16
Neither support nor oppose	30	31	24	32	32	22
Somewhat oppose	19	18	19	23	19	20
Completely oppose	25	27	24	20	25	25

Home Schooling

15. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you favor or oppose allowing home-schooled children to attend selected classes at local public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	30 %	31 %	17 %	24 %	30 %	31 %
Somewhat favor	25	24	25	30	26	22
Neither favor nor oppose	28	28	36	27	29	22
Somewhat oppose	9	9	13	12	9	9
Completely oppose	8	8	10	6	6	16

16. Do you favor or oppose allowing home-schooled children to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities at local public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	34 %	32 %	24 %	37 %	34 %	33 %
Somewhat favor	22	22	22	24	23	18
Neither favor nor oppose	26	27	30	25	26	24
Somewhat oppose	8	8	12	7	8	12
Completely oppose	10	11	12	7	10	14

17. Do you know any family that currently home schools their child?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Yes	40 %	46 %	24 %	24 %	38 %	56 %
No	60	54	76	76	62	44

Teacher Pay and Licensure

Differential Pay

18. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher's salary, in part, on students' academic progress [on state tests]?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	14 %	14 %	11 %	16 %	14 %	13 %
Somewhat favor	31	33	22	29	32	23
Neither favor nor oppose	24	22	32	24	25	19
Somewhat oppose	16	16	19	14	16	17
Completely oppose	15	15	16	16	13	28

19. Do you think it is more important to give a larger salary increase to teachers who work in challenging schools, such as schools in central cities? Or is it better to give a smaller salary increase to all teachers?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Larger increase to teachers in challenging schools	53 %	52 %	61 %	45 %	52 %	56 %
Smaller salary increase to all teachers	47	48	39	55	48	44

20. Some states are considering increasing teacher salaries. Do you think it is more important to give a larger salary increase to teachers in subject areas where there are shortages, such as math and science? Or is it better to give a smaller salary increase to all teachers?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Larger salary increase to teachers in math and science	33 %	32 %	38 %	33 %	33 %	31 %
Smaller salary increase to all teachers	67	68	62	67	67	69

State Licensure

21. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	16 %	15 %	17 %	15 %	15 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	32	31	29	39	32	30
Neither favor nor oppose	20	20	19	16	21	11
Somewhat oppose	18	18	16	19	18	17
Completely oppose	15	16	19	12	13	24

School Spending

School Spending

22. Keeping in mind that the money for public education has to be paid by taxes, do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Greatly increase	13 %	12 %	22 %	16 %	12 %	22 %
Increase	38	35	43	44	38	41
Stay about the same	38	42	28	34	39	29
Decrease	8	9	3	5	8	5
Greatly decrease	2	3	4	1	2	3

23. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Very confident	16 %	13 %	34 %	18 %	16 %	20 %
Somewhat confident	43	40	46	52	43	44
Not very confident	29	33	17	22	30	25
Not confident at all	12	14	4	8	12	12

24. Which do you think is a better use of our educational dollars, increasing teacher salaries or decreasing class size?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Increasing teacher salaries	23 %	21 %	25 %	27 %	23 %	19 %
Decreasing class size	77	79	75	73	77	81

Voting in School Board Elections

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25. Many school board elections are held at a time different from other elections. As a result, many people are unable to vote in them. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Voted	40 %	40 %	42 %	34 %	36 %	57 %
Did not vote	36	36	35	34	38	25
Ineligible	4	4	2	9	4	3
Don't know, can't remember	21	20	21	23	22	15

Overall Assessment

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26. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves, in this community, were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools here?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
A	9 %	10 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	12 %
B	34	38	20	32	34	34
C	38	36	48	41	39	37
D	13	13	18	11	13	11
Fail	5	4	7	9	5	7

27. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
A	3 %	1 %	7 %	8 %	2 %	5 %
B	19	18	20	17	19	16
C	55	56	52	58	55	54
D	20	22	14	14	20	19
Fail	4	3	6	2	4	6

Education Next – PEPG Survey – 2008

Satisfaction with Public Schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	2 %	1 %	4 %	2 %	2 %
B	18	18	16	21	32
C	54	57	48	46	51
D	20	18	22	25	13
Fail	6	5	9	7	1

2. How about the public schools in your local community? What grade would you give the public schools here?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	9 %	10 %	6 %	9 %	15 %
B	31	34	18	30	46
C	35	35	44	28	24
D	18	16	20	28	11
Fail	7	6	12	5	5

Comparing Public Schools to Other Local Services

3. How about the post offices in your local community? What grade would you give the post offices here?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	22 %	22 %	24 %	16 %	29 %
B	48	48	48	51	48
C	21	20	19	25	18
D	7	8	6	6	4
Fail	3	2	4	2	1

4. How about the police force in your local community? What grade would you give the police here?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	19 %	20 %	16 %	21 %	22 %
B	45	47	39	43	52
C	24	24	31	25	19
D	7	7	8	7	5
Fail	4	3	5	5	1

5. Generally speaking, would you say that the public schools in your community are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Heading in right direction	56 %	57 %	56 %	52 %	64 %
Off on the wrong track	44	43	44	48	36

No Child Left Behind and School Accountability

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

6a. As you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew the No Child Left Behind Act. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Renew the Act as is	21 %	20 %	26 %	21 %	11 %
Renew with minimal changes	29	28	26	36	15
Renew with major changes	27	26	34	23	33
Not renew at all	24	26	14	20	42

6b. As you may know, federal legislation requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew this federal legislation. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Renew the Act as is	23 %	24 %	26 %	19 %	7 %
Renew with minimal changes	34	35	37	25	26
Renew with major changes	27	26	27	40	40
Not renew at all	15	15	11	16	28

Setting National Standards

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

7a. For holding schools accountable, should the federal government establish the same set of educational standards for the whole country and give the same tests in math, science, and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
One test and standard for all students	69 %	69 %	71 %	69 %	54 %
Different tests and standards in different states	19	17	22	21	21
No national or state tests should be given	13	14	7	10	25

7b. For holding schools accountable, should all state governments adopt the same set of educational standards and give the same tests in math, science and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
One test and standard for all students	69 %	70 %	65 %	64 %	56 %
Different tests and standards in different states	19	18	22	26	24
No national or state tests should be given	11	12	12	10	20

Online Education

8. *Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the Internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Willing	69 %	71 %	73 %	56 %	68 %
Not willing	31	29	27	44	32

*Asked only of participants with school-age children in their home

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following four questions:

9a. High school students in some rural communities have access to only a limited number of course offerings in their public schools. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	23 %	23 %	20 %	20 %	23 %
Somewhat favor	41	42	45	30	40
Neither favor nor oppose	24	20	32	35	15
Somewhat oppose	10	11	3	11	15
Completely oppose	3	4	0	4	6

9b. Some high schools offer advanced courses for which students may be able to receive college credit. Do you favor or oppose public funding for such courses that students take online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	31 %	27 %	40 %	43 %	42 %
Somewhat favor	37	38	36	40	29
Neither favor nor oppose	18	19	13	9	11
Somewhat oppose	9	11	7	1	13
Completely oppose	5	5	4	7	5

9c. A variety of education programs are currently available to children who drop out of high school. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	11 %	7 %	36 %	13 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	29	29	26	24	22
Neither favor nor oppose	30	32	19	25	23
Somewhat oppose	19	19	10	27	24
Completely oppose	12	13	10	10	15

9d. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their high school children at home. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	8 %	6 %	11 %	11 %	3 %
Somewhat favor	18	17	26	21	20
Neither favor nor oppose	30	32	30	21	18
Somewhat oppose	25	25	15	34	33
Completely oppose	19	20	18	14	27

Home Schooling

10. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	45 %	49 %	25 %	32 %	64 %
No	55	51	75	68	36

Charter Schools and Vouchers

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following three questions:

11a. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely support	16 %	15 %	15 %	14 %	18 %
Somewhat support	26	27	27	23	29
Neither support nor oppose	41	41	48	46	20
Somewhat oppose	10	10	9	11	16
Completely oppose	6	7	1	6	17

11b. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. However, these schools cannot charge tuition and they cannot provide religious instruction. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely support	14 %	12 %	9 %	22 %	11 %
Somewhat support	29	30	22	32	33
Neither support nor oppose	39	41	41	31	24
Somewhat oppose	11	11	24	5	23
Completely oppose	6	6	4	11	9

11c. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. However, these schools cannot choose among students who apply, they cannot charge tuition, and they cannot provide religious instruction. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely support	14 %	14 %	19 %	6 %	11 %
Somewhat support	26	26	27	24	30
Neither support nor oppose	43	43	41	47	24
Somewhat oppose	10	10	8	13	17
Completely oppose	7	7	5	9	18

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following four questions:

12a. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	14 %	10 %	32 %	19 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	26	19	33	44	24
Neither favor nor oppose	20	20	20	21	12
Somewhat oppose	18	23	5	9	22
Completely oppose	22	28	9	7	33

12b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of all students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	14 %	14 %	26 %	8 %	12 %
Somewhat favor	23	22	24	29	18
Neither favor nor oppose	18	18	24	15	4
Somewhat oppose	22	22	23	22	21
Completely oppose	22	24	3	26	45

12c. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of all students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Some people say that such a program would introduce much needed competition to the public school system. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	17 %	19 %	4 %	17 %	14 %
Somewhat favor	26	20	46	38	20
Neither favor nor oppose	25	22	26	28	21
Somewhat oppose	17	19	16	3	15
Completely oppose	16	19	7	14	30

12d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Some people say that such a program would improve the educational opportunities available to the poor. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	16 %	12 %	28 %	18 %	15 %
Somewhat favor	27	26	27	29	21
Neither favor nor oppose	27	25	35	29	12
Somewhat oppose	15	19	3	8	25
Completely oppose	15	17	7	15	26

Tax Credits

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

13a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low and moderate-income parents who send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	22 %	20 %	26 %	27 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	32	32	37	27	28
Neither favor nor oppose	19	20	18	16	12
Somewhat oppose	15	15	17	13	15
Completely oppose	13	14	2	16	26

13b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	25 %	22 %	31 %	29 %	27 %
Somewhat favor	39	39	42	46	38
Neither favor nor oppose	21	22	24	17	18
Somewhat oppose	8	10	2	4	8
Completely oppose	7	8	1	4	9

School Integration

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

14a. In order to promote school diversity, should public school districts be allowed to take the racial background of students into account when assigning students to schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Definitely	5 %	4 %	7 %	4 %	4 %
Probably	11	10	23	10	15
Not sure	21	21	12	26	20
Probably not	21	23	15	19	27
Definitely not	42	42	43	40	34

14b. In order to promote school diversity, should school districts be allowed to take the family income of students into account when assigning students to schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Definitely	4 %	3 %	9 %	5 %	5 %
Probably	9	8	8	12	12
Not sure	25	23	31	24	20
Probably not	23	24	21	23	24
Definitely not	39	41	31	36	38

Mainstreaming the Disabled

15. Some people say that students who have been diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities should be taught in regular classrooms with other students. Other people say that these students should be taught in separate settings at the school. What do you think should be done with students with emotional and behavioral disabilities?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Should be taught in regular classrooms	28 %	27 %	28 %	30 %	25 %
Should be taught in separate settings	72	73	72	70	75

Single-Sex Public Schools

16. Some people have proposed that public school districts offer parents the option of sending their child to an all-boys or all-girls school. What do you think about this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely support	13 %	11 %	14 %	17 %	15 %
Somewhat support	24	24	29	23	32
Neither support nor oppose	37	38	36	37	28
Somewhat oppose	14	16	10	14	12
Completely oppose	11	11	10	9	13

17. *Would you consider sending your own child to an all-boys or all-girls school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Definitely would consider	14 %	12 %	21 %	13 %	12 %
Probably would consider	28	27	32	31	36
Probably would not consider	37	38	28	40	30
Definitely would not consider	21	23	20	16	22

*Asked only of participants with school-age children in their home

The 2008 Presidential Election

18. All things considered, which party do you think has the better record on education issues?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Democrat	61 %	54 %	91 %	74 %	68 %
Republican	39	46	9	26	32

19. All things considered, which party do you think is more likely to improve the nation's schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Democrat	62 %	55 %	89 %	75 %	68 %
Republican	38	45	11	25	32

Spending

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

20a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Greatly increase	18 %	13 %	41 %	31 %	35 %
Increase	43	44	35	43	43
Stay about the same	32	36	17	22	20
Decrease	5	5	6	3	1
Greatly decrease	2	2	2	1	1

20b. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Greatly increase	10 %	8 %	22 %	16 %	21 %
Increase	40	39	45	47	46
Stay about the same	39	41	30	31	28
Decrease	8	9	4	5	4
Greatly decrease	2	3	0	1	1

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the name of the test used for accountability purposes in his or her state.

21. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Very confident	14 %	10 %	33 %	20 %	25 %
Somewhat confident	43	43	42	48	47
Not very confident	30	32	18	24	21
Not confident at all	13	15	6	7	7

School Discipline

22. To the best of your knowledge, how serious are problems like fighting and property destruction at your local public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Serious problem	15 %	12 %	26 %	21 %	12 %
Somewhat of a problem	39	40	36	45	40
Not much of a problem	40	42	33	32	38
Not a problem	6	7	6	2	9

23. Some people say that principals should be the final authority on disciplinary matters. Other people say that students who have been suspended from school have a right to appeal their punishment to the local school board. Which do you think is preferable?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Principals should be the final authority	41 %	40 %	42 %	43 %	57 %
Students should have a right to appeal their punishment	59	60	58	57	43

Religion*

*Note: For questions in this category responses of those who identified themselves as “Born Again” are indicated.

24. Do you think the public schools in your community generally promote the values that you think are most important, or do you think that the values emphasized at school often come into conflict with your own?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>		
Always promote my values	4 %	2 %	9 %	5 %	6 %	4 %
Sometimes promote my values	51	51	51	50	59	43
School values sometimes come into conflict with mine	36	36	31	41	28	38
School values often come into conflict with mine	10	11	9	4	7	14

25. In some public school districts, parents have requested that some time in each day be set aside for silent prayer and reflection. What do you think about this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>		
Completely support	34 %	33 %	49 %	33 %	28 %	56 %
Somewhat support	16	16	15	11	16	17
Neither support nor oppose	28	27	25	33	25	20
Somewhat oppose	8	9	2	10	11	3
Completely oppose	14	16	8	13	21	3

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following five questions:

26A. How would you feel about a group of religious students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	42 %	40 %	52 %	56 %	53 %	68 %
Somewhat favor	16	17	27	6	10	17
Neither favor nor oppose	31	33	15	28	26	13
Somewhat oppose	6	6	0	4	3	2
Completely oppose	4	4	6	6	8	0

26B. How would you feel about a group of Mormon students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	28 %	30 %	21 %	24 %	31 %	30 %
Somewhat favor	15	16	12	10	16	14
Neither favor nor oppose	43	42	48	36	43	43
Somewhat oppose	4	3	11	9	6	5
Completely oppose	10	9	8	21	4	7

26C. How would you feel about a group of Muslim students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	16 %	15 %	15 %	22 %	27 %	13 %
Somewhat favor	11	11	13	2	19	12
Neither favor nor oppose	50	50	47	55	34	44
Somewhat oppose	8	10	0	8	6	7
Completely oppose	15	15	25	13	13	23

26D. How would you feel about a group of atheist students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	11 %	10 %	14 %	8 %	22 %	11 %
Somewhat favor	7	9	1	3	7	7
Neither favor nor oppose	53	49	53	70	41	47
Somewhat oppose	11	12	14	3	7	12
Completely oppose	18	20	18	17	23	23

26E. How would you feel about a group of Evangelical students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	31 %	32 %	35 %	23 %	34 %	51 %
Somewhat favor	17	16	13	19	18	16
Neither favor nor oppose	41	42	43	40	28	29
Somewhat oppose	4	5	2	3	8	3
Completely oppose	7	6	7	15	11	2

School Board Politics

27. To the best of your knowledge, are members of your local school board elected or appointed by another public official such as a mayor?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Elected	82 %	85 %	72 %	77 %	90 %
Appointed	18	15	28	23	10

If respondents answered “Elected” to the preceding question they were asked the following:

27.1. Many school board elections are held at a time different from other elections; and very little information is easily available about the candidates in most school board elections. As a result, only a small fraction of the American public tends to vote in these elections. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Voted	34 %	36 %	29 %	26 %	55 %
Did not vote	42	41	47	43	30
Ineligible	5	4	4	7	3
Don't know, can't remember	19	18	20	24	12

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following four questions:

28A. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	63 %	63 %	54 %	69 %	67 %
No	37	37	46	31	33

28B. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. This candidate is supported by the local teachers union. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	66 %	65 %	59 %	67 %	65 %
No	34	35	41	33	35

28C. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. This candidate is supported by the local Parent Teacher Association. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	61 %	60 %	50 %	69 %	70 %
No	39	40	50	31	30

28D. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. This candidate is supported by local business leaders. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	64 %	64 %	52 %	70 %	59 %
No	36	36	48	30	41

Presidential Election

29. In the upcoming presidential election, do you expect to vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or someone from a different party?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Democrat	52 %	45 %	88 %	64 %	60 %
Republican	37	45	5	23	36
Someone from different party	11	10	7	12	5

30. How strong is your support for a candidate from this party?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Very strong	31 %	27 %	57 %	35 %	37 %
Strong	22	22	21	21	27
Somewhat strong	27	28	16	29	21
Not strong at all	20	23	6	14	14

Additional Information

31. Do you know any students who have taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	12 %	12 %	6 %	14 %	31 %
No	88	88	94	86	69

If respondents answered “Yes” to the preceding question they were asked the following:

31.1. Have any of your own children ever taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	16 %	14 %	16 %	14 %	64 %
No	84	86	84	86	36

Education Next – PEPG Survey – 2009

Public School Performance

Knowledge of Student Performance

1. A 2006 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 29 industrialized countries. What is your best guess of where American 15-year-olds ranked on this test?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) 1-5 (best)	3 %	2 %	4 %	7 %	0 %
b) 6-10	8	6	5	18	8
c) 11-15	22	21	24	27	13
d) 16-20	31	30	37	30	25
e) 21-25	21	24	15	11	33
f) 26-29 (worst)	16	17	14	6	21

2. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students in U.S. public school who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Mean	66 %	69 %	56 %	59 %	66 %

Grading the Public Schools (Experiment with 3 conditions)

3a. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A	1 %	1 %	1 %	1 %	1 %
b) B	17	17	11	28	26
c) C	57	59	55	49	56
d) D	19	20	23	13	13
e) Fail	6	3	10	8	4

3b. A 2006 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 29 industrialized countries. In this survey, the United States ranked 24th. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A	2 %	1 %	10 %	* %	2 %
b) B	11	10	4	20	30
c) C	52	50	59	56	45
d) D	25	28	20	15	21
e) Fail	10	11	8	9	2

3c. According to the most recent available data, roughly 75 percent of 9th graders in U.S. public schools graduate from high school within four years. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A	2 %	1 %	3 %	4 %	2 %
b) B	18	19	24	10	36
c) C	56	56	57	62	46
d) D	19	21	9	15	12
e) Fail	5	4	7	9	4

No Child Left Behind and School Accountability

No Child Left Behind (Experiment with 2 conditions)

4a. As you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew the No Child Left Behind Act. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Renew the legislation as is	21 %	18 %	23 %	32 %	8 %
b) Renew with minimal changes	28	28	27	26	15
c) Renew with major changes	30	29	34	26	38
d) Not renew at all	22	25	16	16	38

4b. As you may know, federal legislation requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew this federal legislation. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Renew the legislation as is	25 %	23 %	37 %	31 %	8 %
b) Renew with minimal changes	35	32	42	45	17
c) Renew with major changes	28	31	19	17	47
d) Not renew at all	12	15	2	6	27

Common Standards

5. For holding schools accountable, should all state governments adopt the same set of educational standards and give the same tests in math, science and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) One test and standard for all students	72 %	75 %	71 %	65 %	62 %
b) Different tests and standards in different states	19	16	25	28	23
c) No national or state tests should be given	9	10	4	7	15

State Tests

6*. In your state, students in public schools regularly take the [state test]. Do you think the results from these tests provide good information about the quality of the school in your community?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Excellent information	6 %	5 %	12 %	8 %	2 %
b) Good information	31	31	32	31	23
c) Fair information	34	34	26	39	37
d) Poor information	15	15	11	12	30
e) No opinion	14	14	19	10	8

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the name of the test used for accountability purposes in his or her state.

Charter Schools, Vouchers and Tax Credits

Charter School (Experiment with 3 conditions)

7a. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	14 %	14 %	14 %	17 %	14 %
b) Somewhat support	25	23	35	23	23
c) Neither support nor oppose	44	43	42	52	32
d) Somewhat oppose	10	11	7	5	21
e) Completely oppose	7	9	2	3	10

7b. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. President Barack Obama has expressed support for charter schools. What do you think? Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	13 %	10 %	23 %	20 %	11 %
b) Somewhat support	37	38	30	36	32
c) Neither support nor oppose	37	39	32	34	28
d) Somewhat oppose	8	9	5	6	19
e) Completely oppose	6	4	10	5	10

7c. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. A recent study presents evidence that students learn more in charter schools than in public schools. What do you think? Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	24 %	23 %	37 %	20 %	22 %
b) Somewhat support	29	31	16	25	30
c) Neither support nor oppose	37	35	36	50	21
d) Somewhat oppose	6	6	10	2	14
e) Completely oppose	5	5	1	4	12

Vouchers (Experiment with 4 conditions)

8a. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	14 %	7 %	34 %	32 %	12 %
b) Somewhat support	21	21	23	20	18
c) Neither support nor oppose	24	24	24	17	13
d) Somewhat oppose	21	23	12	20	24
e) Completely oppose	21	26	7	11	34

8b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. President Barack Obama has expressed opposition to such a proposal. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	12 %	8 %	26 %	21 %	6 %
b) Somewhat support	12	11	19	14	13
c) Neither support nor oppose	23	20	22	43	11
d) Somewhat oppose	21	24	17	6	27
e) Completely oppose	31	37	16	16	42

8c. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. A recent study presents evidence that students learn no more in private schools than in public schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	6 %	3 %	17 %	13 %	12 %
b) Somewhat support	19	18	32	21	10
c) Neither support nor oppose	27	26	32	27	15
d) Somewhat oppose	22	23	8	28	23
e) Completely oppose	26	31	11	11	40

8d. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	14 %	10 %	21 %	23 %	4 %
b) Somewhat support	26	22	44	24	22
c) Neither support nor oppose	27	27	24	22	9
d) Somewhat oppose	15	18	4	11	28
e) Completely oppose	19	23	7	20	37

Tax Credits (Experiment with 2 conditions)

9a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	22 %	18 %	33 %	32 %	19 %
b) Somewhat favor	38	39	36	32	38
c) Neither favor nor oppose	24	26	21	21	18
d) Somewhat oppose	9	9	7	8	15
e) Completely oppose	6	7	2	7	10

9b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	15 %	9 %	35 %	22 %	18 %
b) Somewhat favor	31	33	32	25	30
c) Neither favor nor oppose	27	24	30	34	17
d) Somewhat oppose	11	13	1	13	14
e) Completely oppose	16	21	3	7	21

School Spending

School Spending (Experiment with 2 conditions)

10a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Greatly increase	9 %	5 %	21 %	15 %	16 %
b) Increase	37	34	61	41	39
c) Stay about the same	46	52	17	39	40
d) Decrease	7	8	1	5	3
e) Greatly decrease	2	1	0	*	1

10b*. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Greatly increase	7 %	6 %	14 %	7 %	16 %
b) Increase	31	28	34	36	36
c) Stay about the same	53	55	50	45	40
d) Decrease	8	9	2	9	7
e) Greatly decrease	2	3	0	2	2

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on per pupil spending in his or her school district.

11. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Very confident	12 %	8 %	30 %	19 %	18 %
b) Somewhat confident	41	39	47	47	49
c) Not very confident	33	37	19	28	23
d) Not confident at all	13	16	3	6	10

12*. Given the current economic climate, many budgets analysts expect that state and local governments will have to cut spending. As a percentage of their current budgets, in what two areas should the largest cuts should be made?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Medical services	10 %	8 %	8 %	17 %	11 %
b) Elementary and secondary education	10	10	9	7	4
c) Colleges and universities	53	59	35	38	48
d) Police and prisons	30	23	46	46	27
e) Transportation	77	76	83	75	78
f) Aid to the poor	23	24	19	17	31

*Note: Results sum to 200% because respondents selected two areas.

Teacher Pay and Tenure

Teacher Salaries (Experiment with 2 conditions)

13. Do you think that teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Greatly increase	11 %	9 %	20 %	15 %	29 %
b) Increase	45	42	55	56	48
c) Stay about the same	40	45	25	26	19
d) Decrease	4	5	1	3	2
e) Greatly decrease	0	0	*	*	2

14*. In your state, teachers are paid an average annual salary of [amount]. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Greatly increase	8 %	5 %	21 %	13 %	26 %
b) Increase	32	32	36	37	45
c) Stay about the same	53	56	39	45	26
d) Decrease	5	7	1	2	1
e) Greatly decrease	1	1	2	3	2

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the latest available information on average teacher salaries in his or her state.

Merit Pay (Experiment with 3 conditions)

15a. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher's salary, in part, on his or her students' academic progress on state tests?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	13 %	14 %	12 %	12 %	0 %
b) Somewhat favor	30	31	20	39	12
c) Neither favor nor oppose	30	26	44	33	18
d) Somewhat oppose	15	15	15	10	27
e) Completely oppose	12	15	9	6	43

15b. President Barack Obama has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries, in part, on their students' academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	16 %	13 %	26 %	26 %	6 %
b) Somewhat favor	40	43	29	29	25
c) Neither favor nor oppose	22	21	29	31	8
d) Somewhat oppose	13	13	16	12	21
e) Completely oppose	8	11	1	2	40

15c. A recent study presents evidence that students learn more when their teachers are paid, in part, according to their academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	14 %	10 %	34 %	14 %	4 %
b) Somewhat favor	35	40	26	24	14
c) Neither favor nor oppose	28	25	33	35	13
d) Somewhat oppose	11	12	4	13	29
e) Completely oppose	12	13	3	14	40

Teacher Tenure

16. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers.

We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	6 %	4 %	15 %	10 %	20 %
b) Somewhat favor	19	19	24	18	33
c) Neither favor nor oppose	30	26	41	44	16
d) Somewhat oppose	30	35	16	21	23
e) Completely oppose	15	17	4	8	8

17. Some have proposed offering teachers a higher salary in exchange for giving up tenure. What do you think of this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	6 %	4 %	7 %	12 %	9 %
b) Somewhat favor	24	25	29	17	24
c) Neither favor nor oppose	47	46	53	52	32
d) Somewhat oppose	12	14	7	11	19
e) Completely oppose	11	12	4	8	17

18. Another proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	13 %	11 %	15 %	20 %	5 %
b) Somewhat favor	38	39	39	34	19
c) Neither favor nor oppose	29	28	33	35	18
d) Somewhat oppose	12	13	11	6	24
e) Completely oppose	8	10	2	4	34

Virtual, Home, and Single-Sex Schooling

Virtual Schooling (Experiment with 2 conditions)

19a. A proposal has been made to allow middle school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken entirely over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	8 %	6 %	13 %	20 %	6 %
b) Somewhat favor	27	29	27	20	22
c) Neither favor nor oppose	30	27	37	33	23
d) Somewhat oppose	21	24	16	14	27
e) Completely oppose	13	15	7	12	22

19b. A proposal has been made to allow high school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken entirely over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	14 %	12 %	25 %	16 %	14 %
b) Somewhat favor	28	29	19	29	31
c) Neither favor nor oppose	28	26	37	33	19
d) Somewhat oppose	19	22	14	11	21
e) Completely oppose	10	11	5	10	17

Virtual Schooling (Experiment with 3 conditions)

20a. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Very willing	17 %	17 %	18 %	18 %	15 %
b) Somewhat willing	34	36	33	32	38
c) Neither willing nor unwilling	22	22	18	27	8
d) Somewhat unwilling	16	16	14	16	20
e) Very unwilling	11	9	17	7	20

20b. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking most academic courses over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Very willing	7 %	5 %	6 %	14 %	8 %
b) Somewhat willing	21	21	16	27	20
c) Neither willing nor unwilling	19	16	28	26	9
d) Somewhat unwilling	26	29	26	13	19
e) Very unwilling	27	29	24	20	44

20c. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some elective courses over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Very willing	19 %	17 %	24 %	15 %	17 %
b) Somewhat willing	33	35	28	25	48
c) Neither willing nor unwilling	21	20	24	31	12
d) Somewhat unwilling	14	15	18	11	16
e) Very unwilling	12	13	6	18	8

21. Do you know any students who have taken a course entirely over the internet for middle or high school credit?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Yes	8 %	8 %	8 %	9 %	26 %
b) No	92	92	92	91	74

Home Schooling

22. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Yes	38 %	44 %	19 %	26 %	61 %
b) No	62	56	81	74	39

Single-Sex Schooling

23. Some people have proposed that public school districts offer parents the option of sending their child to an all-boys or all-girls school? What do you think about this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	12 %	12 %	16 %	12 %	17 %
b) Somewhat support	22	22	20	27	28
c) Neither support nor oppose	36	36	43	35	28
d) Somewhat oppose	15	16	12	14	16
e) Completely oppose	14	15	10	13	12

24. Would you consider sending your own child to an all-boys or all-girls school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Definitely would consider	15 %	14 %	15 %	17 %	19 %
b) Probably would consider	30	29	34	32	32
c) Probably would not consider	35	36	34	26	29
d) Definitely would not consider	21	21	18	25	21

School Governance

Mayoral Control (Experiment with 2 conditions)

25a. In some communities that have a large percentage of low-performing public school students, the mayors have taken control over the entire public school system to attempt to correct the situation. If the public schools in your community had a large percentage of low-performing students, would you favor or oppose having the mayor take control over the schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	10 %	7 %	11 %	17 %	6 %
b) Somewhat favor	22	23	23	16	11
c) Neither favor nor oppose	32	30	38	32	22
d) Somewhat oppose	20	21	18	15	21
e) Completely oppose	16	18	10	19	40

25b. Would you favor or oppose having the mayor take control over the public schools in your community?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	3 %	2 %	5 %	6 %	0 %
b) Somewhat favor	7	7	9	9	4
c) Neither favor nor oppose	34	30	43	48	21
d) Somewhat oppose	22	23	19	16	27
e) Completely oppose	34	38	23	21	48

School Board Elections

26. To the best of your knowledge, are members of your local school board elected or appointed by another public official such as a mayor?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Elected	81 %	85 %	71 %	75 %	90 %
b) Appointed	19	15	29	25	10

27*. Many school board elections are held at a time different from other elections; and very little information is easily available about the candidates in most school board elections. As a result, only a small fraction of the American public tends to vote in these elections. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Voted	38 %	41 %	31 %	28 %	59 %
b) Did not vote	35	33	39	38	26
c) Ineligible	3	2	1	5	2
d) Don't know, can't remember	24	23	29	28	12

*Note: Limited to respondents who answered "Elected" to question 27.

Teacher Unions

28. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform? Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on the schools in your community, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely positive	7 %	6 %	13 %	10 %	17 %
b) Somewhat positive	21	19	29	20	31
c) Neither positive nor negative	42	38	49	53	28
d) Somewhat negative	20	23	8	12	17
e) Completely negative	11	14	1	5	7

Attention to Education

29. How much attention do you pay to issues involving education?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A great deal	14 %	11 %	29 %	16 %	59 %
b) Quite a bit	24	24	22	26	26
c) Some	42	45	30	37	10
d) Very little	16	16	14	17	4
e) None	5	4	4	5	1

Education Next – PEPG Survey – 2010

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	1 %	2 %	3 %	3 %	1 %	1 %	* %
B	17	20	20	25	17	16	16
C	55	53	53	55	57	53	54
D	21	19	20	13	20	23	22
Fail	6	5	4	4	5	7	7

Respondents identified their local elementary school from a list of the five closest schools to their home address and were asked the following question.

2. How would you rate this elementary school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	18 %	16 %	20 %	25 %	24 %	14 %	18 %
B	47	48	47	45	44	43	43
C	28	32	31	23	25	34	28
D	5	3	1	5	5	6	4
Fail	2	2	1	2	3	4	6

Respondents identified their local middle school from a list of the five closest schools to their home address and were asked the following question.

3. How would you rate this middle school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	16 %	22 %	18 %	17 %	19 %	11 %	13 %
B	39	37	42	43	39	38	30
C	33	31	29	30	29	36	41
D	9	8	9	6	10	12	10
Fail	3	2	2	3	3	4	6

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

4a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	15 %	34 %	23 %	31 %	18 %	17 %	24 %
Increase	48	42	50	41	54	51	47
Stay about the same	33	22	22	22	22	24	15
Decrease	4	2	5	4	4	6	10
Greatly decrease	1	*	*	2	2	2	3

4b. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	5 %	7 %	4 %	5 %	5 %	8 %	9 %
Increase	24	25	39	40	27	26	25
Stay about the same	56	54	46	47	55	52	55
Decrease	12	12	10	5	11	11	8
Greatly decrease	3	2	1	2	2	3	2

4c. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	5 %	15 %	16 %	8 %	8 %	7 %	12 %
Increase	24	38	27	35	28	22	25
Stay about the same	54	34	40	44	51	56	54
Decrease	14	11	15	11	12	10	6
Greatly decrease	3	3	3	2	2	5	4

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on per pupil spending in his or her district.

5. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	13 %	24 %	29 %	19 %	20 %	17 %	27 %
Somewhat confident	39	50	38	43	41	44	46
Not very confident	34	22	23	28	27	27	19
Not confident at all	14	4	10	11	12	12	8

Question 5 responses for respondents asked each version of question 4:

If asked question 4a...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	21 %	34 %	41 %	27 %	30 %	23 %	33 %
Somewhat confident	46	55	37	45	43	51	46
Not very confident	23	9	20	20	18	18	18
Not confident at all	10	3	1	7	9	8	4

If asked question 4b...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	11 %	20 %	25 %	13 %	18 %	13 %	23 %
Somewhat confident	39	55	54	42	45	45	49
Not very confident	35	18	12	30	28	28	19
Not confident at all	16	7	9	15	9	14	9

If asked question 4c...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	8 %	20 %	24 %	15 %	13 %	15 %	25 %
Somewhat confident	31	42	21	40	34	37	42
Not very confident	43	36	37	35	36	34	21
Not confident at all	17	2	18	10	17	15	13

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

6a. As you may know, this year Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Some people have proposed to maintain the current requirement that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	27 %	30 %	37 %	14 %	27 %	34 %	35 %
Somewhat support	35	47	27	36	33	32	33
Neither support nor oppose	26	13	20	16	26	23	21
Somewhat oppose	8	6	10	24	9	8	6
Completely oppose	4	3	6	9	5	3	5

6b. As you may know, this year Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. President Barack Obama has proposed to maintain the current requirement that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	33 %	38 %	47 %	23 %	34 %	34 %	38 %
Somewhat support	33	33	23	36	34	36	39
Neither support nor oppose	24	23	20	16	21	22	14
Somewhat oppose	6	5	6	16	8	4	5
Completely oppose	3	1	5	9	3	4	4

Respondents asked question 6a were asked question 7a; respondents asked question 6b were asked question 7b.

7a. Some people have proposed that states be required to toughen the standards and tests used to evaluate student performance. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	20 %	24 %	25 %	9 %	19 %	24 %	20 %
Somewhat support	38	29	38	24	35	38	38
Neither support nor oppose	26	24	18	22	22	23	21
Somewhat oppose	11	17	18	32	17	11	13
Completely oppose	4	7	1	14	6	4	7

7b. President Obama has proposed that states be required to toughen the standards and tests used to evaluate student performance. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	27 %	36 %	45 %	19 %	26 %	29 %	31 %
Somewhat support	38	25	28	30	36	37	36
Neither support nor oppose	23	28	19	18	24	21	20
Somewhat oppose	7	10	5	24	10	7	6
Completely oppose	4	2	3	10	4	5	6

8a. President Barack Obama's "Race to the Top" program asks states to compete for additional federal funds for their schools by adopting various education reforms. Some say the competition is unwarranted intrusion into state and local government, while others say it is needed to improve school quality. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Race to the Top is unwarranted intrusion...	22 %	12 %	12 %	46 %	16 %	17 %	14 %
Race to the Top is necessary to improve...	32	48	48	22	35	39	43
I don't have an opinion either way...	46	40	41	32	49	44	43

8b. The U.S. Department of Education's "Race to the Top" program asks states to compete for additional federal funds for their schools by adopting various education reforms. Some say the competition is unwarranted intrusion into state and local government, while others say it is needed to improve school quality. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Race to the Top is unwarranted intrusion...	21 %	16 %	17 %	45 %	17 %	19 %	15 %
Race to the Top is necessary to improve...	34	39	36	22	40	38	41
I don't have an opinion either way...	45	45	48	33	43	44	44

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

9a. If a teacher has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the teacher with additional training and counseling	48 %	73 %	60 %	66 %	49 %	54 %	55 %
Reduce the teacher's salary	7	3	2	3	7	6	5
Fire the teacher	45	25	39	31	44	40	40

9b. If a postal worker has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the postal worker with additional training and counseling	48 %	59 %	57 %	56 %	46 %	51 %	49 %
Reduce the postal worker's salary	8	10	10	6	8	9	10
Fire the postal worker	44	31	33	38	47	40	41

9c. If a police officer has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the police officer with additional training and counseling	51 %	55 %	48 %	64 %	52 %	47 %	53 %
Reduce the police officer's salary	7	15	7	1	10	11	20
Fire the police officer	42	30	45	35	38	42	27

10. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	38 %	43 %	46 %	23 %	34 %	41 %	36 %
Somewhat support	38	30	32	40	38	37	37
Neither support nor oppose	14	15	13	12	13	13	15
Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	19	10	6	8
Completely oppose	3	4	2	6	4	3	3

11. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	46 %	47 %	52 %	32 %	44 %	50 %	46 %
Somewhat support	33	26	27	42	31	30	31
Neither support nor oppose	12	12	12	8	14	12	13
Somewhat oppose	6	11	6	12	8	5	6
Completely oppose	3	4	3	6	4	3	4

12. Do you support or oppose making available to the general public the average test scores of students at each public school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	30 %	32 %	32 %	34 %	31 %	32 %	30 %
Somewhat support	27	28	27	31	26	27	30
Neither support nor oppose	22	17	18	14	21	21	20
Somewhat oppose	11	11	18	11	12	10	9
Completely oppose	9	12	4	10	10	10	10

Teacher Licensure, Salaries, and Retention

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

13a. Do you think that teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	11 %	25 %	16 %	23 %	14 %	13 %	15 %
Increase	48	47	51	52	46	52	56
Stay about the same	37	23	32	23	38	32	26
Decrease	3	4	1	2	2	3	2
Greatly decrease	1	*	*	*	*	*	*

13b. In your state, teachers are paid an average annual salary of [amount]. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	7 %	7 %	12 %	29 %	6 %	9 %	10 %
Increase	35	43	47	46	38	38	44
Stay about the same	52	49	32	23	49	46	42
Decrease	5	1	8	*	7	6	3
Greatly decrease	1	*	1	1	1	1	*

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on average annual teacher salaries in his or her state.

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

14a. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher's salary, in part, on his or her students' academic progress on state tests?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	19 %	26 %	3 %	17 %	14 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	34	35	27	21	31	33	34
Neither favor nor oppose	25	25	20	12	25	26	23
Somewhat oppose	15	14	12	24	14	15	14
Completely oppose	11	8	15	39	13	12	13

14b. President Barack Obama has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries, in part, on their students' academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	14 %	22 %	17 %	5 %	16 %	16 %	19 %
Somewhat favor	34	32	41	15	31	35	35
Neither favor nor oppose	25	22	26	10	31	22	23
Somewhat oppose	16	16	12	26	14	17	15
Completely oppose	10	8	4	44	8	10	9

15. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	7 %	10 %	14 %	20 %	8 %	8 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	18	34	17	28	17	22	20
Neither favor nor oppose	29	31	35	18	30	29	34
Somewhat oppose	31	17	25	24	32	25	25
Completely oppose	16	8	9	10	14	15	12

16. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform? Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on the schools in your community, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely positive effect	7 %	13 %	12 %	15 %	7 %	6 %	6 %
Somewhat positive effect	21	32	29	36	24	25	27
Neither positive nor negative effect	39	40	37	23	39	37	41
Somewhat negative effect	22	11	16	17	20	21	18
Completely negative effect	11	3	7	8	10	11	8

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

17a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	12 %	17 %	14 %	10 %	14 %	15 %	17 %
Somewhat support	32	47	33	29	37	33	40
Neither support nor oppose	36	23	33	25	34	32	27
Somewhat oppose	13	9	16	21	11	14	12
Completely oppose	6	5	5	15	4	6	4

17b. As may know, many states allow publicly authorized charter schools. These schools receive most of their funding from the government but they are privately managed. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	15 %	15 %	15 %	19 %	18 %	18 %	16 %
Somewhat support	29	28	30	30	28	28	29
Neither support nor oppose	35	39	37	24	32	34	35
Somewhat oppose	16	16	16	17	18	16	18
Completely oppose	6	1	2	10	5	5	2

18. Now we'd like to ask you some questions about charter schools. We are interested in what you have heard about how these charter schools operate. To the best of your knowledge, are there any charter schools in your district?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	27 %	49 %	26 %	42 %	28 %	48 %	50 %
No	24	9	15	38	29	8	10
Don't know	49	51	58	20	43	44	41

19. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	15 %	16 %	19 %	18 %	16 %	11 %	10 %
No	18	11	22	35	20	22	23
Don't know	67	72	59	48	64	66	67

20. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	25 %	19 %	31 %	24 %	24 %	26 %	23 %
No	19	22	18	43	22	24	30
Don't know	56	59	51	33	54	50	47

21. In general, do charter schools receive more, less, or the same amount of government funds for each student enrolled than do traditional public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Charters receive more government funds	11 %	14 %	14 %	11 %	12 %	11 %	14 %
Charters receive less government funds	12	14	12	19	15	14	15
Charters receive the same amount of government funds	15	10	13	37	15	17	16
Don't know	62	62	61	34	58	59	55

22. To the best of your knowledge, when more students apply to a charter school than there are spaces available, can the school pick the students they want or must they hold a lottery?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Pick students they want	16 %	13 %	16 %	22 %	18 %	17 %	18 %
Must hold lottery	15	24	21	32	19	21	28
Don't know	68	63	63	46	64	62	55

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

23a. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	9 %	17 %	16 %	9 %	15 %	13 %	21 %
Somewhat support	22	34	31	17	21	27	25
Neither support nor oppose	27	27	23	20	27	25	25
Somewhat oppose	20	16	14	25	20	17	16
Completely oppose	23	7	16	29	17	19	13

23b. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. President Barack Obama has expressed opposition to such a proposal. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	8 %	18 %	11 %	7 %	11 %	10 %	16 %
Somewhat support	19	35	24	18	21	21	28
Neither support nor oppose	25	25	21	13	22	26	29
Somewhat oppose	21	14	23	20	18	20	15
Completely oppose	26	8	21	42	28	22	12

23c. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	16 %	37 %	40 %	8 %	27 %	20 %	32 %
Somewhat support	23	46	22	17	23	22	22
Neither support nor oppose	29	11	25	17	26	25	20
Somewhat oppose	13	4	5	21	9	14	9
Completely oppose	19	2	9	36	16	19	17

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

24a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	19 %	30 %	28 %	19 %	30 %	23 %	34 %
Somewhat favor	36	41	37	32	37	36	32
Neither favor nor oppose	25	20	27	20	21	23	19
Somewhat oppose	11	5	7	14	5	9	8
Completely oppose	9	4	2	15	7	9	7

24b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	27 %	24 %	19 %	17 %	22 %	27 %
Somewhat favor	35	37	32	25	38	34	42
Neither favor nor oppose	28	29	35	24	26	25	22
Somewhat oppose	10	4	5	13	9	10	5
Completely oppose	12	4	5	19	10	9	5

Online Education

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

25a. A proposal has been made to allow middle school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	8 %	18 %	13 %	10 %	9 %	10 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	35	38	35	33	40	33	35
Neither favor nor oppose	29	27	23	18	25	26	18
Somewhat oppose	18	10	22	21	19	20	21
Completely oppose	10	8	7	18	7	10	10

25b. A proposal has been made to allow high school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	21 %	27 %	20 %	19 %	17 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	37	40	38	35	43	39	43
Neither favor nor oppose	25	23	23	17	20	21	20
Somewhat oppose	15	11	8	21	13	13	7
Completely oppose	8	5	4	7	5	10	5

26. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very willing	16 %	14 %	25 %	22 %	19 %	17 %	21 %
Somewhat willing	38	35	32	39	40	36	37
Neither willing nor unwilling	21	21	24	12	19	22	21
Somewhat unwilling	13	17	10	17	12	12	12
Very unwilling	11	13	9	10	10	13	10

Additional Background Information

27. Do you know any students who have taken a course entirely over the internet for middle or high school credit?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	9 %	7 %	11 %	29 %	9 %	10 %	11 %
No	91	93	89	71	91	90	89

The following question was asked only of those who answered yes to question 40 and were a parent of a school-aged child.

28. Have any of your own children ever taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	22 %	29 %	32 %	15 %	29 %	29 %	39 %
No	78	71	68	85	71	71	61

29. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	36 %	17 %	28 %	62 %	42 %	31 %	35 %
No	64	83	72	38	58	69	65

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1. How much attention do you pay to issues involving education?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A great deal	13 %	24 %	60 %	16 %	22 %	28 %	21 %	26 %
Quite a bit	24	30	24	24	35	31	23	29
Some	41	38	14	39	33	31	38	31
Very little	16	7	2	15	7	8	10	10
None	6	1	1	5	3	3	7	4

EVALUATING SCHOOLS

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

2a. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	3 %	1 %	3 %	5 %	4 %	7 %	3 %	7 %
B	19	14	34	19	22	21	14	29
C	54	58	46	50	52	42	55	47
D	19	23	14	21	15	24	16	12
Fail	6	3	3	6	7	6	11	6

2b. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would give the public schools in your community?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	10 %	13 %	16 %	7 %	14 %	13 %	8 %	17 %
B	36	41	48	33	43	38	30	41
C	36	33	27	37	29	28	44	29
D	13	10	8	17	9	13	10	8
Fail	5	2	2	6	5	8	8	5

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SCHOOL SPENDING

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

3a. According to the most recent information available, in your district \$[CURRENT SPENDING LEVEL] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	10 %	7 %	20 %	12 %	16 %	20 %	22 %	11 %
Increase	36	29	33	39	40	39	45	34
Stay about the same	45	53	38	40	34	33	30	47
Decrease	8	8	6	6	8	5	2	5
Greatly decrease	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2

3b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	16 %	12 %	27 %	17 %	26 %	25 %	26 %	25 %
Increase	43	40	44	45	47	50	48	46
Stay about the same	33	40	24	29	22	21	22	22
Decrease	5	7	5	7	3	4	2	6
Greatly decrease	3	1		2	2	*	2	2

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SCHOOL CHOICE POLICIES

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

4a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	16 %	27 %	13 %	18 %	14 %	18 %	11 %	18 %
Somewhat support	27	37	32	31	29	26	27	20
Neither support nor oppose	39	18	18	36	44	48	49	45
Somewhat oppose	11	15	16	9	10	5	9	8
Completely oppose	7	4	21	5	4	4	4	9

4b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Support	42 %	55 %	42 %	49 %	42 %	47 %	42 %	38 %
Oppose	23	20	39	20	22	20	16	24
Don't know	35	25	19	32	36	33	42	38

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

5a. A proposal has been made that would give families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	19 %	25 %	15 %	21 %	27 %	36 %	21 %	28 %
Somewhat support	28	22	20	32	33	33	32	32
Neither support nor oppose	26	14	14	21	23	16	23	25
Somewhat oppose	16	20	16	15	8	6	15	8
Completely oppose	11	19	36	10	10	9	8	7

5b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	15 %	12 %	15 %	16 %	18 %	17 %	22 %	26 %
Somewhat support	24	31	17	28	22	25	28	28
Neither support nor oppose	22	15	13	22	20	19	29	21
Somewhat oppose	18	14	19	16	18	16	8	15
Completely oppose	20	28	37	17	22	22	12	10

6. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	21 %	21 %	20 %	25 %	28 %	32 %	28 %	32 %
Somewhat favor	34	35	32	33	34	35	38	32
Neither favor nor oppose	26	17	20	24	21	19	26	20
Somewhat oppose	11	12	15	10	10	8	5	8
Completely oppose	8	15	12	9	7	7	5	8

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7. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	19 %	19 %	19 %	23 %	24 %	28 %	25 %	33 %
Somewhat favor	31	38	28	32	36	38	32	27
Neither favor nor oppose	29	19	15	26	25	20	30	26
Somewhat oppose	13	11	16	12	8	7	6	8
Completely oppose	8	14	23	7	7	7	6	7

8. Another proposal has been made to allow high school students *across the country* to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	14 %	10 %	11 %	17 %	20 %	24 %	20 %	23 %
Somewhat favor	33	32	38	32	39	36	37	34
Neither favor nor oppose	26	15	16	25	18	16	25	25
Somewhat oppose	18	26	21	19	17	19	14	13
Completely oppose	8	17	14	8	7	6	5	6

9. Some people have proposed that school districts *around the nation* offer parents the option of sending their child to an all-boys or all-girls school? What do you think about this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	12 %	14 %	17 %	13 %	11 %	13 %	13 %	11 %
Somewhat support	22	33	29	22	23	19	22	22
Neither support nor oppose	42	32	35	41	40	39	46	44
Somewhat oppose	14	12	11	13	15	14	12	11
Completely oppose	9	9	8	10	11	15	6	12

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PERSONNEL POLICIES

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

10a. According to the most recent information available, teachers *in the United States* are paid an average annual salary of \$ 54,819. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	9 %	17 %	34 %	11 %	10 %	9 %	15 %	9 %
Increase	34	35	42	39	37	42	47	42
Stay about the same	48	43	17	42	44	41	34	43
Decrease	7	4	4	6	7	5	3	5
Greatly decrease	2	1	2	1	1	3	*	1

10b. Do you think that teacher salaries *in the United States* should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	14 %	15 %	36 %	13 %	18 %	19 %	27 %	12 %
Increase	41	44	46	45	41	45	53	52
Stay about the same	39	33	16	38	37	34	16	34
Decrease	5	5	1	2	3	2	1	1
Greatly decrease	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	*

11. Some argue that teachers *around the nation* should be required to pay from their salaries 20 percent of the cost of their health care and pension benefits, with the government covering the remainder. What do you think of this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	15 %	24 %	8 %	13 %	13 %	10 %	7 %	11 %
Somewhat favor	28	31	15	28	26	24	22	27
Neither favor nor oppose	33	20	22	33	34	38	43	43
Somewhat oppose	14	15	22	16	18	16	17	12
Completely oppose	9	10	34	10	9	12	10	8

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12. Reducing average class sizes by 3 students would cost roughly the same amount as increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000. Which do you think is the best use of funds for schools *across the country*, increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000 or reducing class size by 3 students?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly favor increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000	10 %	16 %	26 %	12 %	11 %	14 %	13 %	11 %
Somewhat favor increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000	18	19	16	18	16	11	21	16
No opinion either way	29	19	11	29	26	29	31	39
Somewhat favor reducing class sizes by 3 students	26	28	28	22	29	30	18	22
Strongly favor reducing class sizes by 3 students	18	18	19	18	19	17	17	13

13. Do you favor or oppose basing the salaries of teachers *around the nation*, in part, on their students' academic progress on state tests?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	14 %	17 %	6 %	13 %	13 %	16 %	12 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	33	35	12	30	37	37	35	33
Neither favor nor oppose	26	13	10	26	24	24	27	29
Somewhat oppose	18	26	24	21	16	16	17	12
Completely oppose	9	10	48	9	10	8	8	8

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14. A proposal has been made that would require teachers *across the country* to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	21 %	21 %	11 %	21 %	24 %	27 %	15 %	29 %
Somewhat favor	34	40	19	34	36	40	43	33
Neither favor nor oppose	25	14	9	25	20	19	27	25
Somewhat oppose	13	17	23	14	11	8	11	8
Completely oppose	7	9	37	5	9	6	4	5

15. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals *around the nation* to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	11 %	23 %	7 %	13 %	9 %	10 %	9 %	14 %
Somewhat favor	31	39	21	29	32	34	34	29
Neither favor nor oppose	26	12	11	27	24	22	27	24
Somewhat oppose	19	15	19	18	20	16	18	19
Completely oppose	12	11	41	14	15	18	12	15

16. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers *across the country*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	5 %	5 %	26 %	7 %	5 %	7 %	4 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	15	15	27	18	15	19	24	19
Neither favor nor oppose	31	13	14	35	29	39	47	39
Somewhat oppose	30	31	18	23	29	22	18	23
Completely oppose	19	36	14	18	22	13	6	11

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17. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect *on your local schools*, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Very positive effect	8 %	7 %	26 %	9 %	9 %	10 %	16 %	11 %
Somewhat positive effect	21	17	32	21	22	30	32	25
Neither positive nor negative effect	38	20	25	39	38	35	40	43
Somewhat negative effect	21	25	10	18	19	14	10	15
Very negative effect	12	31	7	12	13	11	3	6

ACCOUNTABILITY

18. Some have proposed that the federal government continue to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	35 %	40 %	19 %	39 %	39 %	44 %	36 %	43 %
Somewhat support	36	35	38	34	33	30	36	33
Neither support nor oppose	19	13	14	18	17	15	22	17
Somewhat oppose	6	8	18	6	7	7	5	4
Completely oppose	3	4	11	3	4	4	2	3

19. For holding schools accountable, should all state governments adopt the same set of educational standards and give the same tests in math, science and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
One test and standard for all students	72 %	75 %	63 %	73 %	73 %	73 %	71 %	69 %
Different tests and standards in different states	19	19	22	20	18	21	22	23
No national or state tests should be given	9	6	15	7	9	7	7	8

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20. In your state, students in public schools regularly take the [state test]. Do you think the results from these tests provide good information about the quality of the schools *in your state*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Excellent information	7 %	5 %	4 %	10 %	10 %	14 %	10 %	13 %
Good information	34	33	21	33	40	41	29	42
Fair information	34	40	45	32	30	26	36	23
Poor information	13	10	24	14	15	14	11	11
No opinion	12	12	6	11	5	5	13	12

21. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students *around the nation*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	32 %	34 %	25 %	37 %	30 %	36 %	31 %	45 %
Somewhat support	38	41	35	36	38	37	36	33
Neither support nor oppose	19	14	15	16	18	16	20	16
Somewhat oppose	7	7	14	7	9	6	9	4
Completely oppose	5	4	11	3	6	5	5	3

22. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students *nationwide*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	41 %	44 %	32 %	45 %	38 %	46 %	37 %	50 %
Somewhat support	31	36	34	30	34	36	30	26
Neither support nor oppose	16	13	12	14	14	10	16	16
Somewhat oppose	7	5	14	8	8	4	13	6
Completely oppose	5	3	8	3	6	5	5	3

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SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT PRACTICES

23. Should school districts *across the country* take the family income of students into account when assigning students to schools in order to ensure that each school has a mix of students from different backgrounds?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely	7 %	4 %	8 %	10 %	5 %	7 %	12 %	16 %
Probably	17	21	19	17	15	15	25	21
Not sure	33	22	20	32	31	33	34	31
Probably not	19	23	26	21	20	18	13	13
Definitely not	23	30	26	20	29	27	15	19

24. Some people say that students who have been diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities should be taught in regular classrooms with other students. Other people say that these students should be taught in separate settings at the school. What do you think should be done with students *around the nation* who have emotional and behavioral disabilities?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support teaching them in regular classrooms	7 %	5 %	9 %	7 %	8 %	8 %	7 %	13 %
Somewhat support teaching them in regular classrooms	20	27	24	19	19	17	22	23
Neither support nor oppose teaching them in regular classrooms	24	16	9	24	26	25	21	26
Somewhat oppose teaching them in regular classrooms	33	34	41	32	30	31	29	21
Completely oppose teaching them in regular classrooms	16	20	18	17	18	18	21	18

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NON-POLICY QUESTIONS

25a. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools *around the nation* should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	6 %	5 %	15 %	8 %	9 %	12 %	9 %	9 %
Increase	29	34	35	33	32	36	35	35
Stay about the same	51	45	38	47	47	43	49	48
Decrease	10	10	9	9	9	6	5	7
Greatly decrease	4	5	4	4	2	3	2	2

25b. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools *in your district* should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	6 %	5 %	9 %	8 %	8 %	14 %	12 %	9 %
Increase	22	24	33	27	26	32	29	26
Stay about the same	57	53	47	50	55	45	53	52
Decrease	10	12	9	10	9	8	4	10
Greatly decrease	6	6	1	4	2	2	1	2

26. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools their child?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes	35 %	49 %	52 %	34 %	43 %	33 %	22 %	21 %
No	65	51	48	66	57	67	78	79

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27. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Very willing	20 %	19 %	21 %	20 %	25 %	25 %	17 %	18 %
Somewhat willing	32	36	41	33	33	34	37	30
Neither willing nor unwilling	22	11	11	21	18	19	24	23
Somewhat unwilling	15	18	16	15	14	13	12	16
Very unwilling	10	15	11	11	10	9	10	13

28a. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students *in U.S. public schools* who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Mean	65 %	66 %	66 %	62 %	66 %	63 %	58 %	57 %

28b. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students *in your local school district* who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Mean	72 %	78 %	78 %	67 %	73 %	67 %	63 %	61 %

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1. How much attention do you pay to issues involving education?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
A great deal	14 %	50 %	23 %	12 %	16 %	23 %	10 %	13 %	17 %
Quite a bit	22	34	27	21	22	26	21	20	25
Some	44	10	41	46	45	36	45	46	41
Very Little	15	4	7	17	13	8	18	13	15
None	5	1	2	5	4	6	6	7	2

Evaluating Schools

2. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
A	1 %	2 %	2 %	1 %	1%	4 %	1 %	2 %	1 %
B	20	32	22	18	18	35	18	19	23
C	54	53	52	56	61	46	54	52	56
D	18	10	17	20	13	12	20	19	16
Fail	6	4	6	6	6	4	7	8	4

3. How about the public schools in your community? What grade would you give them?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
A	8 %	14 %	11 %	8 %	5 %	11 %	10 %	9 %	6 %
B	39	47	46	40	32	45	46	33	41
C	35	26	27	34	42	30	31	35	38
D	12	9	8	12	15	9	9	16	4
Fail	6	4	8	6	8	5	4	8	<1

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4. A 2009 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 34 industrialized countries. What is your best guess of where American 15-year-olds ranked on this test?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
1-5 (best)	3 %	0 %	5 %	1 %	4 %	11 %	2 %	4 %	3 %
6-10	9	4	11	7	9	15	8	8	9
11-15	15	12	17	14	14	18	14	14	17
16-20	25	24	26	27	23	23	25	27	24
21-25	25	26	22	26	28	15	27	23	24
26-30	16	21	13	17	12	10	18	16	14
31-34 (worst)	8	13	6	7	9	8	7	8	9

5. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students in U.S. public school who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
%	65 %	65 %	64 %	68 %	59 %	57 %	68 %	62 %	65 %

School Spending

6. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your school district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
\$	\$6,592 (\$6,188)	\$7,513 (\$5,577)	\$5,990 (\$5,811)	\$6,886 (\$6,494)	\$7,276 (\$5,991)	\$4,854 (\$4,977)	\$6,945 (\$6,955)	\$6,850 (\$6,601)	\$6,018 (\$5,495)

Note: Figures in parentheses exclude guesses of \$0 and guesses exceeding \$50,000.

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 4 questions:

7a. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[CURRENT SPENDING] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	9 %	27 %	14 %	5 %	10 %	21 %	8 %	7 %	11 %
Increase	34	33	32	37	40	22	31	31	40
Stay about the same	44	32	46	43	45	50	41	45	45
Decrease	11	7	6	12	6	6	15	13	4
Greatly decrease	3	1	3	4	--	1	6	3	<1

7b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	16 %	31 %	16 %	15 %	24 %	13 %	11 %	14 %	22 %
Increase	47	37	49	47	51	45	38	43	57
Stay about the same	29	27	26	29	18	34	35	34	17
Decrease	6	5	5	6	4	7	13	5	4
Greatly decrease	3	--	4	4	2	1	3	4	0

7c. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[CURRENT SPENDING] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that taxes to fund public schools should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	3 %	15 %	3 %	3 %	4 %	4 %	1 %	5 %	4 %
Increase	21	35	24	20	33	21	12	20	28
Stay about the same	58	36	57	57	48	63	58	58	57
Decrease	14	9	12	15	15	11	24	10	10
Greatly decrease	4	5	3	5	1	1	6	6	<1

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7d. Do you think that taxes to fund public schools should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	6 %	8 %	11 %	4 %	13 %	13 %	5 %	3 %	9 %
Increase	29	43	30	29	29	33	27	24	38
Stay about the same	52	38	44	54	46	39	49	57	47
Decrease	9	10	8	10	12	10	16	10	4
Greatly decrease	4	1	7	4	0	5	4	6	1

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

8a. The share of the cost of public schools paid for by local, state and federal governments varies from one community to the next. To the best of your knowledge, what percent of government spending on public schools in your community comes from the following sources?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Local	34 %	34 %	32 %	36 %	31 %	30 %	36 %	34 %	33 %
State	36	40	35	36	33	36	37	36	35
Federal	31	26	34	29	37	34	28	30	34

8b. In your view, which government should assume the largest responsibility for covering the costs of educating students in public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Local	20 %	19 %	19 %	21 %	11 %	25 %	31 %	20 %	14 %
State	53	54	47	52	64	40	53	46	60
Federal	27	27	34	27	26	35	17	34	27

8c. Around the nation, the federal government covers roughly 10 percent of per-pupil expenditures in public schools, while local and state federal governments each pay around 45 percent of the cost. In your view, which government should assume the largest responsibility for covering the costs of educating students in public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Local	20 %	26 %	22 %	22 %	23 %	14 %	24 %	22 %	15 %
State	50	39	47	52	42	47	53	46	52
Federal	30	35	32	26	35	39	23	31	33

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School Choice Policies

Each of the respondents was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

10a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	17 %	10 %	19 %	19 %	17 %	12 %	24 %	19 %	10 %
Somewhat support	26	28	18	27	28	22	31	24	24
Neither support nor oppose	41	26	50	37	42	53	32	44	44
Somewhat oppose	10	23	8	11	9	9	8	8	14
Completely oppose	6	12	5	7	4	4	6	5	8

10b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	62 %	52 %	65 %	60 %	67 %	68 %	66 %	62 %	58 %
Oppose	38	48	35	40	33	32	34	38	42

11. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes	20 %	23 %	17 %	20 %	19 %	18 %	25 %	17 %	19 %
No	22	38	26	22	17	19	21	20	24
Don't know	59	39	58	58	64	62	54	63	57

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12. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes	32 %	30 %	26 %	35 %	27 %	20 %	38 %	29 %	31 %
No	24	46	32	23	26	28	26	21	26
Don't know	44	24	42	42	46	52	37	49	43

13. In general, do charter schools receive more, less, or the same amount of government funds for each student enrolled than do traditional public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Charters receive more government funds	8 %	12 %	8 %	7 %	10 %	8 %	8 %	6 %	9 %
Charters receive less government funds	20	19	20	23	12	18	26	19	18
Charters receive the same amount of government funds	23	42	21	24	21	18	24	21	25
Don't know	49	28	50	46	57	56	42	54	48

14. To the best of your knowledge, when more students apply to a charter school than there are spaces available, can the school pick the students they want or must they hold a lottery?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Pick students they want	22 %	26 %	20 %	23 %	17 %	19 %	23 %	20 %	22 %
Must hold lottery	28	45	33	27	30	30	28	25	31
Don't know	51	29	46	50	53	52	49	54	47

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15. To the best of your knowledge, is there a charter school in your local school district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes, I know there is a charter school in this local school district	20 %	37 %	24 %	20 %	26 %	17 %	21 %	18 %	21 %
Yes, I think there is one	18	11	15	18	23	15	19	16	20
No, I don't think there is one	18	22	18	19	10	19	21	19	16
No, I know there are no charter schools in this local school district	10	22	13	12	6	7	12	10	10
Don't know	33	8	30	31	34	43	27	38	33

16. In some parts of the country, a majority of parents whose children attend a low-performing traditional public school can sign a petition requiring the district to convert the school into a charter. What do you think of this policy?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	12 %	10 %	13 %	13 %	11 %	11 %	16 %	13 %	10 %
Somewhat support	21	22	25	21	23	22	23	22	19
Neither support nor oppose	49	28	47	48	53	53	47	50	49
Somewhat oppose	10	19	9	11	7	8	9	9	13
Completely oppose	7	21	7	7	6	6	5	6	9

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 4 questions:

17a. A proposal has been made that would give *all* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	17 %	11 %	26 %	17 %	16 %	21 %	19 %	18 %	14 %
Somewhat support	26	25	28	26	37	24	27	24	27
Neither support nor oppose	28	10	24	27	29	33	30	26	31
Somewhat oppose	13	27	11	13	12	12	13	15	11
Completely oppose	16	27	10	17	6	9	11	18	17

17b. A proposal has been made that would give *low-income* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	13 %	11 %	21 %	10 %	21 %	16 %	9 %	13 %	16 %
Somewhat support	26	21	25	26	24	19	18	29	28
Neither support nor oppose	30	20	26	26	38	45	31	31	27
Somewhat oppose	13	22	10	16	7	12	15	12	13
Completely oppose	18	26	18	22	10	8	27	14	16

17c. A proposal has been made that would give *low-income* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	50 %	34 %	50 %	41 %	73 %	74 %	42 %	54 %	52 %
Oppose	50	66	50	59	27	26	58	46	48

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17d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	12 %	4 %	17 %	8 %	22 %	23 %	9 %	13 %	13 %
Somewhat favor	24	13	27	22	33	30	16	27	27
Neither favor nor oppose	27	10	24	27	26	35	31	24	24
Somewhat oppose	18	31	22	20	12	7	18	18	16
Completely oppose	20	42	10	22	8	5	25	18	19

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

18a. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to *low- and moderate-income* parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	19 %	15 %	29 %	15 %	31 %	28 %	14 %	20 %	24 %
Somewhat favor	32	33	33	34	27	32	35	26	37
Neither favor nor oppose	31	23	24	30	32	32	30	34	28
Somewhat oppose	10	16	8	13	7	3	11	13	7
Completely oppose	7	14	6	8	4	5	9	8	5

18b. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to *all* parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	23 %	21 %	37 %	22 %	28 %	27 %	20 %	26 %	22 %
Somewhat favor	34	37	32	34	44	31	35	28	41
Neither favor nor oppose	27	19	22	26	19	33	28	30	22
Somewhat oppose	8	9	5	10	6	6	10	7	8
Completely oppose	7	14	4	8	4	3	6	8	7

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

19a. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	20 %	22 %	26 %	16 %	32 %	26 %	12 %	22 %	23 %
Somewhat favor	33	28	31	36	36	27	42	29	32
Neither favor nor oppose	31	16	28	31	24	34	29	33	29
Somewhat oppose	8	14	10	9	6	8	11	7	8
Completely oppose	8	19	6	9	2	5	6	9	7

19b. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	72 %	61 %	73 %	70 %	75 %	77 %	66 %	75 %	73 %
Oppose	28	39	27	30	25	23	34	25	27

20. In your view, should high school students be granted the option of taking approved classes either online or in school?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes, students should be given the option	53 %	61 %	59 %	53 %	53 %	53 %	47 %	57 %	53 %
No, students should only take courses in school	47	39	41	47	47	47	53	43	47

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21. When students decide to take a course online, should all the state funding for the course go to the organization that offers the course, or should some funding also go to local school districts to help defray other school costs?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
All state funding for course should go to the organization offering the course	20 %	12 %	21 %	20%	20 %	21 %	22 %	21 %	16 %
Most of the state funding should go to the organization that offers the course, but a small portion should be given to the local school.	33	34	35	34	36	26	36	31	32
State funding for course should be shared equally between the organization offering the course and the local school.	48	54	43	46	44	53	42	48	52

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 4 questions:

22a. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their high school children at home. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	10 %	2 %	10 %	11 %	9 %	9 %	13 %	9 %	8 %
Somewhat favor	18	20	24	17	23	16	20	16	20
Neither favor nor oppose	33	32	31	32	33	36	32	41	27
Somewhat oppose	20	18	21	20	21	22	19	16	26
Completely oppose	18	27	14	20	14	17	16	19	19

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22b. High school students in some rural communities have access to only a limited number of course offerings in their public schools. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	23 %	16 %	32 %	21 %	24 %	30 %	13 %	27 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	35	41	29	38	39	25	43	31	37
Neither favor nor oppose	27	15	28	24	29	32	22	27	30
Somewhat oppose	9	11	9	10	6	8	11	10	7
Completely oppose	5	17	3	7	2	6	11	6	1

22c. Some high schools offer advanced courses for which students may be able to receive college credit. Do you favor or oppose public funding for such courses that students take online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	27 %	36 %	39 %	25 %	36 %	32 %	29 %	27 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	30	27	30	31	23	26	31	28	32
Neither favor nor oppose	28	10	25	27	30	35	25	29	28
Somewhat oppose	11	23	3	12	8	3	11	10	12
Completely oppose	5	4	2	5	4	4	4	6	4

22d. A variety of education programs are currently available to children who drop out of high school. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	11 %	8 %	11 %	10 %	18 %	15 %	6 %	9 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	33	28	33	32	29	34	28	32	37
Neither favor nor oppose	28	30	28	28	38	25	33	30	22
Somewhat oppose	17	19	17	20	10	14	25	13	15
Completely oppose	11	15	11	10	5	12	8	15	9

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Personnel Policies

23. Based on your best guess, what is the average salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
\$	\$35,920 (\$36,063)	\$43,997 (\$43,997)	\$34,670 (\$34,828)	\$39,312 (\$39,312)	\$30,789 (\$30,803)	\$25,573 (\$26,311)	\$40,208 (\$40,208)	\$34,338 (\$34,547)	\$34,551 (\$34,705)

Note: Figures in parentheses exclude guesses of \$0.

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

24a. As it turns out, teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$[CURRENT SPENDING]. Do you think that teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	6 %	27 %	11 %	5 %	11 %	8 %	6 %	7 %	6 %
Increase	30	47	24	31	43	24	28	27	35
Stay about the same	55	24	56	54	40	64	54	57	53
Decrease	6	2	8	7	3	3	9	6	3
Greatly decrease	2	0	1	2	3	1	3	2	2

24b. Do you think that teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Greatly increase	13 %	42 %	17 %	11 %	23 %	15 %	11 %	12 %	16 %
Increase	51	43	47	51	51	46	43	48	60
Stay about the same	32	10	34	33	25	38	40	35	23
Decrease	3	2	1	4	1	1	4	4	1
Greatly decrease	1	2	1	1	--	1	2	1	1

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

25a. Some argue that teachers should be required to contribute from their salaries enough funds to cover 20 percent of their health care and pension benefits, with the government covering the remainder. What do you think of this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	18 %	12 %	19 %	22 %	6 %	17 %	26 %	19 %	12 %
Somewhat favor	28	18	26	30	22	20	30	26	28
Neither favor nor oppose	32	20	30	28	50	43	22	34	38
Somewhat oppose	15	22	16	15	15	14	16	15	15
Completely oppose	6	29	10	6	7	7	6	6	6

25b. Some argue that teachers should be required to contribute from their salaries enough funds to cover 20 percent of their health care and pension benefits, with the government covering the remainder. What do you think of this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	62 %	24 %	59 %	65 %	44 %	62 %	69 %	62 %	57 %
Oppose	38	76	41	35	56	38	31	38	43

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

26a. When evaluating a teacher's performance for a salary increase or granting of tenure, some have proposed using various kinds of information. We'd like to know what you think. If such a proposal is adopted, what percentage of a teacher's evaluation should be given to each of the following five factors? Note: You may give zero percent, if you think a factor should not be used at all. The total amount must sum to 100 percent.

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Student progress as indicated by test score performance	32 %	19 %	29 %	33 %	30 %	33 %	33 %	31 %	33 %
Principal evaluations	23	44	25	24	24	21	24	22	24
Parental evaluations	15	10	17	15	16	15	15	16	14
Student evaluations	15	13	15	15	15	18	13	16	16
Evaluations by fellow teachers	15	17	14	15	15	16	16	15	15

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26b. When evaluating a teacher’s performance for a salary increase or granting of tenure, some have proposed using various kinds of information. We’d like to know what you think. If such a proposal is adopted, what percentage of a teacher’s evaluation should be given to each of the following two factors? Note: You may give zero percent, if you think a factor should not be used at all. The total amount must sum to 100 percent.

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Student progress as indicated by test score performance	54 %	27 %	55 %	53 %	54 %	55 %	53 %	55 %	54 %
Principal evaluations	46	74	46	48	46	47	47	46	47

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

27a. In some districts, information about each public school teacher’s impact on student test scores is made available to parents and the general public. Would you favor or oppose such a policy in your district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	30 %	16 %	32 %	31	22 %	31 %	34 %	29 %	29 %
Somewhat favor	30	14	30	29	34	24	35	26	31
Neither favor nor oppose	27	16	26	24	36	34	18	33	25
Somewhat oppose	8	28	8	10	4	7	10	6	10
Completely oppose	5	26	4	6	4	4	4	6	5

27b. In some districts, information about each public school teacher’s impact on student test scores is made available to parents and the general public. Would you favor or oppose such a policy in your district?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	78 %	33 %	81 %	76 %	74 %	83 %	79 %	78 %	77 %
Oppose	22	67	19	24	26	17	21	23	23

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

28a. Do you have trust and confidence in the men and women who are teaching children in the public schools?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Yes, have confidence	72 %	82 %	70 %	73 %	69 %	71 %	71 %	69 %	76 %
No, do not	28	18	30	27	31	29	29	31	24

28b. How much trust and confidence do you have in public school teachers?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Complete trust and confidence	4 %	19 %	7 %	3 %	5 %	4 %	1 %	4 %	6 %
A lot of trust and confidence	38	62	34	41	29	32	44	31	43
Some trust and confidence	49	16	49	48	57	51	46	53	47
Little trust or confidence	9	2	10	8	8	13	9	12	4

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

29a. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	23 %	6 %	28 %	21 %	22 %	30 %	23 %	23 %	22 %
Somewhat favor	39	20	35	42	29	34	38	36	45
Neither favor nor oppose	23	13	23	21	33	28	24	27	18
Somewhat oppose	9	28	10	11	7	4	13	7	9
Completely oppose	5	34	5	5	8	4	2	6	4

29b. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	76 %	41 %	76 %	74 %	80 %	87 %	79 %	71 %	81 %
Oppose	24	59	24	26	20	13	21	29	19

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

30a. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	12 %	9 %	9 %	14 %	10 %	9 %	14 %	14 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	31	15	37	32	26	32	31	31	32
Neither favor nor oppose	29	16	26	28	26	34	30	27	31
Somewhat oppose	16	18	16	16	22	14	15	16	18
Completely oppose	12	41	13	11	15	11	11	12	12

30b. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	54 %	40 %	52 %	53 %	62 %	50 %	58 %	52 %	55 %
Oppose	46	60	48	47	38	50	42	48	45

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

31a. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely favor	7 %	27 %	8 %	6 %	9 %	9 %	6 %	6 %	8 %
Somewhat favor	19	25	17	17	25	24	14	17	27
Neither favor nor oppose	30	21	27	27	42	42	24	35	30
Somewhat oppose	26	18	27	29	19	14	30	23	25
Completely oppose	18	8	20	21	6	11	26	20	10

31b. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Favor	39 %	55 %	38 %	35%	53 %	48 %	29 %	39 %	48 %
Oppose	61	45	62	65	47	52	71	61	52

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

32a. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Very positive effect	6 %	20 %	6 %	4 %	8 %	5 %	3 %	6 %	7 %
Somewhat positive effect	19	23	22	17	29	21	10	18	28
Neither positive nor negative effect	39	25	35	35	48	48	35	42	40
Somewhat negative effect	21	21	23	26	10	17	27	20	20
Very negative effect	14	11	14	17	4	9	26	15	5

32b. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Positive effect	49 %	71 %	52 %	43 %	75 %	59 %	29 %	44 %	71 %
Negative effect	51	29	48	57	25	41	71	56	29

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Accountability

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

33a. As you may know, sometime in the next year or two Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Should the federal government continue to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	29 %	22 %	28 %	28 %	26 %	36 %	30 %	28 %	29 %
Somewhat support	34	28	34	35	30	27	35	33	33
Neither support nor oppose	26	14	24	21	38	29	22	28	26
Somewhat oppose	8	18	9	10	5	5	5	8	10
Completely oppose	4	18	5	6	1	2	8	3	3

33b. As you may know, sometime in the next year or two Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Should the federal government continue to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	81 %	52 %	79 %	80 %	84 %	85 %	78 %	81 %	85 %
Oppose	19	48	21	20	16	15	22	19	15

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

34a. As you may know, all states are currently deciding whether or not to adopt the Common Core standards in reading and math. If adopted, these standards would be used to hold the state’s schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the adoption of the Common Core standards in your state?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	23 %	19 %	24 %	22 %	22 %	26 %	22 %	22 %	24 %
Somewhat support	40	53	40	43	36	36	41	40	41
Neither support nor oppose	30	12	27	27	36	36	28	32	29
Somewhat oppose	5	14	7	6	2	3	5	5	4
Completely oppose	2	2	3	2	4	0	4	2	1

34b. As you may know, all states are currently deciding whether or not to adopt the same academic standards in reading and math. If adopted, these standards would be used to hold the state’s schools accountable for their performance. Do you support the adoption of these standards in your state?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	28 %	26 %	24 %	27 %	28 %	24 %	26 %	26 %	31 %
Somewhat support	39	32	41	42	36	33	43	33	45
Neither support nor oppose	27	20	27	25	31	38	23	34	22
Somewhat oppose	4	16	4	4	3	4	6	4	2
Completely oppose	2	6	4	2	1	2	2	3	1

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

35a. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	35 %	22 %	28 %	35 %	33 %	31 %	33 %	33 %	40 %
Somewhat support	35	41	37	36	32	31	34	34	36
Neither support nor oppose	18	8	20	16	22	27	16	23	13
Somewhat oppose	8	19	11	9	10	8	13	6	8
Completely oppose	4	11	5	4	3	3	5	4	2

35b. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	78 %	69 %	70 %	78 %	70 %	84 %	83 %	79 %	74 %
Oppose	22	31	30	22	30	16	17	21	26

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

36a. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	40 %	36 %	36 %	38 %	42 %	43 %	39 %	43 %	38 %
Somewhat support	32	44	33	37	22	25	38	32	29
Neither support nor oppose	15	8	14	14	18	23	9	18	17
Somewhat oppose	8	9	11	8	11	6	11	5	11
Completely oppose	4	4	6	4	8	3	3	3	5

36b. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	80 %	69 %	77 %	79 %	74 %	85 %	81 %	81 %	79 %
Oppose	20	31	23	21	26	15	19	19	21

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

37a. A proposal has been made that would require all students to remain in public school until they reach age 18 or earn their high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Completely support	32 %	35 %	33 %	30 %	34 %	34 %	29 %	30 %	35 %
Somewhat support	26	24	23	27	21	27	28	22	29
Neither support nor oppose	23	19	23	21	29	28	18	29	19
Somewhat oppose	11	17	12	13	11	8	13	10	12
Completely oppose	8	6	9	10	5	3	13	8	4

37b. A proposal has been made that would require all students to remain in public school until they reach age 18 or earn their high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Support	70 %	56 %	69 %	69 %	70 %	74 %	70 %	69 %	72 %
Oppose	30	44	31	31	30	26	30	31	28

38. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the Internet?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Very willing	21 %	25 %	27 %	22	17 %	19 %	22 %	22 %	20 %
Somewhat willing	34	36	34	35	32	30	35	34	32
Neither willing nor unwilling	22	14	17	20	29	26	19	25	22
Somewhat unwilling	14	14	14	15	12	15	17	10	17
Very unwilling	9	12	8	8	11	11	9	9	9

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Presidential Approval Rating

39. Overall, do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Strongly approve	17 %	21 %	15 %	11 %	51 %	19 %	1 %	11 %	37 %
Somewhat approve	35	36	36	33	41	44	11	38	49
Somewhat disapprove	21	20	26	23	8	22	26	27	10
Strongly disapprove	27	24	23	34	1	15	61	24	4

45. In your view, has Barack Obama done an excellent job, a good job, a fair job, or a poor job at handling education issues?

	National	Teacher	Parent	White	African American	Hispanic	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
Excellent job	11 %	12 %	10 %	5 %	36 %	13 %	1 %	6 %	24 %
Good job	28	30	25	26	41	31	6	28	45
Fair Job	34	32	37	36	18	37	35	41	24
Poor job	27	27	28	34	5	20	58	25	7

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For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “The 2013 *Education Next* Survey on What Americans Are Thinking about Common Core and Other Education Policies” by Michael Henderson and Paul E. Peterson at <http://educationnext.org/>. William G. Howell is the *Education Next*-PEPG survey director.

*Note: For questions with both “a” and “b” versions (9, 14, and 20), a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

Knowledge About and Evaluations of Schools

1. A 2009 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 34 industrialized countries. What is your best guess of where American 15-year-olds ranked on this test?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
1-5 (best)	2	1	3	4	8
6-10	7	6	10	8	13
11-15	14	12	16	14	18
16-20	28	26	25	27	26
21-25	25	27	23	23	16
26-30	15	18	15	12	10
31-34 (worst)	9	10	8	12	8

2. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students in U.S. public school who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
%	66	71	66	57	59

3. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	2%	1%	3%	2%	6%
B	19	35	19	15	31
C	57	54	58	53	41
D	17	10	17	20	12
Fail	6	0	4	10	10

4. Now about the public schools in your community? What grade would you give them?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	10%	22%	16%	9%	12%
B	39	49	39	21	39
C	35	25	27	38	34
D	12	3	12	24	7
Fail	4	1	6	9	8

5. And what about the private schools in your community? What grade would you give them?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	19%	17%	21%	20%	21%
B	55	55	55	54	52
C	22	25	20	17	19
D	3	2	2	6	2
Fail	2	1	2	3	5

6. Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching students, but not so good at teaching other students. In your view, how well are the public schools in your community attending to the needs of the most talented students?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Extremely Well	12%	20%	14%	12%	11%
Somewhat Well	61	57	59	42	56
Somewhat Poorly	17	18	17	29	17
Extremely Poorly	5	4	6	7	4
Neither Well Nor Poorly	6	0	5	10	13

7. And what about the least talented students? How well are the public schools in your community attending to the needs of the least talented students?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Extremely Well	6%	19%	11%	6%	9%
Somewhat Well	39	47	39	29	31
Somewhat Poorly	34	26	32	32	36
Extremely Poorly	14	7	11	22	16
Neither Well Nor Poorly	6	1	7	11	9

School Spending

8. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your school district?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
\$	\$6,680 (\$6,177)	\$6,076 (\$6,042)	\$6,001 (\$5,660)	\$5,778 (\$5,637)	\$5,948 (\$5,119)

Note: Figures in parentheses exclude guesses of \$0 and exceeding \$50,000.

9a. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[ADD VALUE (pps) HERE] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	9%	22%	11%	15%	13%
Increase	34	31	35	47	46
Stay About the Same	44	41	42	28	46
Decrease	9	7	11	4	6
Greatly Decrease	4	0	3	7	4

9b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	14%	29%	26%	22%	22%
Increase	39	38	41	48	46
Stay About the Same	40	29	28	27	30
Decrease	6	4	4	3	1
Greatly Decrease	1	0	1	0	1

School Choice Policies

10. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	18%	20%	17%	19%	21%
Somewhat Support	33	21	32	34	33
Somewhat Oppose	18	23	19	16	18
Completely Oppose	8	25	7	9	4
Neither Support nor Oppose	24	12	26	23	24

11. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes	19%	19%	19%	17%	16%
No	20	39	25	18	27
Don't Know	61	42	56	64	58

12. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes	28%	24%	25%	26%	23%
No	22	47	34	26	31
Don't Know	50	29	42	48	45

13. To the best of your knowledge, when more students apply to a charter school than there are spaces available, can the school pick the students they want or must they hold a lottery?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Pick Students They Want	19%	33%	18%	13%	19%
Must Hold Lottery	30	40	36	35	31
Don't Know	52	27	46	52	50

14a. A proposal has been made that would give families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	17%	23%	20%	14%	29%
Somewhat Support	27	18	31	37	26
Somewhat Oppose	20	18	16	15	19
Completely Oppose	17	40	16	16	5
Neither Support nor Oppose	19	1	19	18	21

14b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	13%	12%	15%	16%	21%
Somewhat Favor	28	19	26	38	31
Somewhat Oppose	21	12	23	7	26
Completely Oppose	24	54	24	15	9
Neither Favor nor Oppose	13	2	12	24	13

15. In some parts of the country, a majority of parents whose children attend a low-performing traditional public school can sign a petition requiring the district to convert the school into a charter. What do you think of this policy?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	14%	10%	14%	13%	14%
Somewhat Support	28	24	29	30	28
Somewhat Oppose	14	23	15	9	17
Completely Oppose	9	28	10	10	7
Neither Support nor Oppose	35	14	32	38	33

16. Another proposal has been made that would allow low- and moderate-income four-year old children be given the opportunity to attend a preschool program, with the government paying the tuition. What do you think of this proposal?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	26%	38%	31%	37%	42%
Somewhat Favor	34	35	30	31	24
Somewhat Oppose	14	10	11	8	10
Completely Oppose	13	12	15	5	10
Neither Favor nor Oppose	14	5	13	18	14

17. In your view, should high school students be granted the option of taking approved classes either online or in school?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes, students should be given the option.	53%	63%	60%	59%	52%
No, students should only take courses in school.	47	37	40	41	48

18. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the Internet?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Very Willing	25%	33%	27%	24%	25%
Somewhat Willing	31	29	31	28	25
Somewhat Unwilling	18	15	20	12	18
Very Unwilling	17	21	16	22	21
Neither Willing nor unwilling	10	2	6	14	10

Personnel Policies

19. Based on your best guess, what is the average salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
\$	\$36,428 (\$36,493)	\$43,674 (\$43,674)	\$35,757 (\$35,776)	\$29,401 (\$29,609)	\$26,259 (\$26,345)

Note: Figures in parentheses exclude guesses of \$0.

20a. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state receive, on average, salaries of \$[XX,XXX]. In your view, should their salaries increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	5%	19%	5%	15%	11%
Increase	32	45	38	37	44
Stay About the Same	54	36	48	39	32
Decrease	5	1	8	7	8
Greatly Decrease	3	0	1	3	4

20b. Do you think that public school teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	10%	39%	19%	18%	12%
Increase	45	40	37	54	62
Stay About the Same	37	19	40	25	22
Decrease	7	0	4	3	3
Greatly Decrease	1	2	0	0	2

21. Do you favor or oppose basing the salaries of teachers, in part, on their students' academic progress on state tests?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	15%	1%	17%	16%	33%
Somewhat Favor	34	18	33	33	25
Somewhat Oppose	23	21	26	20	13
Completely Oppose	16	58	11	12	11
Neither Favor nor Oppose	12	2	13	19	18

22. How much trust and confidence do you have in public school teachers?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Complete Trust and Confidence	6%	30%	7%	6%	10%
A Lot of Trust and Confidence	36	48	41	31	29
Some Trust and Confidence	47	23	41	47	48
Little Trust and Confidence	11	0	11	16	13

23. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	8%	30%	8%	9%	13%
Somewhat Favor	25	28	17	22	21
Somewhat Oppose	26	25	32	25	23
Strongly Oppose	21	10	23	12	20
Neither Favor nor Oppose	20	8	21	33	24

24. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	21%	2%	24%	22%	37%
Somewhat Favor	37	22	40	35	31
Somewhat Oppose	17	28	17	11	12
Strongly Oppose	10	44	7	10	6
Neither Favor nor Oppose	15	5	13	21	14

25. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Positive Effect	6%	27%	6%	8%	12%
Somewhat Positive Effect	26	29	24	32	28
Somewhat Negative Effect	26	23	20	12	20
Strongly Negative Effect	17	8	19	7	13
Neither Positive nor Negative Effect	25	12	30	40	26

Political Participation

26. To the best of your knowledge, are members of your local school board elected or appointed by another public official such as a mayor?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Elected	83%	91%	80%	73%	69%
Appointed	17	9	20	27	31

27. In talking to people about school board elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, they just didn't have the time, or because school board elections are held at different times from other elections. Which of the following statements best describes you?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
I did not vote in the last school board election.	47%	28%	52%	57%	60%
I thought about voting in the school board election, but didn't.	5	4	7	4	6
I usually vote, but did not vote in the school board election.	15	17	12	14	14
I'm sure I voted in the school board election.	33	51	30	24	20

28. What about the future? How likely are you to vote in the next school board election?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Extremely Likely	25%	48%	24%	24%	11%
Very Likely	19	17	19	18	28
Moderately Likely	21	9	23	21	25
Slightly Likely	11	11	13	8	14
Not at all Likely	24	16	21	29	22

29. Who do you think you will be more likely to vote for in the next school board election? An existing school board member or a new candidate for school board membership?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
An Existing School Board Member	44%	46%	46%	47%	38%
A New Candidate	56	54	54	53	62

30. In the future, how likely are you to attend a school board meeting?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Extremely Likely	4%	12%	4%	5%	6%
Very Likely	7	9	11	5	18
Moderately Likely	15	29	24	18	29
Slightly Likely	20	22	27	19	10
Not at all Likely	55	28	34	54	38

31. What about helping out at your local public school? In the future, how likely are you to volunteer in some way at your local public school?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Extremely Likely	9%	40%	19%	8%	13%
Very Likely	12	14	20	16	25
Moderately Likely	15	16	17	17	22
Slightly Likely	20	13	19	15	15
Not at all Likely	45	17	24	43	25

Accountability

32. As you may know, all states are currently deciding whether or not to adopt the Common Core standards in reading and math. If adopted, these standards would be used to hold the state's schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the adoption of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Support	19%	24%	17%	22%	27%
Somewhat Support	46	52	45	40	40
Somewhat Oppose	8	7	8	11	12
Strongly Oppose	5	4	7	2	3
Neither Support nor Oppose	23	12	23	26	18

33. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	44%	38%	39%	43%	45%
Somewhat Support	33	39	32	28	27
Somewhat Oppose	10	16	14	8	15
Completely Oppose	5	3	4	7	4
Neither Support nor Oppose	9	5	10	13	9

34. In some states, third grade students are required to pass the state’s reading test to be eligible to move on to the fourth grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	42%	31%	43%	40%	48%
Somewhat Support	35	32	31	34	24
Somewhat Oppose	11	15	10	7	12
Completely Oppose	4	14	7	6	5
Neither Support nor Oppose	8	7	9	13	11

Talking about Digital Learning

35. Educators use different phrases when they talk about learning designed to put student needs first. Some say “student-centered,” while others say “student-centric” or “student-driven.” Which term do you think is best?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Student-Centered Learning	38%	55%	36%	33%	31%
Student-Centric Learning	8	3	12	5	27
Student-Driven Learning	16	25	18	17	8
No Preference	38	17	34	44	35

36. Educators use different phrases when they talk about learning materials that are created specifically for each student. Some say “personalized learning,” while others say “individualized learning” or “customized learning.” Which term do you think is best?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Personalized Learning	20%	9%	20%	19%	24%
Individualized Learning	30	55	30	28	24
Customized Instruction	14	14	16	12	17
No Preference	36	22	34	43	35

37. Educators also use different phrases when they talk about computer-assisted instruction. Some say “customized instruction,” while others say “adaptive instruction.” Which term do you think is best?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Adaptive Instruction	24%	41%	24%	22%	26%
Customized Instruction	24	29	26	26	23
No Preference	52	29	51	52	52

38. Educators similarly use different phrases when they talk about ensuring that students advance to new material only after having completely learned the previous lesson. Which of the following do you think is best?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Competency-Based Learning	14%	9%	13%	8%	6%
Mastery-Based Learning	11	27	13	12	13
Proficiency-Based Learning	17	20	17	13	10
Performance-Based Learning	16	16	17	13	29
Standards-Based Learning	6	8	8	12	7
No Preference	35	21	33	42	36

39. “Blended learning” combines a curriculum delivered online with face-to-face instruction between students and classroom teachers. On average, do you think students learn more in a blended learning classroom or in a traditional classroom?

	Public	Teachers	Parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely learn more in blended classroom.	7%	9%	10%	11%	9%
May learn more in blended classroom.	31	27	28	28	20
May learn more in traditional classroom.	27	24	19	31	24
Definitely learn more in traditional classroom.	16	22	20	7	20
Learn about the same.	19	18	23	24	27

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Experimental Results

For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “Information Fuels Support for School Reform: Facts about Local District Performance Alter Public Thinking” by Michael B. Henderson, William G. Howell, and Paul E. Peterson at <http://educationnext.org/>.

*Note: For questions with both “a” and “b” versions (5, 8, and 14), a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

*Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Evaluations of Schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
A	2%	2%	2%	2%
B	19	17	18	18
C	57	57	56	54
D	17	14	18	20
Fail	6	9	6	6

2. Now about the public schools in your community? What grade would you give them?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
A	10%	7%	8%	7%
B	39	31	34	28
C	35	41	38	43
D	12	14	15	16
Fail	4	8	6	6

3. Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching students, but not so good at teaching other students. In your view, how well are the public schools in your community attending to the needs of the most talented students?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Extremely Well	12%	10%	11%	9%
Somewhat Well	61	54	56	59
Somewhat Poorly	17	21	24	22
Extremely Poorly	5	7	4	5
Neither Well nor Poorly	6	7	5	6

4. And what about the least talented students? How well are the public schools in your community attending to the needs of the least talented students?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Extremely Well	6%	5%	4%	5%
Somewhat Well	39	30	36	35
Somewhat Poorly	34	37	36	36
Extremely Poorly	14	19	18	18
Neither Well nor Poorly	6	9	5	6

5a. (Spending Information): As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[ADD VALUE (pps) HERE] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Greatly Increase	9%	7%	8%	9%
Increase	34	29	35	31
Stay About the Same	44	48	46	46
Decrease	9	13	8	11
Greatly Decrease	4	3	3	3

5b. (No Spending Information): Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Greatly Increase	14%	17%	14%	18%
Increase	39	39	48	37
Stay About the Same	40	37	30	35
Decrease	6	5	5	9
Greatly Decrease	1	1	2	1

School Choice

6. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	18%	19%	19%	19%
Somewhat Favor	33	39	37	36
Somewhat Oppose	18	16	19	21
Completely Oppose	8	7	7	9
Neither Favor nor Oppose	24	19	19	15

7. In some parts of the country, a majority of parents whose children attend a low-performing traditional public school can sign a petition requiring the district to convert the school into a charter. What do you think of this policy?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	14%	15%	11%	18%
Somewhat Favor	28	32	36	28
Somewhat Oppose	14	16	14	16
Completely Oppose	9	7	8	9
Neither Favor nor Oppose	35	31	32	30

8a. A proposal has been made that would give families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	17%	17%	22%	19%
Somewhat Favor	27	39	32	32
Somewhat Oppose	20	14	11	17
Completely Oppose	17	11	18	16
Neither Favor nor Oppose	19	19	17	16

8b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	13%	10%	10%	14%
Somewhat Favor	28	24	28	28
Somewhat Oppose	21	24	24	26
Completely Oppose	24	25	23	23
Neither Favor nor Oppose	13	17	15	9

9. Another proposal has been made that would allow low- and moderate-income four-year old children be given the opportunity to attend a preschool program, with the government paying the tuition. What do you think of this proposal?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	26%	25%	26%	27%
Somewhat Favor	34	31	36	34
Somewhat Oppose	14	17	10	15
Completely Oppose	13	13	13	14
Neither Favor nor Oppose	14	14	15	10

10. In your view, should high school students be granted the option of taking approved classes either online or in school?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Yes	53%	56%	53%	54%
No	47	44	47	46

Accountability Standards

11. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	44%	45%	45%	46%
Somewhat Favor	33	27	29	31
Somewhat Oppose	10	14	11	12
Completely Oppose	5	5	5	5
Neither Favor nor Oppose	9	10	9	6

12. In some states, third grade students are required to pass the state's reading test to be eligible to move on to the fourth grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	42%	42%	45%	48%
Somewhat Favor	35	33	33	34
Somewhat Oppose	11	10	9	9
Completely Oppose	4	5	4	5
Neither Favor nor Oppose	8	10	10	4

13. As you may know, all states are currently deciding whether or not to adopt the Common Core standards in reading and math. If adopted, these standards would be used to hold the state’s schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the adoption of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district’s national ranking	Respondent given local district’s state ranking	Respondent given local district’s international ranking
Strongly Favor	19%	20%	22%	21%
Somewhat Favor	46	44	39	43
Somewhat Oppose	8	9	10	12
Strongly Oppose	5	6	4	4
Neither Favor nor Oppose	23	21	26	20

Teachers and Teacher Policy

14a. (No Salary Information): Do you think that public school teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district’s national ranking	Respondent given local district’s state ranking	Respondent given local district’s international ranking
Greatly Increase	10%	16%	17%	13%
Increase	45	42	46	42
Stay About the Same	37	37	33	37
Decrease	7	4	3	6
Greatly Decrease	1	0	1	2

14b. (Salary Information): As it turns out, public school teachers in your state receive, on average, salaries of \$[XX,XXX]. In your view, should their salaries increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Greatly Increase	5%	7%	7%	7%
Increase	32	27	29	33
Stay About the Same	54	57	52	51
Decrease	5	8	11	8
Greatly Decrease	3	1	1	1

15. How much trust and confidence do you have in public school teachers?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Complete Trust and Confidence	6%	7%	5%	5%
A Lot of Trust and Confidence	36	33	31	38
Some Trust and Confidence	47	48	51	44
Little Trust and Confidence	11	12	13	12

16. Do you favor or oppose basing the salaries of teachers, in part, on their students' academic progress on state tests?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Completely Favor	15%	12%	12%	14%
Somewhat Favor	34	34	34	34
Somewhat Oppose	23	25	23	22
Completely Oppose	16	12	16	19
Neither Favor nor Oppose	12	18	15	11

17. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Strongly Favor	8%	7%	7%	7%
Somewhat Favor	25	18	20	25
Somewhat Oppose	26	32	31	30
Strongly Oppose	21	23	20	24
Neither Favor nor Oppose	20	20	21	14

18. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Strongly Favor	21%	19%	20%	18%
Somewhat Favor	37	39	38	44
Somewhat Oppose	17	14	13	15
Strongly Oppose	10	11	9	9
Neither Favor nor Oppose	15	18	20	14

19. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	Respondent given no information	Respondent given local district's national ranking	Respondent given local district's state ranking	Respondent given local district's international ranking
Strongly Positive	6%	7%	9%	10%
Somewhat Positive	26	26	21	25
Somewhat Negative	26	23	25	20
Strongly Negative	17	18	14	18
Neither Positive nor Negative	25	26	31	26

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For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “No Common Opinion on the Common Core: Also teacher grades, school choices, and other findings from the 2014 *EdNext* Poll” by Michael B. Henderson, Paul E. Peterson, and Martin R. West at <http://educationnext.org/>. Michael B. Henderson is the *Education Next*-PEPG survey director.

*Note: For questions with both “a” and “b” versions, a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

*Note: “Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.

*Note: Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

Knowledge About and Evaluations of Schools

1a. U.S. students regularly participate in international achievement tests. In your opinion, how important is it that our country performs well on these tests compared to other countries?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Very Important	54%	50%	32%	53%	64%
Somewhat Important	34	35	47	34	27
Not So Important	8	9	17	10	6
Not Important at All	4	5	4	3	3

1b. U.S. students regularly participate in international achievement tests. In your opinion, how important is it for America’s future prosperity that our country performs well on these tests compared to other countries?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Very Important	52%	52%	29%	51%	66%
Somewhat Important	36	37	50	40	24
Not So Important	9	9	16	5	7
Not Important at All	3	2	5	4	4

1c. In your opinion, how important is the academic performance of high school students for America’s future prosperity?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Very Important	79%	82%	82%	75%	87%
Somewhat Important	18	16	17	17	8
Not So Important	1	2	1	4	1
Not Important at All	1	0	0	4	3

2. Please tell us your best guess for this question: A 2012 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 34 industrialized countries. With 1 meaning the best and 34 meaning the worst, what is your best guess of where American 15-year-olds ranked on this test?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Ranking	19	18	20	19	18

3. Please tell us your best guess for this question: Students in different parts of the country perform differently in math. The average student in your district performs better than what percent of students across the country?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
%	52	54	53	47	50

4. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	3%	4%	2%	2%	8%
B	17	22	25	16	31
C	57	53	62	59	45
D	19	17	10	19	11
Fail	5	5	1	4	5

5. How about the public schools in your state? What grade would you give them?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	4%	6%	3%	3%	9%
B	30	37	45	24	39
C	44	40	37	49	38
D	17	12	12	16	11
Fail	6	5	2	8	4

6. How about the public schools in your community? What grade would you give them?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	12%	19%	18%	7%	14%
B	35	39	45	26	40
C	35	26	26	41	31
D	12	9	8	16	8
Fail	6	7	3	10	7

7a. Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching some students, but not so good at teaching other students. What grade would you give the public schools in your community for the specific task of attending to the needs of the most talented students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	24%	32%	28%	21%	29%
B	45	40	43	47	47
C	23	23	20	22	19
D	5	4	8	7	4
Fail	3	1	1	3	1

7b. Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching some students, but not so good at teaching other students. What grade would you give the public schools in your community for the specific task of attending to the needs of the least talented students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	6%	10%	10%	8%	8%
B	22	28	35	15	26
C	39	34	31	35	38
D	22	16	20	28	17
Fail	11	12	4	14	11

8a. Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching some students, but not so good at teaching other students. What grade would you give the public schools in your community for the specific task of attending to the needs of students from high-income families?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	23%	23%	42%	23%	28%
B	46	49	42	43	45
C	24	20	14	25	21
D	5	6	1	4	5
Fail	2	2	1	5	2

8b. Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching some students, but not so good at teaching other students. What grade would you give the public schools in your community for the specific task of attending to the needs of students from low-income families?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	8%	15%	15%	8%	15%
B	28	34	38	18	25
C	34	27	28	38	36
D	20	16	14	24	17
Fail	8	8	6	12	7

School Spending

9. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
\$	6,485.77	5,775.00	5,959.78	6,483.12	6,656.95

10. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in the United States as a whole?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
\$	10,155.46	10,840.32	8,041.78	13,932.67	11,565.98

11a. Suppose the government plans to increase spending in the school system. Reducing average class sizes by 3 students would cost roughly the same amount as increasing teacher salaries by 13 percent or buying \$10,000 in new books and technologies for each class every year. Among these options, which do you favor?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Reducing class sizes by 3 students	35%	39%	38%	27%	31%
Increasing teacher salaries by 13%	33	30	48	41	34
Buying \$10,000 in new books and technologies for each class every year	32	31	14	31	35

11b. Suppose the government plans to increase spending in the school system. Which one of the following options do you favor?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Reducing class sizes	46%	53%	54%	26%	43%
Increasing teacher salaries	24	22	37	33	25
Buying new books and technologies	30	25	9	41	32

12a. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[ADD VALUE (pps) HERE] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	9%	12%	12%	20%	17%
Increase	35	35	37	41	43
Stay about the Same	48	45	42	39	33
Decrease	8	8	9	0	6
Greatly Decrease	1	0	0	0	1

12b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	13%	16%	22%	21%	15%
Increase	47	54	53	44	49
Stay about the Same	33	28	23	28	35
Decrease	5	2	2	5	2
Greatly Decrease	2	1	0	2	0

12c. As it turns out, according to the most recent information available, \$[ADD VALUE (pps) HERE] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	3%	8%	9%	6%	7%
Increase	23	22	34	20	27
Stay about the Same	57	52	48	63	50
Decrease	13	13	8	8	11
Greatly Decrease	5	5	0	3	5

School Choice Policies

13. Thinking about the school-age children who currently live with you, what kinds of schools have they attended?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Traditional Public School	87%	87%	86%	90%	90%
Charter School	9	9	8	14	10
Private School	14	14	19	13	9
Home School	8	8	7	6	5

*Note: Respondents could select multiple responses; therefore, column totals will not sum to 100.

**Note: Question was asked only of respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.

14. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	21%	20%	13%	12%	19%
Somewhat Support	34	35	30	35	34
Somewhat Oppose	20	20	27	20	22
Completely Oppose	8	9	20	9	6
Neither Support nor Oppose	18	17	11	24	19

15. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	24%	27%	10%	28%	35%
Somewhat Support	36	32	27	32	35
Somewhat Oppose	16	13	24	14	13
Completely Oppose	10	12	23	4	6
Neither Support nor Oppose	14	16	15	21	11

16a. A proposal has been made that would give families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	20%	27%	8%	24%	29%
Somewhat Support	30	29	30	35	29
Somewhat Oppose	20	15	11	16	23
Completely Oppose	19	17	42	8	7
Neither Support nor Oppose	12	12	9	17	13

16b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	15%	21%	8%	21%	26%
Somewhat Support	22	15	10	26	29
Somewhat Oppose	24	20	29	26	16
Completely Oppose	27	31	48	9	16
Neither Support nor Oppose	12	14	5	18	13

16c. A proposal has been made that would give families with children in failing public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	16%	22%	6%	27%	21%
Somewhat Support	35	38	27	38	33
Somewhat Oppose	19	16	23	10	14
Completely Oppose	16	13	32	4	14
Neither Support nor Oppose	14	11	12	21	18

17. Do you favor or oppose students spending more of their time at school receiving instruction independently through or on a computer?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	10%	10%	2%	12%	13%
Somewhat Favor	32	27	31	29	28
Somewhat Oppose	29	30	35	23	30
Completely Oppose	12	18	20	14	20
Neither Favor nor Oppose	16	15	12	23	10

18a. Would you favor or oppose the government paying for all 4-year old children to attend a preschool program?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	27%	33%	35%	41%	36%
Somewhat Favor	27	24	34	30	30
Somewhat Oppose	16	13	15	10	15
Completely Oppose	19	24	11	4	9
Neither Favor nor Oppose	10	7	5	14	9

18b. Would you favor or oppose the government paying for 4-year old children from low-income families to attend a preschool program?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	32%	40%	39%	52%	51%
Somewhat Favor	30	25	31	21	27
Somewhat Oppose	16	13	16	8	9
Completely Oppose	12	13	9	5	5
Neither Favor nor Oppose	10	9	5	14	8

Personnel Policies

19. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
\$	38,857.47	37,451.27	44,989.57	33,014.90	34,038.86

20a. Suppose you had to grade each teacher in your local schools for the quality of their work using the grades A, B, C, D, and F. What percent of teachers in your local schools would you give each grade? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	25%	28%	41%	23%	25%
B	26	28	28	23	25
C	25	23	18	24	21
D	13	11	8	14	13
Fail	9	10	5	11	11

20b. Suppose you had to grade each teacher across the country for the quality of their work using the grades A, B, C, D, and F. What percent of teachers across the country would you give each grade? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
A	21%	23%	30%	21%	26%
B	24	24	27	21	25
C	26	27	23	23	22
D	14	13	11	14	13
Fail	12	10	8	10	11

21a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	11%	13%	35%	19%	14%
Increase	51	49	50	54	54
Stay About the Same	32	32	14	21	27
Decrease	5	5	1	3	1
Greatly Decrease	1	1	0	2	4

21b. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$[XX,XXX]. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	5%	6%	21%	5%	10%
Increase	33	29	48	37	34
Stay About the Same	56	59	31	57	48
Decrease	5	5	1	1	8
Greatly Decrease	2	1	0	0	1

22. Do you favor or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	18%	21%	4%	18%	21%
Somewhat Favor	39	38	17	37	35
Somewhat Oppose	21	21	28	22	18
Completely Oppose	11	10	45	11	11
Neither Favor nor Oppose	11	10	6	12	14

23a. Some schools face substantial shortages of teachers in specific subjects like math and science. Do you favor or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on whether or not they teach in these subjects?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	13%	15%	15%	11%	20%
Somewhat Favor	43	36	35	44	42
Somewhat Oppose	17	20	18	16	15
Completely Oppose	8	9	27	11	5
Neither Favor nor Oppose	19	19	4	18	18

23b. Schools with many disadvantaged students face substantial problems finding good teachers. Do you favor or opposed basing part of the salaries of teachers on whether or not they teach in those schools?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Favor	14%	15%	13%	13%	23%
Somewhat Favor	49	47	44	39	40
Somewhat Oppose	14	17	20	22	15
Completely Oppose	5	4	8	8	5
Neither Favor nor Oppose	18	17	14	18	17

24a. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Do you favor or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	8%	11%	29%	13%	13%
Somewhat Favor	24	26	31	28	30
Somewhat Oppose	27	27	25	23	24
Strongly Oppose	23	19	7	5	13
Neither Favor nor Oppose	18	17	8	31	20

24b. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure provides teachers with the necessary independence for their work. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	5%	5%	23%	8%	7%
Somewhat Favor	21	20	28	29	23
Somewhat Oppose	32	25	30	26	29
Strongly Oppose	25	29	8	11	23
Neither Favor nor Oppose	18	22	11	26	19

25. A proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	21%	24%	6%	15%	35%
Somewhat Favor	39	35	24	43	36
Somewhat Oppose	16	17	25	16	11
Strongly Oppose	9	9	33	6	4
Neither Favor nor Oppose	15	16	11	19	14

26. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Positive Effect	7%	7%	20%	11%	9%
Somewhat Positive Effect	26	26	39	32	34
Somewhat Negative Effect	24	22	17	15	20
Strongly Negative Effect	16	15	6	4	9
Neither Positive nor Negative Effect	26	29	18	37	28

Accountability

27. Before today, have you ever heard of the Common Core State standards?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes	43%	47%	89%	25%	28%
No	57	53	11	75	72

28. How knowledgeable are you about the Common Core standards?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Very Knowledgeable	7%	11%	38%	9%	13%
Somewhat Knowledgeable	37	46	49	36	39
Not Very Knowledgeable	42	33	12	38	39
Not at all Knowledgeable	14	10	2	17	9

*Note: This question was asked only of respondents who said yes to question 27, which asked: "Before today, have you ever heard of the Common Core State standards?"

29/Part I. True or False: The federal government requires all states to use the Common Core standards.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely True	13%	16%	12%	15%	27%
Probably True	38	40	19	32	39
Probably False	18	12	13	11	8
Definitely False	18	22	52	17	11
Don't Know	14	10	5	25	15

*Note: This question was asked only of respondents who said yes to question 27, which asked: "Before today, have you ever heard of the Common Core State standards?"

29/Part II. True or False: The Common Core standards set higher expectations for student performance than the standards most states used before the Common Core standards were introduced.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely True	13%	17%	32%	15%	21%
Probably True	43	43	41	37	44
Probably False	23	20	17	21	12
Definitely False	8	8	6	5	8
Don't Know	13	11	5	22	15

*Note: This question was asked only of respondents who said yes to question 27, which asked: "Before today, have you ever heard of the Common Core State standards?"

29/Part III. True or False: Under the Common Core standards, states and local school districts can decide which textbooks and educational materials to use in their schools.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely True	13%	19%	43%	18%	17%
Probably True	34	33	31	34	33
Probably False	26	23	13	18	21
Definitely False	10	12	6	5	13
Don't Know	17	14	7	25	16

*Note: This question was asked only of respondents who said yes to question 27, which asked: "Before today, have you ever heard of the Common Core State standards?"

29/Part IV. True or False: In states using the Common Core standards, the federal government will receive detailed data on individual students' test performance.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely True	19%	24%	29%	17%	29%
Probably True	50	47	43	43	41
Probably False	11	13	12	9	9
Definitely False	4	3	7	4	3
Don't Know	16	13	10	27	18

*Note: This question was asked only of respondents who said yes to question 27, which asked: "Before today, have you ever heard of the Common Core State standards?"

30. In some states, students must pass a state exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely Support	36%	33%	31%	33%	43%
Somewhat Support	35	34	35	27	30
Somewhat Oppose	14	15	19	16	10
Completely Oppose	6	10	10	11	6
Neither Support nor Oppose	8	7	5	13	11

31a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Support	16%	15%	11%	21%	25%
Somewhat Support	38	39	36	48	37
Somewhat Oppose	14	16	22	7	9
Strongly Oppose	12	10	18	4	6
Neither Support nor Oppose	21	20	14	21	23

31b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Support	22%	19%	13%	14%	28%
Somewhat Support	46	42	41	36	38
Somewhat Oppose	12	13	26	21	10
Strongly Oppose	4	7	11	1	4
Neither Support nor Oppose	16	18	10	28	20

College Readiness

32a. Do you think that the number of high school graduates who go on to attend a 4-year college should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	15%	16%	8%	24%	25%
Increase	40	38	35	42	38
Stay About the Same	32	33	43	25	28
Decrease	12	11	14	8	6
Greatly Decrease	1	1	1	1	3

32b. Nationwide, about 37% of high school graduates go on to attend a 4-year college. Another 29% go on to attend a 2-year college, and 34% attend no college at all. Do you think that the number of high school graduates who go on to attend a 4-year college should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly Increase	17%	25%	15%	20%	30%
Increase	39	39	44	38	39
Stay About the Same	34	27	34	32	21
Decrease	9	8	6	8	8
Greatly Decrease	1	1	0	2	2

33a. Currently, the federal government provides financial aid for college to low-income students through programs like Pell Grants. Do you favor or oppose requiring these students to demonstrate that they are ready for college courses by passing a state test before receiving any federal student aid?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	38%	35%	32%	23%	45%
Somewhat Favor	35	35	34	31	30
Somewhat Oppose	12	11	17	22	9
Strongly Oppose	7	11	11	14	7
Neither Favor nor Oppose	8	9	6	11	9

33b. Currently, the federal government provides financial aid for college to low-income students through programs like Pell Grants. A recent study shows that about 25% of these students go on to graduate from a 4-year college within six years. Do you favor or oppose requiring these students to demonstrate that they are ready for college courses by passing a state test before receiving any federal student aid?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly Favor	31%	31%	21%	18%	28%
Somewhat Favor	35	33	40	27	36
Somewhat Oppose	15	17	17	23	13
Strongly Oppose	8	10	16	15	8
Neither Favor nor Oppose	11	9	5	17	15

Respondents' Background

34. Apart from weddings and funerals, how often would you say that you attend religious services?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
More than once a week	10%	11%	13%	17%	13%
Once a week	25	29	35	25	23
Once a month	8	9	8	8	10
A few times a year	26	27	22	25	31
Never	31	24	22	24	23

35. Would you say that you have been born again or have had a born-again experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Jesus Christ?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes	38%	43%	37%	57%	40%
No	62	57	63	43	60

36. Are you a member of a union or an employee association similar to a union?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes, I am currently a member of a union	9%	10%	44%	11%	8%
No, but I previously was a member of a union	18	13	19	18	12
No, I have never been a member of a union	73	77	37	71	80

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Notes

For questions with both “a” and “b” versions, a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

For questions with “a”, “b” and “c” versions, a random third of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b” or “c”.

For questions with “a”, “b”, “c” and “d” versions, a random fourth of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b”, “c” or “d”.

“Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.

Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

Knowledge About and Evaluations of Schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	11%	16%	21%	15%	9%	11%
B	41	39	43	31	42	43
C	34	32	28	39	36	33
D	9	8	5	9	9	9
Fail	5	5	2	6	4	5

2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	2%	3%	2%	5%	4%	1%
B	21	25	30	24	32	18
C	53	50	52	55	44	56
D	17	17	13	14	13	19
Fail	6	6	3	3	7	6

Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching some students, but not so good at teaching other students. What grade would you give the public schools in your community for the specific task of attending to the needs of the following types of students?

3a/Part I. The most talented students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	27%	33%	31%	36%	25%	26%
B	45	42	41	38	52	44
C	19	14	19	22	16	19
D	5	7	7	3	4	6
Fail	4	5	3	1	3	4

3a/Part II. The least talented students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	7%	11%	12%	11%	3%	8%
B	22	29	38	18	26	23
C	39	32	29	38	43	38
D	21	18	13	23	16	21
Fail	11	10	8	9	12	10

Let's consider the public schools in your community once again. Some schools are good at teaching some students, but not so good at teaching other students. What grade would you give the public schools in your community for the specific task of attending to the needs of the following types of students?

3b/Part I. Girls?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	11%	13%	24%	14%	12%	11%
B	42	46	43	41	43	44
C	36	33	29	39	33	36
D	7	3	4	5	9	7
Fail	4	5	0	2	2	3

3b/Part II. Boys?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	9%	11%	22%	11%	9%	9%
B	39	41	42	28	39	41
C	39	35	26	44	40	38
D	9	7	9	11	9	9
Fail	4	6	1	5	3	3

Using a seven point scale where 1 means “a little” and 7 means “a lot”, how much do your local schools emphasize the following subjects:

4a/Part I. Reading

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%
2	3	3	1	0	2	3
3	7	3	1	5	5	7
4	26	16	8	14	22	28
5	19	21	18	17	16	20
6	18	18	21	17	20	18
7 (A lot)	26	39	50	44	34	23
Average	5	6	6	6	5	5

4a/Part II. Math

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	2%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%
2	3	1	0	1	1	2
3	6	4	3	5	4	6
4	22	13	5	15	19	24
5	22	22	16	16	20	23
6	20	22	25	18	19	21
7 (A lot)	26	37	51	44	34	22
Average	5	6	6	6	5	5

4a/Part III. The arts

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	8%	8%	11%	9%	8%	7%
2	12	14	18	8	11	13
3	18	14	18	11	15	20
4	28	21	22	26	25	29
5	17	21	16	21	22	17
6	9	12	9	13	9	9
7 (A lot)	8	10	5	13	11	6
Average	4	4	4	4	4	4

4a/Part IV. History

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%
2	6	3	10	4	5	6
3	13	15	13	11	11	14
4	31	23	26	20	26	34
5	21	21	24	24	20	22
6	12	16	14	17	13	11
7 (A lot)	12	17	9	19	20	10
Average	4	5	4	5	5	4

4a/Part V. Science

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%
2	4	5	4	3	4	3
3	9	7	9	7	7	9
4	28	24	20	17	27	30
5	24	20	25	24	22	25
6	16	18	21	21	16	16
7 (A lot)	17	24	19	27	21	15
Average	5	5	5	5	5	5

Using a seven point scale where 1 means “a little” and 7 means “a lot”, how much should your local schools emphasize the following subjects:

4b/Part I. Reading

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%
2	1	1	0	0	2	1
3	2	1	1	2	2	1
4	9	11	3	10	9	7
5	7	7	4	5	5	8
6	16	16	17	10	15	17
7 (A lot)	65	65	75	70	63	66
Average	6	6	7	6	6	6

4b/Part II. Math

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	1%	0%	0%	3%	2%	0%
2	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0	2	1
4	9	10	3	10	8	7
5	11	9	6	11	6	12
6	18	19	20	13	17	19
7 (A lot)	61	62	71	64	65	60
Average	6	6	7	6	6	6

4b/Part III. The arts

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%
2	7	9	3	6	3	8
3	10	11	6	12	9	9
4	22	21	18	21	24	22
5	23	23	24	20	21	25
6	15	14	18	13	16	15
7 (A lot)	19	19	29	24	23	17
Average	5	5	5	5	5	5

4b/Part IV. History

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%
2	2	2	2	0	2	2
3	6	6	5	7	8	5
4	16	18	13	15	14	16
5	21	20	21	15	18	23
6	22	24	26	18	23	23
7 (A lot)	30	28	32	40	32	29
Average	5	5	6	6	5	5

4b/Part V. Science

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	0%
2	1	1	0	0	2	0
3	2	1	4	1	2	2
4	11	12	5	15	8	10
5	15	19	12	13	19	15
6	21	19	28	21	17	24
7 (A lot)	48	48	50	48	50	48
Average	6	6	6	6	6	6

Using a seven point scale where 1 means “a little” and 7 means “a lot”, how much do your local schools emphasize the following:

5a/Part I. Character education

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	10%	10%	8%	10%	11%	9%
2	10	9	12	7	10	11
3	18	13	20	15	14	20
4	29	25	18	32	32	30
5	18	24	20	20	17	18
6	7	10	14	6	9	7
7 (A lot)	7	9	8	11	7	6
Average	4	4	4	4	4	4

5a/Part II. Creativity

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%
2	9	11	14	9	9	8
3	17	13	20	14	12	18
4	31	28	25	26	26	34
5	18	21	21	20	23	17
6	10	11	10	10	10	10
7 (A lot)	8	11	6	14	13	7
Average	4	4	4	4	4	4

5a/Part III. Global warming

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	16%	17%	24%	18%	16%	15%
2	14	12	21	11	12	15
3	20	17	19	14	15	21
4	26	27	21	24	26	27
5	12	14	10	20	14	11
6	7	7	4	6	8	7
7 (A lot)	6	6	3	7	8	5
Average	3	4	3	4	4	3

5a/Part IV. Athletics

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
2	3	4	5	2	5	3
3	8	10	7	8	11	7
4	24	18	22	23	19	25
5	22	27	20	21	22	23
6	19	17	21	15	18	19
7 (A lot)	22	23	23	30	22	21
Average	5	5	5	5	5	5

5a/Part V. Bullying prevention

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	8%	6%	5%	9%	10%	6%
2	8	5	6	7	6	8
3	17	13	11	15	11	18
4	27	22	27	26	28	28
5	18	22	21	16	16	19
6	12	18	19	10	17	12
7 (A lot)	11	16	11	16	12	9
Average	4	5	5	4	4	4

Using a seven point scale where 1 means “a little” and 7 means “a lot”, how much should your local schools emphasize the following:

5b/Part I. Character education

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%
2	3	2	2	3	1	3
3	7	6	6	4	5	8
4	19	15	13	16	19	18
5	18	22	19	24	14	19
6	21	24	23	13	23	24
7 (A lot)	29	29	33	39	36	25
Average	5	5	5	5	6	5

5b/Part II. Creativity

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%
2	2	1	1	2	2	2
3	5	5	5	6	5	5
4	15	14	11	15	15	15
5	21	19	22	19	15	23
6	24	27	25	19	26	26
7 (A lot)	31	33	35	36	36	28
Average	5	6	6	5	6	5

5b/Part III. Global warming

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	14%	14%	16%	6%	6%	17%
2	9	9	9	5	4	11
3	12	10	13	7	12	12
4	22	24	23	25	17	23
5	18	16	15	22	15	17
6	12	11	14	16	19	9
7 (A lot)	14	15	10	20	27	10
Average	4	4	4	5	5	4

5b/Part IV. Athletics

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
2	5	3	5	2	2	6
3	11	9	12	5	10	13
4	23	23	19	25	16	24
5	26	26	28	25	20	27
6	18	19	19	18	26	17
7 (A lot)	15	17	14	23	24	10
Average	5	5	5	5	5	5

5b/Part V. Bullying prevention

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (A little)	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	4%
2	3	2	2	3	1	3
3	7	6	9	1	5	9
4	16	17	18	17	10	18
5	16	17	16	15	12	17
6	15	16	25	9	16	17
7 (A lot)	38	40	27	52	52	33
Average	5	6	5	6	6	5

School Spending

6. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
\$	6307	5540	7186	5585	5956	6435

7. How sure are you that your answer is close to correct?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (Very unsure)	38%	35%	27%	38%	36%	40%
2	15	12	12	11	14	16
3	13	13	14	17	17	12
4	17	18	22	17	18	17
5	10	12	18	10	8	10
6	4	8	5	5	5	4
7 (Very sure)	2	1	2	2	3	2

8. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in the United States as a whole?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
\$	7056	6938	6783	8836	6633	6970

9. How sure are you that your answer is close to correct?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
1 (Very unsure)	43%	40%	33%	41%	37%	46%
2	18	17	13	17	17	19
3	15	15	18	14	15	14
4	14	14	26	19	17	13
5	6	8	6	4	8	5
6	2	4	3	2	4	2
7 (Very sure)	1	2	1	3	2	1

10a. [Guess/With info] According to the most recent information available, \$[<INSERT PPS>] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	11%	15%	20%	9%	14%	8%
Increase	31	31	35	38	31	29
Stay about the Same	48	45	40	48	46	52
Decrease	7	6	5	2	6	7
Greatly Decrease	3	4	0	2	3	4

10b. [No guess/With info] According to the most recent information available, \$[<INSERT PPS>] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	14%	12%	22%	17%	18%	13%
Increase	34	41	41	42	43	31
Stay about the Same	43	38	29	37	29	46
Decrease	7	8	5	3	8	7
Greatly Decrease	2	1	3	0	2	2

10c. [Guess/Without info] Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	14%	15%	23%	20%	22%	11%
Increase	44	47	47	46	48	41
Stay about the Same	34	26	26	29	24	37
Decrease	6	9	3	5	3	7
Greatly Decrease	2	3	0	0	3	3

10d. [No guess/Without info] Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	14%	14%	29%	20%	21%	12%
Increase	43	44	45	49	38	43
Stay about the Same	35	38	18	28	32	37
Decrease	5	3	6	2	4	6
Greatly Decrease	3	2	2	2	4	3

11a. Based on your best guess, what percent of funding for schools currently comes from each level of government? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	32%	34	30%	36%	39%	29%
State government	36	37	41	32	34	37
Local government	32	29	29	31	27	34

11b. What percent of funding for schools should come from each level of government? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	37%	39%	35%	40%	41%	36%
State government	35	33	40	34	31	36
Local government	28	28	26	26	27	29

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

12a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Strongly Support	16%	14%	11%	14%	21%	14%
Somewhat Support	33	33	29	36	37	30
Somewhat Oppose	16	17	18	18	15	18
Strongly Oppose	19	24	31	9	9	23
Neither Support nor Oppose	16	11	10	23	19	16

12b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Strongly Support	18%	15%	13%	18%	24%	17%
Somewhat Support	36	34	35	35	39	35
Somewhat Oppose	20	22	19	22	12	22
Strongly Oppose	10	12	26	4	9	12
Neither Support nor Oppose	16	16	8	21	16	14

12c. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Strongly Support	11%	15%	15%	15%	21%	7%
Somewhat Support	29	22	30	34	37	26
Somewhat Oppose	17	22	24	16	12	19
Strongly Oppose	20	24	19	9	10	24
Neither Support nor Oppose	23	17	13	26	20	24

13. As far as you know, are the Common Core standards being implemented in your district?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Yes	34%	49%	73%	25%	27%	37%
No	8	12	13	7	9	8
Unsure	58	39	14	68	64	55

14. Has implementation of the Common Core standards in your district had a generally positive impact on schools, or do you think it has had a generally negative impact?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Strongly Positive	5%	6%	7%	10%	10%	4%
Somewhat Positive	23	22	25	27	31	20
Somewhat Negative	32	29	32	29	27	35
Strongly Negative	19	24	17	10	13	21
Neither Positive nor Negative	21	19	20	25	18	21

*Note: This question was asked only of respondents who said yes to question 16, which asked: "As far as you know, are the Common Core standards being implemented in your district?"

Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in each of the following:

15a/Part I. Setting educational standards for what students should know.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	39%	43%	28%	33%	45%	40%
State government	48	48	64	47	41	48
Local government	13	9	8	20	15	12

15a/Part II. Deciding whether or not a school is failing

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	19%	22%	17%	23%	31%	15%
State government	60	61	63	48	43	65
Local government	22	17	20	29	26	20

15a/ Part III. Deciding how to fix failing schools

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	19%	25%	19%	25%	28%	16%
State government	54	52	57	42	45	57
Local government	28	24	24	34	27	27

What level of government should play the biggest role in each of the following:

15b/Part I. Setting educational standards for what students should know

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	41%	38%	32%	46%	44%	40%
State government	43	45	50	39	39	46
Local government	15	16	18	15	17	15

15b/Part II. Deciding whether or not a school is failing

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	18%	17%	9%	23%	18%	16%
State government	50	48	55	42	46	53
Local government	32	35	36	35	36	31

15b/Part III. Deciding how to fix failing schools

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Federal government	20%	21%	11%	23%	29%	17%
State government	51	50	54	47	46	52
Local government	30	29	36	30	25	31

16. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	35%	37%	15%	37%	42%	32%
Somewhat Support	32	29	32	32	25	35
Somewhat Oppose	14	14	26	11	13	15
Completely Oppose	7	8	20	4	5	8
Neither Support nor Oppose	13	11	7	16	14	11

17. Some people say that ALL students should take state tests in math and reading. Others say that parents should decide whether or not their children take these tests. Do you support or oppose letting parents decide whether to have their children take state math and reading tests?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	10%	14%	14%	11%	14%	8%
Somewhat Support	16	18	17	17	16	16
Somewhat Oppose	23	21	25	19	17	24
Completely Oppose	36	31	32	31	34	38
Neither Support nor Oppose	16	16	11	22	19	14

18a. How good of a job do you think state tests do at measuring what students learn in reading and math?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Very good	5%	8%	1%	10%	10%	3%
Good	24	27	12	21	23	24
Fair	38	36	38	38	33	40
Poor	16	14	26	13	17	16
Very poor	7	8	19	3	9	7
Not sure	10	7	4	15	7	11

18b. Do you support or oppose using the same standardized tests in every state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	27%	28%	18%	31%	29%	24%
Somewhat Support	34	33	33	29	31	38
Somewhat Oppose	13	15	19	14	8	14
Completely Oppose	9	8	22	6	8	10
Neither Support nor Oppose	17	16	8	20	25	14

School Choice Policies

19a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	19%	18	18%	14%	17%	20%
Somewhat Support	32	34	22	31	30	33
Somewhat Oppose	18	19	27	18	17	18
Completely Oppose	9	10	26	5	8	9
Neither Support nor Oppose	22	20	7	32	27	20

19b. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	16%	14%	11%	18%	14%	17%
Somewhat Support	31	34	31	26	25	33
Somewhat Oppose	13	10	24	13	12	13
Completely Oppose	6	5	17	3	4	6
Neither Support nor Oppose	35	36	18	40	45	31

20. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	20%	24%	15%	27%	29%	17%
Somewhat Support	35	33	28	33	33	36
Somewhat Oppose	14	14	21	10	10	16
Completely Oppose	12	10	25	6	8	14
Neither Support nor Oppose	19	18	10	24	20	18

21a. A proposal has been made that would give all families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	19%	26%	16%	27%	26%	17%
Somewhat Support	27	25	19	31	39	23
Somewhat Oppose	19	16	22	12	8	22
Completely Oppose	17	14	35	6	5	21
Neither Support nor Oppose	18	20	7	24	23	17

21b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	12%	18%	8%	20%	20%	8%
Somewhat Support	22	20	10	22	30	22
Somewhat Oppose	22	17	31	15	11	25
Completely Oppose	27	25	45	10	16	33
Neither Support nor Oppose	16	20	6	33	23	12

21c. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	14%	21%	7%	33%	23%	9%
Somewhat Support	27	24	22	33	36	24
Somewhat Oppose	19	15	22	7	12	23
Completely Oppose	23	28	35	10	17	27
Neither Support nor Oppose	17	13	13	17	13	17

21d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of all students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	11%	13%	8%	28%	14%	6%
Somewhat Support	16	21	11	17	20	16
Somewhat Oppose	20	18	14	20	19	21
Completely Oppose	38	36	59	16	26	45
Neither Support nor Oppose	15	12	8	19	22	12

22. About what share of instructional time in high school do you think students should spend receiving instruction independently through or on a computer?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
None	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%
10%	13	16	22	8	13	14
20%	22	22	29	15	18	24
30%	22	21	22	17	18	23
40%	10	8	8	13	9	10
50%	15	15	7	23	17	14
60%	4	4	3	6	4	3
70%	4	3	2	4	5	3
80%	2	3	1	3	3	2
90%	1	2	0	2	2	1
100%	2	1	0	3	3	2

23. Thinking about the school-age children who currently live with you, what kinds of schools have they attended?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Traditional public school	85%	85%	84%	91%	85%	83%
Charter school	9	9	10	10	11	8
Private school	14	14	22	14	8	18
Home school	6	6	8	7	4	7

Personnel Policies

24a. Suppose you had to grade each teacher in your local schools for the quality of their work using the grades A, B, C, D, and F. What percent of teachers in your local schools would you give each grade? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	27%	33%	38%	28%	32%	25%
B	26	25	28	26	23	28
C	25	22	20	22	23	27
D	12	11	8	14	12	12
F	9	9	6	10	10	9

24b. Suppose you had to grade each teacher across the country for the quality of their work using the grades A, B, C, D, and F. What percent of teachers across the country would you give each grade? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
A	22%	23%	28%	26%	26%	20%
B	25	24	29	22	23	26
C	28	27	24	25	25	29
D	14	14	11	14	15	14
F	11	12	8	13	11	11

25. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
\$	38294	36854	46326	31849	32452	40451

26a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	15%	18%	43%	18%	16%	14%
Increase	48	49	40	62	51	46
Stay About the Same	32	30	15	19	29	34
Decrease	4	3	2	0	4	5
Greatly Decrease	1	0	0	0	0	1

26b. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	9%	9%	33%	12%	14%	7%
Increase	36	36	50	45	36	34
Stay About the Same	48	50	15	40	43	51
Decrease	6	5	0	3	4	7
Greatly Decrease	1	1	2	0	2	1

26c. Do you think taxes to fund public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	9%	10%	24%	7%	17%	7%
Increase	36	37	39	48	32	35
Stay About the Same	45	42	30	41	43	47
Decrease	6	8	3	3	6	7
Greatly Decrease	3	2	4	1	2	4

26d. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think taxes to fund public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Greatly Increase	7%	9%	20%	14%	11%	5%
Increase	25	22	41	22	32	24
Stay About the Same	57	61	37	58	47	60
Decrease	9	6	2	5	7	9
Greatly Decrease	2	2	0	1	3	1

27. Do you favor or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Favor	15%	18%	3%	11%	17%	14%
Somewhat Favor	36	32	16	33	35	38
Somewhat Oppose	21	21	28	25	15	22
Completely Oppose	13	15	47	12	14	13
Neither Favor nor Oppose	16	14	6	20	20	13

28. [Order of pro and con statements randomized] Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. Do you favor or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Strongly Favor	6%	6%	28%	7%	7%	6%
Somewhat Favor	22	21	29	27	23	21
Somewhat Oppose	30	31	25	27	25	32
Strongly Oppose	21	21	9	7	14	25
Neither Favor nor Oppose	21	21	10	31	31	16

29. [Order of pro and con statements randomized] In some states, all teachers must pay fees for union representation even if they choose not to join the union. Some say that all teachers should have to contribute to the union because they all get the pay and benefits the union negotiates with the school board. Others say teachers should have the freedom to choose whether or not to pay the union. Do you support or oppose requiring all teachers to pay these fees even if they do not join the union?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	14%	13%	19%	15%	15%	14%
Somewhat Support	21	19	19	22	22	20
Somewhat Oppose	18	22	20	18	19	18
Completely Oppose	25	25	30	13	15	28
Neither Support nor Oppose	23	22	13	32	29	20

30. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Strongly Positive Effect	7%	6%	22%	8%	8%	7%
Somewhat Positive Effect	23	22	36	31	28	22
Somewhat Negative Effect	23	25	18	16	19	25
Strongly Negative Effect	16	16	8	3	9	20
Neither Positive nor Negative Effect	30	31	17	41	35	27

School Discipline

31a. Do you support or oppose school district policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	8%	9%	9%	17%	13%	5%
Somewhat Support	11	11	9	19	12	9
Somewhat Oppose	18	18	22	16	15	19
Completely Oppose	31	31	35	19	28	36
Neither Support nor Oppose	32	31	25	29	32	31

31b. Do you support or oppose federal policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Completely Support	10%	11%	7%	29%	15%	5%
Somewhat Support	11	12	16	13	17	9
Somewhat Oppose	20	18	25	8	19	22
Completely Oppose	31	35	34	15	25	36
Neither Support nor Oppose	29	24	18	36	25	29

Respondents' Background

32. Apart from weddings and funerals, how often would you say that you attend religious services?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
More than once a week	10%	11%	11%	15%	12%	8%
Once a week	25	30	35	29	24	25
Once a month	8	10	9	9	11	7
A few times a year	25	24	21	24	30	22
Never	33	25	23	23	24	37

33. Would you say that you have been born again or have had a born-again experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Jesus Christ?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Yes	39%	45%	37%	65%	41%	34%
No	61	55	63	35	59	66

34. Are you a member of a union or an employee association similar to a union?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites
Yes, I am currently a member of a union	8%	9%	46%	9%	9%	8%
No, but I previously was a member of a union	20	16	19	21	16	21
No, I have never been a member of a union	72	76	34	70	75	71

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Knowledge About and Evaluations of Schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
A	14	25	23	8	17	14	15	13
B	41	45	46	37	44	41	39	42
C	32	19	25	34	28	33	32	31
D	9	7	6	11	6	8	9	9
Fail	5	4	1	9	5	4	5	5

2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
A	3	6	3	5	9	1	2	3
B	22	28	27	22	37	19	19	25
C	53	48	56	50	40	57	52	54
D	17	15	11	15	10	18	21	14
Fail	5	4	3	8	4	5	7	4

3a. Considering only the amount of time spent on just the five subjects listed below (not counting recess, lunch time, extracurricular activities, and so forth), what percentage of time is spent on each subject at your local schools? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Reading (Mean)	24	24	29	25	24	24	23	24
Math (Mean)	24	25	26	24	26	25	24	25
The arts (Mean)	14	13	11	15	15	13	14	13
History (Mean)	18	17	16	16	16	18	18	17
Science (Mean)	20	19	18	19	18	20	20	20

3b. Considering only the amount of time spent on just the five subjects listed below (not counting recess, lunch time, extracurricular activities, and so forth), what percentage of time should be spent on each subject at your local schools? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Reading (Mean)	25	24	26	27	23	24	25	24
Math (Mean)	24	24	25	24	26	24	25	24
The arts (Mean)	13	14	14	13	13	14	13	14
History (Mean)	17	17	16	17	17	17	17	17
Science (Mean)	20	20	19	18	20	21	21	20

School Spending

4. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
\$	7020	5220	6821	8020	6698	6959	7214	6970

5. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in the United States as a whole?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
\$	8484	6246	8745	11863	9543	7301	8051	8834

6a. According to the most recent information available, \$<INSERT PPS> is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly Increase	10	15	17	11	16	7	5	13
Increase	36	37	43	52	38	32	26	44
Stay about the Same	45	40	35	31	36	50	55	37
Decrease	8	4	4	6	5	9	11	5
Greatly Decrease	2	3	1	0	5	2	3	1

6b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly Increase	16	24	34	32	25	12	10	21
Increase	45	45	41	42	49	46	41	49
Stay about the Same	34	27	21	24	24	36	41	27
Decrease	4	3	2	3	2	5	7	2
Greatly Decrease	1	1	2	0	0	1	2	1

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

7a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly Support	11	12	13	12	16	9	8	13
Somewhat Support	31	30	28	42	30	30	27	35
Somewhat Oppose	19	15	19	17	17	21	19	20
Strongly Oppose	22	28	32	6	12	27	34	12
Neither Support nor Oppose	16	15	8	22	24	13	12	19

7b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly Support	15	14	10	11	20	12	13	16
Somewhat Support	41	43	36	43	38	42	39	42
Somewhat Oppose	18	18	27	9	12	21	20	17
Strongly Oppose	10	12	19	3	7	11	14	7
Neither Support nor Oppose	17	13	7	33	23	13	13	18

Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in each of the following:

8/Part I. Setting educational standards for what students should know.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	39	36	34	30	39	39	40	37
State government	51	49	60	53	45	52	51	51
Local government	11	14	6	16	16	9	9	12

8/Part II. Deciding whether or not a school is failing.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	17	15	17	15	24	15	18	16
State government	62	61	70	60	49	66	65	60
Local government	21	24	14	25	27	19	18	24

8/Part III. Deciding how to fix failing schools.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	18	14	17	19	25	16	19	17
State government	57	55	58	60	49	59	56	58
Local government	25	31	25	21	26	25	25	25

9. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	33	32	15	32	41	31	31	34
Somewhat Support	36	36	34	35	34	38	35	38
Somewhat Oppose	13	15	27	10	8	14	14	12
Completely Oppose	7	9	19	6	5	7	9	5
Neither Support nor Oppose	11	8	5	16	12	10	10	11

10. Some people say that ALL students should take state tests in math and reading. Others say that parents should decide whether or not their children take these tests. Do you support or oppose letting parents decide whether to have their children take state math and reading tests?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	10	19	15	12	15	8	10	10
Somewhat Support	16	18	24	19	17	15	17	15
Somewhat Oppose	24	23	20	20	19	26	25	25
Completely Oppose	36	26	32	27	35	37	35	37
Neither Support nor Oppose	15	13	8	22	15	13	14	14

11. Do you support or oppose using the same standardized tests in every state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	27	28	19	27	32	25	24	30
Somewhat Support	35	33	34	32	33	37	35	36
Somewhat Oppose	14	14	16	7	16	16	16	14
Completely Oppose	9	11	21	13	5	10	11	8
Neither Support nor Oppose	14	14	9	21	14	13	14	13

School Choice Policies

12a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	17	22	13	9	22	18	22	13
Somewhat Support	34	30	29	36	23	36	37	31
Somewhat Oppose	18	15	21	23	16	18	15	21
Completely Oppose	9	10	27	6	9	10	6	12
Neither Support nor Oppose	21	23	11	26	31	18	19	22

12b. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	12	12	11	9	15	11	16	9
Somewhat Support	22	22	16	24	19	23	24	21
Somewhat Oppose	12	11	25	6	5	13	10	13
Completely Oppose	6	6	24	7	6	5	4	8
Neither Support nor Oppose	49	49	25	54	54	47	46	49

13. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	20	27	15	32	30	15	18	22
Somewhat Support	33	33	27	32	32	34	32	35
Somewhat Oppose	16	13	20	11	12	18	19	15
Completely Oppose	13	12	28	6	7	15	15	11
Neither Support nor Oppose	18	16	10	19	18	17	17	17

14a. A proposal has been made that would give all families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	15	31	11	23	12	13	18
Somewhat Support	29	29	23	35	30	28	31
Somewhat Oppose	21	16	20	15	24	22	21
Completely Oppose	23	15	36	9	26	27	18
Neither Support nor Oppose	12	9	10	18	9	10	13

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

14b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	11	17	10	21	7	8	12
Somewhat Support	20	20	10	25	19	17	22
Somewhat Oppose	25	18	25	25	25	23	27
Completely Oppose	30	27	48	18	34	39	25
Neither Support nor Oppose	14	17	7	10	15	12	15

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

14c. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	15	24	12	32	8	12	17
Somewhat Support	22	23	16	22	19	19	25
Somewhat Oppose	25	17	22	20	29	25	25
Completely Oppose	23	23	44	9	29	29	19
Neither Support nor Oppose	15	13	6	16	14	15	14

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

14d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of all students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	9	16	5	19	6	8	10
Somewhat Support	20	19	13	30	16	18	22
Somewhat Oppose	24	20	21	19	26	21	26
Completely Oppose	33	33	57	16	40	42	28
Neither Support nor Oppose	14	12	5	16	13	11	14

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

15a. About what share of instructional time in high school do you think students should spend receiving instruction independently through or on a computer?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
None	8	8	8	4	8	9	10	6
10%	15	14	23	9	8	17	17	13
20%	23	27	27	21	20	24	23	23
30%	21	20	23	20	18	21	21	23
40%	9	8	8	7	11	8	7	10
50%	14	12	5	23	16	13	11	15
60%	4	3	2	11	4	3	5	4
70%	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	3
80%	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2
90%	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
100%	3	3	1	3	10	1	3	2

15b. About what share of time in high school do you think students should spend learning independently through or on a computer?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
None	7	4	7	4	10	7	8	6
10%	16	18	19	7	16	17	16	16
20%	23	23	27	22	15	24	24	22
30%	22	21	27	24	17	23	24	21
40%	9	8	9	6	11	9	8	10
50%	11	15	6	22	14	9	10	12
60%	4	5	2	4	2	4	4	4
70%	4	3	3	2	8	3	3	4
80%	2	2	2	5	2	2	2	3
90%	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1
100%	1	2	0	2	3	1	0	2

Personnel Policies

16. Suppose you had to evaluate each teacher in your local schools for the quality of their work. What percent of teachers in your local schools would you put in each category? Your answers should add to 100%.

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Excellent (Mean)	26	32	34	27	30	25	26	26
Good (Mean)	33	32	35	30	32	34	33	33
Satisfactory (Mean)	26	22	21	24	23	27	27	26
Unsatisfactory (Mean)	15	13	10	18	15	14	14	15

17. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
\$	39797	36322	46181	34525	33749	41629	42190	38346

18a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly Increase	18	20	42	20	14	12	21
Increase	47	47	47	43	45	40	54
Stay about the Same	30	29	10	34	34	38	23
Decrease	4	3	1	3	5	7	1
Greatly Decrease	1	1	0	0	2	2	0

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

18b. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly Increase	9	15	34	19	6	6	11
Increase	33	34	45	27	31	26	38
Stay about the Same	50	46	20	44	56	57	45
Decrease	7	3	1	9	7	10	5
Greatly Decrease	1	2	0	0	1	1	1

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18c. Do you think taxes to fund public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly Increase	7	7	22	9	6	4	9
Increase	37	35	44	50	34	29	45
Stay about the Same	46	46	31	31	50	57	37
Decrease	7	9	2	6	8	8	7
Greatly Decrease	2	3	1	4	2	2	2

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

18d. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think taxes to fund public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly Increase	6	7	25	6	6	4	7
Increase	29	34	43	31	26	24	33
Stay about the Same	54	48	27	52	57	56	53
Decrease	7	8	5	5	9	12	4
Greatly Decrease	4	3	0	7	2	5	3

**Note: Data not available for African Americans due to sample size.*

19. Do you favor or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Favor	15	16	3	13	18	15	17	14
Somewhat Favor	37	37	16	32	36	39	40	36
Somewhat Oppose	21	22	28	19	18	22	20	23
Completely Oppose	14	13	49	15	13	14	13	15
Neither Favor nor Oppose	13	12	4	20	15	10	10	13

20. [Order of pro/con arguments randomized] Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. Do you favor or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly Favor	6	7	29	7	9	5	4	8
Somewhat Favor	21	24	32	23	24	21	17	26
Somewhat Oppose	32	31	18	33	29	33	32	32
Strongly Oppose	22	18	13	7	14	26	31	14
Neither Favor nor Oppose	19	20	9	29	24	15	16	20

21. [Order of pro/con arguments randomized] In some states, all teachers must pay fees for union representation even if they choose not to join the union. Some say that all teachers should have to contribute to the union because they all get the pay and benefits the union negotiates with the school board. Others say teachers should have the freedom to choose whether or not to pay the union. Do you support or oppose requiring all teachers to pay these fees even if they do not join the union?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	17	15	23	20	18	17	11	23
Somewhat Support	17	17	19	13	19	18	14	20
Somewhat Oppose	18	19	20	19	18	18	17	19
Completely Oppose	26	27	27	16	19	29	39	16
Neither Support nor Oppose	21	21	11	32	26	19	18	22

22. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive	9	10	26	8	10	9	5	13
Somewhat positive	23	23	34	26	29	21	16	29
Somewhat negative	17	14	12	13	17	18	20	15
Strongly negative	16	15	7	7	11	18	27	7
Neither positive nor negative	35	38	21	46	34	34	33	35

School Discipline

23a. Do you support or oppose school district policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	8	8	10	13	17	5	6	9
Somewhat Support	12	11	14	16	19	10	9	15
Somewhat Oppose	18	19	23	14	11	20	17	20
Completely Oppose	33	38	35	17	25	36	44	24
Neither Support nor Oppose	29	25	18	40	28	28	25	31

23b. Do you support or oppose federal policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	Public	Parents	Teachers	African Americans	Hispanics	Whites	Republicans	Democrats
Completely Support	9	9	8	26	9	6	4	13
Somewhat Support	12	11	14	12	18	10	7	16
Somewhat Oppose	21	21	23	18	19	21	19	22
Completely Oppose	34	35	35	22	22	39	47	23
Neither Support nor Oppose	25	23	19	22	31	24	23	26

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 For questions with “a,” “b,” “c,” and “d” versions, a random fourth of the respondents were assigned version “a,” “b,” “c,” or “d.”

“Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.
 The abbreviation “HH” refers to household income.
 Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Sample size	4214	2170	669	805	262	2896	1439	1457	1367	1529	1904	2149

Grading Schools

1. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	14	19	22	15	11	13	11	16	11	18	15	13
B	40	43	44	40	34	42	38	46	39	46	39	42
C	33	24	24	33	39	32	37	28	35	26	32	34
D	8	8	7	9	11	7	8	6	7	8	7	8
F	5	5	2	3	5	5	6	4	7	2	6	3

2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	2	3	1	6	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	3
B	21	24	31	33	25	17	17	17	16	19	18	25
C	54	53	54	44	51	58	56	60	58	58	53	55
D	17	16	11	14	15	18	18	18	18	18	20	13
Fail	6	5	3	3	5	6	7	5	7	4	8	4

School Spending

3. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	8,877	7,485	8,447	6,496	9,190	9,201	8,144	10,288	8,617	10,367	9,223	8,612
Actual (Average among sample)	12,899	12,813	13,095	12,895	13,505	12,894	12,420	13,383	12,622	13,442	12,351	13,310
Difference	-4,022	-5,328	-4,648	-6,398	-4,315	-3,693	-4,276	-3,096	-4,006	-3,075	-3,127	-4,698

* Source for actual numbers: 2013-14 school year, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data

4. How sure are you that your answer is close to correct?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
1 Very unsure	35	34	17	36	36	35	40	29	38	28	35	35
2	14	12	10	11	9	15	14	17	14	18	14	14
3	13	12	12	12	11	13	12	13	13	13	12	13
4	20	19	25	17	26	19	20	19	19	19	20	20
5	12	13	23	13	9	12	9	14	10	15	12	12
6	5	6	10	5	8	4	3	5	4	5	5	4
7 Very sure	2	4	3	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3

5a. According to the most recent information available, \$<INSERT PPS> is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	10	15	18	12	19	7	9	6	8	7	5	14
Increase	29	37	40	33	37	29	29	29	27	34	22	35
Stay about the same	49	40	36	39	39	51	49	53	53	47	55	43
Decrease	10	6	5	13	3	11	11	10	11	11	14	6
Greatly decrease	2	3	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1

5b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	15	21	31	23	22	13	14	11	11	15	7	21
Increase	39	45	42	40	47	36	36	37	35	40	33	43
Stay about the same	40	30	24	32	27	44	44	44	47	38	50	33
Decrease	4	3	3	2	5	5	4	6	4	5	6	2
Greatly decrease	2	1	0	3	0	2	3	2	3	2	3	1

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

6a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	12	17	15	11	11	10	10	11	9	15
Somewhat support	29	26	29	38	25	25	25	24	26	23	34
Somewhat oppose	17	16	15	13	19	17	21	17	22	17	17
Strongly oppose	21	28	29	8	27	28	26	29	24	34	11
Neither support nor oppose	20	18	10	27	18	19	17	19	17	17	23

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

6b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	16	13	18	19	20	19	20	17	23	17
Somewhat support	42	41	32	37	45	41	48	45	44	41	44
Somewhat oppose	14	18	28	15	16	16	16	15	19	15	12
Strongly oppose	5	8	15	4	5	4	7	4	8	6	5
Neither support nor oppose	19	18	12	27	15	20	10	16	12	15	21

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

6c. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. President Donald Trump has expressed opposition to the Common Core. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	14	12	10	13	11	12	10	12	11	9	19
Somewhat support	23	22	24	26	21	22	20	21	22	18	27
Somewhat oppose	16	17	27	21	15	11	19	11	23	17	16
Strongly oppose	26	27	29	12	33	32	34	35	27	39	14
Neither support nor oppose	22	22	11	28	20	23	17	22	17	17	24

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

7. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	30	30	14	38	36	26	29	22	27	22	27	32
Somewhat support	33	32	30	29	33	36	34	39	36	35	35	34
Somewhat oppose	15	16	29	14	12	16	15	18	15	19	16	15
Strongly oppose	9	11	24	5	5	10	9	12	8	16	11	8
Neither support nor oppose	12	10	4	14	14	12	14	9	14	8	11	11

8. Some people say that ALL students should take state tests in math and reading. Others say that parents should decide whether or not their children take these tests. Do you support or oppose letting parents decide whether to have their children take state math and reading tests?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	8	13	13	13	10	7	9	5	8	5	9	7
Somewhat support	16	19	19	18	25	14	14	15	14	14	15	17
Somewhat oppose	23	24	26	20	18	25	25	25	24	27	26	22
Strongly oppose	39	30	32	38	24	42	38	45	39	48	37	41
Neither support nor oppose	13	13	10	11	22	12	14	10	15	6	13	13

Federalism

9a. Some states have laws allowing the state to take control of local school districts where academic performance has been low for several years. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	22	24	10	26	25	19	17	22	19	20	26	19
Somewhat support	48	47	40	44	37	51	49	53	49	54	49	48
Somewhat oppose	11	11	24	13	17	10	9	11	9	12	8	14
Strongly oppose	5	5	18	3	4	6	6	5	6	5	5	4
Neither support nor oppose	15	13	8	14	17	15	19	10	18	9	12	15

9b. Some states have laws allowing the state to take control of local school districts where there is evidence of financial mismanagement. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	32	30	22	37	32	32	32	32	33	29	33	31
Somewhat support	45	45	51	40	32	46	42	51	42	56	44	46
Somewhat oppose	7	9	13	7	14	6	8	5	7	6	7	7
Strongly oppose	3	3	8	5	1	3	4	2	3	3	4	3
Neither support nor oppose	13	13	7	12	21	12	15	10	15	7	12	13

10a. Based on your best guess, what level of government currently plays the biggest role in each of the following:

10a/Part I. Setting educational standards for what students should know.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	38	39	38	43	29	38	39	37	36	43	37	39
State government	51	50	54	44	59	52	49	56	54	49	52	51
Local government	11	11	9	13	13	10	12	7	11	9	11	10

10a/Part II. Deciding whether or not a school is failing.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	16	15	14	18	9	16	18	15	15	19	18	14
State government	61	58	68	50	58	64	62	68	65	64	63	60
Local government	23	27	18	32	33	19	21	17	20	17	19	26

10a/Part III. Deciding how to fix failing schools.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	17	19	16	23	12	16	19	14	17	15	20	15
State government	58	53	57	48	64	60	58	62	60	59	57	60
Local government	25	28	27	29	24	24	24	24	23	26	23	25

10b. What level of government should play the biggest role in each of the following:

10b/Part I. Setting educational standards for what students should know.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	36	39	36	41	32	35	33	36	32	40	28	42
State government	45	45	48	37	41	48	45	51	50	45	50	42
Local government	19	16	17	22	27	17	22	13	18	15	22	16

10b/Part II. Deciding whether or not a school is failing.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	13	16	7	18	12	12	12	12	13	10	10	15
State government	49	49	52	44	41	53	49	56	51	55	53	47
Local government	38	35	41	39	46	35	39	32	36	35	37	38

10b/Part III. Deciding how to fix failing schools.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Federal government	16	18	14	25	17	14	12	15	16	9	11	19
State government	48	48	44	45	43	50	52	49	51	49	49	47
Local government	37	34	42	30	40	36	36	36	33	42	40	34

School Choice Policies

11a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	13	11	11	9	12	12	12	11	15	17	8
Somewhat support	27	31	29	27	28	28	23	32	26	32	31	26
Somewhat oppose	21	21	21	20	19	22	23	22	22	24	19	23
Strongly oppose	15	12	30	13	9	15	12	18	13	18	11	17
Neither support nor oppose	25	23	9	28	35	23	30	16	29	11	22	26

11b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. President Donald Trump has expressed support for charter schools. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	15	17	13	11	7	17	17	18	18	17	26	6
Somewhat support	30	32	23	26	31	32	29	34	33	29	36	25
Somewhat oppose	18	16	19	14	11	19	17	22	18	22	11	24
Strongly oppose	15	12	34	15	19	13	14	13	10	20	7	22
Neither support nor oppose	23	24	12	35	31	18	23	14	22	11	19	24

12a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	27	15	29	32	15	15	15	14	17	20	18
Somewhat support	35	34	33	34	29	37	37	36	37	36	36	36
Somewhat oppose	13	11	19	9	11	13	12	15	12	16	13	13
Strongly oppose	12	12	21	8	6	14	12	16	12	17	12	12
Neither support nor oppose	21	16	12	20	23	21	24	19	26	13	19	21

12b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. President Donald Trump has expressed support for this idea. Would you support or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	20	15	21	23	17	17	17	18	15	24	15
Somewhat support	36	37	33	33	29	40	39	40	40	39	42	32
Somewhat oppose	13	12	13	11	11	14	12	15	12	18	10	15
Strongly oppose	11	12	29	13	10	10	8	12	8	14	7	14
Neither support nor oppose	21	19	10	23	28	20	24	15	23	14	17	23

13a. A proposal has been made that would give all families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	18	27	16	20	17	18	16	19	13	25	12
Somewhat support	27	25	24	29	28	30	26	33	20	29	28
Somewhat oppose	17	14	16	11	20	15	25	16	26	16	18
Strongly oppose	20	17	43	14	22	21	22	18	29	17	23
Neither support nor oppose	18	16	0	26	13	16	11	14	12	13	19

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

13b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low-income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	16	20	15	30	10	11	10	12	7	10	19
Somewhat support	21	22	20	18	20	21	19	19	21	22	21
Somewhat oppose	19	18	23	17	21	19	24	17	29	19	20
Strongly oppose	29	26	36	18	34	31	38	35	32	39	24
Neither support nor oppose	15	14	6	18	15	19	10	17	11	10	16

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

13c. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	16	24	9	25	14	16	11	15	11	17	15
Somewhat support	26	27	17	29	23	23	23	23	23	24	29
Somewhat oppose	16	13	19	11	18	15	20	15	23	14	18
Strongly oppose	25	22	44	19	29	25	33	27	35	28	22
Neither support nor oppose	17	15	10	17	16	20	13	20	9	17	16

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

13d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of all students who choose to attend private schools. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	9	15	6	14	7	8	7	8	7	10	9
Somewhat support	18	19	12	24	14	13	14	15	12	19	19
Somewhat oppose	19	14	17	15	21	23	19	22	18	13	25
Strongly oppose	37	36	60	25	43	34	52	38	54	42	31
Neither support nor oppose	16	16	5	22	15	23	8	18	10	16	15

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

14. Do you support or oppose allowing parents to educate their children at home instead of sending them to school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	25	19	11	14	22	24	21	23	20	27	12
Somewhat support	26	26	29	18	30	28	26	30	27	30	29	25
Somewhat oppose	21	17	24	22	19	21	19	23	21	22	18	25
Strongly oppose	13	12	14	28	8	9	10	9	8	11	8	16
Neither support nor oppose	21	20	13	21	29	19	21	17	20	17	19	22

15a. Do you support or oppose requiring parents to receive approval from their local school district if they want to homeschool their children?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	26	18	32	26	26	26	25	27	26	25	21	31
Somewhat support	27	28	27	22	21	29	25	33	27	32	27	29
Somewhat oppose	13	14	17	11	13	14	15	13	14	16	15	12
Strongly oppose	16	22	13	17	18	16	18	15	16	16	21	11
Neither support nor oppose	18	18	11	24	23	15	18	13	17	11	16	18

15b. Do you support or oppose requiring parents to notify their local school district if they want to homeschool their children?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	42	37	58	33	26	45	42	48	43	50	44	41
Somewhat support	31	31	27	26	40	31	30	33	31	32	30	32
Somewhat oppose	7	9	3	10	12	5	6	5	6	5	7	7
Strongly oppose	6	6	3	15	1	4	5	2	5	2	6	6
Neither support nor oppose	14	17	9	16	19	14	17	11	16	11	13	13

16. If parents do not send their children to public school, some state governments provide those parents with money they can spend only for educational expenses, such as private school tuition, tutoring and transportation. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	14	21	13	15	24	12	12	13	13	12	17	12
Somewhat support	23	24	20	22	26	23	24	23	24	21	25	22
Somewhat oppose	20	19	17	18	18	20	20	20	18	23	17	23
Strongly oppose	26	22	44	22	14	29	26	32	26	35	26	27
Neither support nor oppose	17	14	7	22	18	16	19	12	19	9	14	17

Digital Learning

17. Would having students spend more class time using computers or other digital devices have a generally positive effect on student learning, or would it have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	10	11	7	12	13	9	10	8	10	9	8	12
Somewhat positive effect	34	35	35	35	38	33	30	35	31	37	31	37
Somewhat negative effect	26	26	29	24	20	28	27	30	30	26	31	23
Strongly negative effect	9	9	13	12	6	9	9	8	10	6	10	8
Neither positive nor negative effect	21	18	16	17	23	21	23	18	20	22	20	21

18a. Do you support or oppose high schools in your community allowing students to use their own smart phones in the classroom for educational purposes?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	5	8	12	7	4	4	5	4	4	5	3	7
Somewhat support	21	25	32	22	20	21	22	21	20	24	18	24
Somewhat oppose	27	22	25	29	24	27	23	30	25	31	27	29
Strongly oppose	33	32	25	30	27	35	35	35	37	32	41	26
Neither support nor oppose	14	13	5	11	25	12	15	9	15	8	11	15

18b. Do you support or oppose high schools in your community providing students with laptop computers to use in the classroom for educational purposes?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	30	39	45	42	43	26	23	29	25	29	23	37
Somewhat support	38	38	38	29	28	42	41	44	41	45	41	37
Somewhat oppose	12	11	8	11	9	12	11	12	12	10	15	9
Strongly oppose	7	4	5	7	5	7	8	5	7	4	8	5
Neither support nor oppose	13	8	4	11	16	13	17	9	14	12	13	12

19. Typically, high school students are required to complete 24 courses in order to graduate. How many of these courses should a high school student be allowed to take for credit online? Please enter a number from 0 to 24.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	9	9	7	12	10	8	9	7	9	6	8	9

20a. If students fail a course in a public high school, should they be allowed to retake the course online, or do you think they should be required to retake the course from teachers at their school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Should be allowed to retake the course online	40	48	47	36	47	38	41	36	37	41	35	44
Should be required to retake the course from teachers at their school	60	52	53	64	53	62	59	64	63	59	65	56

20b. If a school does not offer an advanced course for college credit, should students be allowed to take the course online, or do you think students should be required to take all their courses from teachers at their school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Should be allowed to take the course online	77	82	83	64	71	81	80	81	79	83	78	76
Should be required to take all their courses from teachers at their school	23	18	17	36	29	19	20	19	21	17	22	24

Personnel Policies

21. Suppose you had to evaluate each teacher in your local schools for the quality of their work. What percent of teachers in your local schools would you put in each category? Your answers should add to 100%.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Excellent (Mean)	25	30	33	29	27	24	24	24	24	25	24	26
Good (Mean)	33	33	35	34	29	33	32	35	32	34	32	34
Satisfactory (Mean)	28	23	21	23	29	28	28	28	28	28	28	27
Unsatisfactory (Mean)	15	14	11	14	16	15	16	13	16	13	16	13

22. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	40,587	39,492	46,931	34,238	33,285	42,644	38,167	47,255	40,532	46,878	42,442	38,906
Actual (Average among sample)	58,258	58,313	59,237	61,314	56,723	57,693	56,376	59,053	57,127	58,836	56,982	59,238
Difference	-17,672	-18,821	-12,306	-27,076	-23,439	-15,049	-18,209	-11,798	-16,595	-11,958	-14,540	-20,331

* Source for actual numbers: 2015-16 school year, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics

23. How sure are you that your answer is close to correct?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
1 Very unsure	18	19	4	23	21	16	20	12	19	11	17	18
2	12	10	4	9	9	13	13	12	14	11	11	12
3	18	16	12	16	16	19	18	19	18	20	17	19
4	27	24	23	24	28	27	26	28	28	26	28	25
5	18	21	32	17	16	18	16	19	15	23	18	18
6	7	8	19	8	7	6	5	7	5	8	7	7
7 Very sure	2	3	5	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	2

24a. As it turns out, public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	6	10	31	5	13	6	5	7	3	10	4	8
Increase	30	32	40	35	42	28	27	30	24	37	23	37
Stay about the same	56	52	28	56	44	57	56	57	62	47	62	51
Decrease	6	5	2	3	2	8	10	5	9	5	9	3
Greatly decrease	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	0

24b. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	14	19	37	14	26	12	13	11	11	13	9	18
Increase	47	51	46	57	44	45	42	48	42	50	41	52
Stay about the same	34	26	15	25	26	38	40	36	40	33	43	27
Decrease	4	3	1	3	3	4	4	4	5	3	5	3
Greatly decrease	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1

25. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons./Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers.] Do you support or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	7	8	29	9	7	7	6	7	5	10	4	9
Somewhat support	26	26	32	30	36	23	24	22	22	26	20	32
Somewhat oppose	30	30	18	26	25	31	29	34	31	32	31	29
Strongly oppose	20	19	13	14	9	23	21	26	23	23	30	12
Neither support nor oppose	17	16	8	22	24	15	19	11	19	8	14	18

26. In some states, all teachers must pay fees for union representation even if they choose not to join the union. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some say that all teachers should have to contribute to the union because they all get the pay and benefits the union negotiates with the school board./Others say teachers should have the freedom to choose whether or not to pay the union.] Do you support or oppose requiring all teachers to pay these fees even if they do not join the union?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	14	13	19	12	15	14	13	15	14	14	9	18
Somewhat support	23	22	25	25	24	22	22	22	22	22	17	28
Somewhat oppose	19	21	20	21	23	18	19	17	17	19	17	20
Strongly oppose	26	25	27	19	12	30	27	32	27	34	41	14
Neither support nor oppose	19	20	8	24	26	17	18	15	20	11	16	20

27. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	7	8	26	9	6	7	7	8	6	10	3	11
Somewhat positive effect	30	28	38	36	39	27	27	26	26	28	20	39
Somewhat negative effect	21	24	16	16	16	24	22	26	23	27	27	16
Strongly negative effect	16	13	6	10	6	18	16	21	18	19	28	5
Neither positive nor negative effect	26	27	14	29	33	24	28	20	28	16	22	28

28a. Do you support or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	13	14	2	11	10	13	14	13	16	9	19	9
Somewhat support	33	31	13	28	24	35	33	36	35	33	35	31
Somewhat oppose	22	21	23	19	29	22	20	24	21	25	18	25
Strongly oppose	16	20	55	24	16	14	13	15	10	24	12	20
Neither support nor oppose	16	14	6	18	21	16	20	12	19	9	15	16

28b. President Donald Trump has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries on how much their students learn. Do you support or oppose this policy?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	10	3	15	2	13	15	10	15	8	20	6
Somewhat support	27	26	8	23	26	29	24	34	31	24	34	20
Somewhat oppose	20	23	15	19	16	20	20	20	17	26	18	22
Strongly oppose	24	26	69	26	33	22	22	22	18	30	10	35
Neither support nor oppose	17	14	5	18	22	17	19	14	19	13	18	17

Immigration

29a. Some people say that children who are not proficient in speaking English should initially be placed in English-speaking classrooms. Others say these children should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their primary language? Which comes closest to your view?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Should initially be placed in English-speaking classrooms	68	66	60	59	71	70	74	66	75	60	80	57
Should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their native language	32	34	40	41	29	30	26	34	25	40	20	43

29b. Some people say that immigrant children who are not proficient in speaking English should initially be placed in English-speaking classrooms. Others say these children should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their primary language? Which comes closest to your view?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Should initially be placed in English-speaking classrooms	68	62	56	54	57	72	70	73	76	63	78	59
Should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their native language	32	38	44	46	43	28	30	27	24	37	22	41

30. Do you support or oppose the federal government providing additional money to school districts with large numbers of immigrant children?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	15	19	23	41	15	9	9	9	5	16	5	24
Somewhat support	23	24	36	21	31	22	19	26	19	29	15	30
Somewhat oppose	18	18	16	12	17	21	20	21	22	19	24	14
Strongly oppose	24	20	14	10	10	30	30	30	35	21	41	10
Neither support nor oppose	19	18	11	17	28	18	22	14	20	16	14	21

31. Currently, the U.S. government provides up to 85,000 visas each year to highly-educated immigrants identified by American businesses for employment in the United States. Some say that these visas are necessary for filling vital jobs. Others say they take jobs away from American college graduates. Should the number of these visas be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	5	7	4	13	4	3	4	2	2	5	3	7
Increase	10	11	7	18	14	7	5	9	4	13	5	14
Stay about the same	43	45	56	49	49	39	37	42	37	45	34	49
Decrease	31	28	28	15	26	37	38	36	41	29	43	23
Greatly decrease	11	9	6	4	7	14	16	11	17	8	15	7

Religious Clubs

32a. Do you support or oppose allowing a group of religious students to organize an after-school club at your local public school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	30	32	43	23	33	32	35	35	30	40	22
Somewhat support	25	31	20	21	26	27	26	27	26	25	25
Somewhat oppose	13	9	10	19	9	7	11	8	11	7	17
Strongly oppose	10	8	7	12	9	9	10	8	13	6	14
Neither support nor oppose	23	20	19	25	22	26	19	23	20	21	23

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

32b. Do you support or oppose allowing a group of Evangelical students to organize an after-school club at your local public school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	25	31	35	21	27	22	32	24	32	38	15
Somewhat support	23	21	26	27	21	20	23	18	28	22	24
Somewhat oppose	10	8	9	10	9	11	7	10	8	6	13
Strongly oppose	11	7	7	8	11	11	10	10	12	5	16
Neither support nor oppose	31	33	23	34	32	35	28	37	20	29	32

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

32c. Do you support or oppose allowing a group of Muslim students to organize an after-school club at your local public school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	22	24	32	23	22	16	29	14	39	12	30
Somewhat support	23	23	29	22	24	23	25	23	26	21	25
Somewhat oppose	11	11	8	11	10	12	9	11	8	14	9
Strongly oppose	15	11	6	7	19	21	17	25	7	28	6
Neither support nor oppose	28	30	25	37	24	29	19	26	19	25	30

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

32d. Do you support or oppose allowing a group of atheist students to organize an after-school club at your local public school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	17	22	19	10	20	18	22	15	30	12	22
Somewhat support	20	16	18	20	19	18	22	17	24	19	22
Somewhat oppose	10	10	9	10	10	9	12	13	5	11	9
Strongly oppose	22	21	20	24	20	22	17	25	10	26	18
Neither support nor oppose	31	31	35	36	30	33	27	30	31	33	30

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

Pre-Kindergarten

33a. Do you think that salaries of teachers at publicly-funded pre-school programs should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	10	13	29	11	8	9	8	7	11	7	12
Increase	49	56	44	60	46	43	50	42	55	40	57
Stay about the same	37	28	26	25	41	44	39	46	31	47	28
Decrease	4	2	0	3	3	3	3	4	2	5	2
Greatly decrease	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

33b. [WITH PRE-K TEACHER SALARY INFO ONLY] Do you think that salaries of teachers at publicly-funded pre-school programs should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	16	24	31	20	12	13	12	10	17	8	23
Increase	50	54	54	56	49	46	52	49	50	43	55
Stay about the same	31	20	15	21	36	37	35	38	31	44	21
Decrease	2	2	0	0	2	3	1	2	2	3	0
Greatly decrease	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

33c. [PRE-K & ELEMENTARY TEACHER SALARY INFO] Do you think that salaries of teachers at publicly-funded pre-school programs should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	14	16	33	14	13	12	14	13	14	8	19
Increase	50	53	50	56	46	46	46	43	53	47	54
Stay about the same	31	30	16	26	35	35	36	38	31	40	23
Decrease	4	1	0	1	4	5	3	6	2	4	3
Greatly decrease	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	2	0

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

34a. Do you support or oppose requiring students in publicly funded pre-school programs to take state tests of early reading and math skills?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	20	19	8	27	33	16	15	17	18	12	19	20
Somewhat support	29	29	26	29	25	31	29	33	31	30	28	30
Somewhat oppose	20	17	19	16	19	22	20	23	19	27	20	21
Strongly oppose	14	19	38	10	11	15	16	14	13	19	15	13
Neither support nor oppose	18	16	10	18	12	17	20	13	19	13	18	17

34b. Do you support or oppose requiring students in publicly funded pre-school programs to take state tests of early reading and math skills in order to hold preschool programs accountable for their performance?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	21	21	9	33	15	17	21	13	21	11	21	22
Somewhat support	30	31	21	28	31	32	30	35	33	31	29	31
Somewhat oppose	17	18	20	13	16	18	17	19	16	22	18	17
Strongly oppose	14	17	39	11	8	15	13	19	10	25	14	14
Neither support nor oppose	18	14	10	16	29	17	19	14	19	11	18	17

Higher Education

35a. If you had a child of college-going age, would you want your child to go to a community college to earn a two-year degree, a university to earn a four-year degree, or neither?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Community college to earn a two-year degree	22	13	14	24	23	30	15	30	8	31	16
University to earn a four year degree	67	80	82	61	68	56	80	57	88	57	75
Neither	11	8	4	15	9	14	5	13	3	12	9

* For parents, this question included the phrase, "Thinking about your oldest child under the age of 18 ..." rather than the phrase, "If you had a child of college going age ...".

† Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

35b. On average, students completing a four-year degree earn \$61,400 each year over the course of their working lives, while those completing a two-year degree earn \$46,000 each year over the course of their working lives. If you had a child of college-going age, would you want your child to go to a community college to earn a two-year degree, a university to earn a four-year degree, or neither?†

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Community college to earn a two-year degree	12	10	7	18	13	16	9	17	4	15	11
University to earn a four year degree	75	83	89	74	73	65	81	63	93	70	79
Neither	13	8	4	9	14	18	10	20	2	16	11

* For parents, this question included the phrase, "Thinking about your oldest child under the age of 18 ..." rather than the phrase, "If you had a child of college going age ...".

† Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

35c. On average, it costs \$14,210 per year to complete a four-year degree at an in-state public university, while it costs \$7,620 per year to complete a two-year degree at a local community college. These are average costs (including tuition, fees, and room and board) after deducting the amount that students typically receive in scholarships and grants. If you had a child of college-going age, would you want your child to go to a community college to earn a two-year degree, a university to earn a four-year degree, or neither?†

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Community college to earn a two-year degree	26	20	23	26	28	31	24	35	13	27	26
University to earn a four year degree	60	70	76	61	59	48	70	46	84	60	63
Neither	14	10	0	13	14	21	6	19	3	13	11

* For parents, this question included the phrase, "Thinking about your oldest child under the age of 18 ..." rather than the phrase, "If you had a child of college going age ...".

† Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

35d. On average, students completing a four-year degree earn \$61,400 each year over the course of their working lives, while those completing a two-year degree earn \$46,000 each year over the course of their working lives. On average, it costs \$14,210 per year to complete a four-year degree at an in-state public university, while it costs \$7,620 per year to complete a two-year degree at a local community college. These are average costs (including tuition, fees, and room and board) after deducting the amount that students typically receive in scholarships and grants. If you had a child of college-going age, would you want your child to go to a community college to earn a two-year degree, a university to earn a four-year degree, or neither?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Community college to earn a two-year degree	22	15	10	12	23	31	14	29	10	24	19
University to earn a four year degree	66	75	83	72	65	52	79	54	87	66	66
Neither	13	10	8	16	13	17	7	17	3	10	15

* For parents, this question included the phrase, "Thinking about your oldest child under the age of 18 ..." rather than the phrase, "If you had a child of college going age ...".

† Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

36a. Which comes closer to your view about evaluating professors for employment at a college or university?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A professor's racial and ethnic background should be considered to help promote racial and ethnic diversity among college faculty, even if that means hiring some minority professors who otherwise would not be hired.	19	23	18	33	12	13	10	10	14	6	28
Professors should be hired solely on the basis of merit, even if that results in few minority professors being hired.	81	77	82	67	89	87	90	90	86	94	72

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

36b. Which comes closer to your view about evaluating professors for employment at a college or university?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A professor's gender should be considered to help promote gender diversity among college faculty, even if that means hiring some female professors who otherwise would not be hired.	14	17	13	16	10	9	10	8	14	5	21
Professors should be hired solely on the basis of merit, even if that results in few female professors being hired.	87	83	87	84	90	91	90	92	86	95	79

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

36c. Which comes closer to your view about evaluating professors for employment at a college or university?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A professor's political opinions should be considered to help promote political diversity among college faculty, even if that means hiring some conservative professors who otherwise would not be hired.	25	22	11	27	21	25	18	27	11	30	21
Professors should be hired solely on the basis of merit, even if that results in few conservative professors being hired.	75	78	89	73	79	75	82	73	89	70	79

* Data not available for Black, Non-Hispanic respondents due to sample size.

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For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see Public Support Climbs for Teacher Pay, School Expenditures, Charter Schools, and Universal Vouchers: Results from the 2018 *EdNext* Poll by Albert Cheng, Michael Henderson, Paul E. Peterson, and Martin R. West available at <https://educationnext.org/>.
Michael B. Henderson is the *Education Next*-PEPG survey director.

For questions with both “a” and “b” versions, a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.
For questions with both “a”, “b”, “c” and “d” versions, a random fourth of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b”, “c” or “d”.
“Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.
The abbreviation “HH” refers to household income.
Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Sample size	4,601	2,129	641	228	195	799	624	2,929	1,391	1,538	1,332	1,597	1,930	2,474

Evaluating schools, police, and post offices

1. Next, we would like to ask you about K-12 education topics. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	13	18	22	33	18	15	11	12	8	16	10	17	12	14
B	38	38	45	44	48	41	28	39	37	42	37	43	38	39
C	34	30	23	14	25	31	39	33	39	28	37	28	32	35
D	10	7	7	7	7	9	10	10	10	10	11	8	12	7
Fail	5	5	3	2	2	4	12	5	7	3	5	4	5	5

2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	3	3	2	1	2	6	6	1	2	1	2	1	1	3
B	21	24	31	36	37	28	20	19	17	21	18	22	18	25
C	52	51	49	52	46	48	47	55	53	57	54	57	52	53
D	17	17	14	7	11	13	16	18	20	17	20	16	21	13
Fail	7	6	3	4	3	5	11	6	8	4	7	4	7	5

3. Do you think the elementary and secondary schools in the United States are better, worse or about the same as those in other similarly developed countries?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A lot better	7	7	4	5	4	11	9	6	7	4	7	3	6	8
Somewhat better	17	19	19	16	30	22	18	16	17	15	18	12	19	15
About the same	23	22	27	30	21	24	25	24	24	23	23	24	21	24
Somewhat worse	43	41	41	42	37	34	36	46	42	50	43	51	43	43
About the same	10	11	8	7	8	9	12	9	10	8	8	11	10	10

4. How about the post offices in your local community? What grade would you give the post offices here?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	22	24	28	31	27	24	19	22	22	23	21	24	21	23
B	46	46	47	46	44	45	41	47	46	48	46	49	47	46
C	23	20	17	14	19	24	26	21	21	21	22	19	23	22
D	6	6	7	8	7	4	7	7	8	5	7	6	6	6
Fail	4	3	1	0	2	3	7	3	3	3	4	3	3	4

5. How about the police force in your local community? What grade would you give the police here?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	26	27	32	37	27	19	11	31	26	35	29	33	34	20
B	43	43	48	49	50	41	32	45	44	46	44	48	44	44
C	21	20	15	9	20	28	33	17	19	15	18	14	16	24
D	6	6	3	5	1	9	13	5	7	3	6	3	5	8
Fail	4	3	1	0	1	4	11	2	4	1	3	1	2	5

6. Next, is each of the following having a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days?

6/Part I. Public elementary and secondary schools

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	16	21	24	29	25	23	19	13	12	14	10	19	11	20
Somewhat positive effect	44	47	49	51	51	41	39	46	43	49	43	52	42	48
Somewhat negative effect	20	15	16	10	15	16	19	22	21	23	25	16	26	16
Strongly negative effect	6	5	3	5	3	7	5	6	7	6	7	4	9	4
Neither positive nor negative effect	13	12	7	5	6	12	18	13	17	9	15	8	12	13

6/Part II. Colleges and universities

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	21	22	25	24	30	29	28	17	13	20	12	25	13	28
Somewhat positive effect	38	42	47	54	47	39	35	38	37	39	36	42	34	42
Somewhat negative effect	17	15	12	9	11	15	14	19	19	19	21	16	24	12
Strongly negative effect	10	7	8	6	9	6	3	12	12	13	15	8	17	4
Neither positive nor negative effect	14	14	7	6	4	11	20	14	19	9	17	9	11	14

6/Part III. The postal service

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	12	15	8	6	8	22	15	9	10	8	9	10	10	15
Somewhat positive effect	38	39	41	46	40	39	40	38	37	38	36	40	35	41
Somewhat negative effect	13	11	13	10	13	13	12	14	13	15	16	10	15	12
Strongly negative effect	4	2	2	1	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3
Neither positive nor negative effect	33	33	36	37	36	22	31	36	37	35	35	37	37	29

6/Part IV. Local law enforcement agencies

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	13	15	11	13	11	17	9	13	12	14	14	12	19	9
Somewhat positive effect	45	44	53	51	54	38	25	51	48	53	49	53	52	40
Somewhat negative effect	22	22	22	23	20	25	29	18	19	18	17	22	13	28
Strongly negative effect	9	8	5	5	6	11	21	6	7	6	7	5	5	11
Neither positive nor negative effect	12	11	9	9	9	10	16	11	15	9	13	8	11	11

6/Part V. Churches and religious organizations

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	17	21	21	19	20	23	24	15	17	14	16	14	24	13
Somewhat positive effect	41	45	48	47	54	41	36	43	39	48	42	45	49	36
Somewhat negative effect	18	16	15	16	12	15	18	17	16	18	16	18	11	23
Strongly negative effect	9	6	6	8	5	8	6	10	11	10	10	11	4	13
Neither positive nor negative effect	15	12	10	9	8	13	17	14	17	12	16	11	13	15

6/Part VI. The national news media

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	5	5	3	1	3	10	9	3	3	2	3	2	2	7
Somewhat positive effect	17	17	16	17	14	30	20	13	12	14	11	15	8	24
Somewhat negative effect	33	35	39	44	38	30	35	33	32	34	32	35	28	38
Strongly negative effect	34	34	36	30	41	18	19	42	40	45	44	39	55	18
Neither positive nor negative effect	11	9	5	8	3	12	18	9	13	6	10	8	6	12

7. Which do you think is more important for a child's academic learning, the home or the school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Mostly the home	16	15	17	18	16	17	15	16	15	17	16	17	19	13
More the home	23	21	30	37	22	18	21	25	23	27	23	29	28	20
More the school	18	19	11	9	9	18	16	19	19	18	20	16	16	20
Mostly the school	13	10	7	6	11	17	11	11	11	11	12	9	10	14
About the same	31	34	35	31	42	31	36	29	32	27	29	30	26	32

School Spending

8. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	\$8,644	\$6,747	\$8,144	\$8,264	\$6,335	\$7,584	\$6,912	\$9,119	\$7,861	\$10,313	\$8,788	\$9,722	\$9,288	\$8,157
Actual (Average among sample)	\$12,903	\$12,664	\$12,994	\$13,846	\$11,697	\$12,596	\$13,755	\$12,869	\$12,326	\$13,383	\$12,576	\$13,404	\$12,329	\$13,393
Difference	\$-4,259	\$-5,916	\$-4,850	\$-5,582	\$-5,363	\$-5,012	\$-6,842	\$-3,749	\$-4,465	\$-3,069	\$-3,789	\$-3,682	\$-3,042	\$-5,236

* Source for actual numbers: 2013-14 school year, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data

9a. According to the most recent information available, \$<INSERT PPS> is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	13	14	17	20	16	19	20	9	10	7	8	10	7	18
Increase	34	37	38	49	23	34	38	34	31	37	32	38	26	41
Stay about the same	43	40	38	26	52	37	32	47	48	47	50	42	52	36
Decrease	8	7	7	4	9	8	7	8	9	7	8	8	12	4
Greatly decrease	2	2	1	1	0	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	1

9b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	21	25	33	32	32	31	33	17	18	16	15	20	12	28
Increase	38	41	39	48	40	37	36	38	39	37	37	40	32	43
Stay about the same	35	28	24	16	26	26	26	38	37	40	41	33	44	27
Decrease	4	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	4	5	5	4	8	2
Greatly decrease	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	3	2	3	4	1

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

10a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	15	13	11	20	28	19	15	16	15	16	13	13	23
Somewhat support	26	26	29	35	22	31	28	26	22	30	25	28	25	29
Somewhat oppose	18	19	23	22	20	13	16	19	18	20	16	24	19	19
Strongly oppose	19	24	27	26	32	10	12	24	25	23	24	24	31	11
Neither support nor oppose	17	16	6	5	6	19	26	16	20	11	18	11	13	18

10b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	24	21	12	12	8	30	27	21	25	18	24	17	23	25
Somewhat support	37	39	36	41	38	40	30	37	34	39	36	40	35	40
Somewhat oppose	18	19	23	17	24	14	21	19	16	21	16	24	19	17
Strongly oppose	8	10	19	24	21	6	6	9	8	10	8	12	10	6
Neither support nor oppose	14	11	10	6	9	10	16	13	17	10	17	7	13	13

11a. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	36	32	16	43	37	33	34	32	35	29	36	37
Somewhat support	32	35	32	36	27	34	31	37	35	33	33	33
Somewhat oppose	12	15	23	10	13	13	12	14	10	17	11	13
Strongly oppose	7	9	28	5	4	8	8	9	7	11	9	6
Neither support nor oppose	12	9	2	6	20	12	16	9	13	10	10	11

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

11b. The federal government requires that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Opponents say this requirement undermines local control. They say that school districts should make decisions about how many tests children need to take without federal overreach. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	28	21	19	38	29	24	24	25	23	26	25	30
Somewhat support	31	33	27	27	34	33	31	34	33	31	33	32
Somewhat oppose	17	21	29	14	14	19	17	21	16	23	18	16
Strongly oppose	11	15	20	7	9	13	15	12	13	15	13	10
Neither support nor oppose	13	10	5	13	15	11	14	9	15	5	12	12

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

12a. The federal government requires that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Opponents say this requirement undermines local control. They say that states should make decisions about how many tests children need to take without federal overreach. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	28	24	13	38	24	25	28	22	28	20	23	33
Somewhat support	31	32	27	31	32	33	30	35	32	35	32	32
Somewhat oppose	15	17	25	12	11	16	14	18	12	24	16	14
Strongly oppose	9	13	30	9	5	12	11	12	9	16	15	6
Neither support nor oppose	16	14	6	11	28	14	17	11	19	5	14	15

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12b. The federal government requires that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Opponents say this requirement undermines the range and quality of a child's education. They say that testing requirements narrow the curriculum, reducing our education system's ability to produce innovative and critical thinkers. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	25	23	6	38	21	22	24	22	25	17	27	24
Somewhat support	34	32	27	33	29	35	32	37	35	36	35	35
Somewhat oppose	17	19	26	12	17	19	16	22	14	28	14	20
Strongly oppose	10	16	37	10	10	11	11	12	10	15	11	8
Neither support nor oppose	13	9	4	7	23	12	18	8	17	4	13	13

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

School choice

13a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	15	15	6	12	14	15	14	15	13	17	25	8
Somewhat support	29	32	27	37	32	28	30	26	26	30	32	28
Somewhat oppose	21	22	24	22	17	23	17	27	22	24	15	28
Strongly oppose	14	13	31	11	9	15	12	18	11	21	12	14
Neither support nor oppose	21	18	12	18	28	20	28	14	28	8	17	22

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

13b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of schools that are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	13	8	13	17	10	9	12	9	12	15	10
Somewhat support	26	29	26	33	25	25	24	26	24	28	32	22
Somewhat oppose	23	23	28	19	21	26	26	25	26	25	21	26
Strongly oppose	18	17	34	14	11	20	19	20	16	25	13	22
Neither support nor oppose	21	19	4	21	25	19	21	17	23	10	19	20

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

13c. As you may know, many states permit the formation of public charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of public charter schools?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	16	5	17	15	11	8	15	10	13	17	9
Somewhat support	31	33	30	31	29	31	33	28	31	29	39	26
Somewhat oppose	21	19	25	22	20	21	17	26	19	27	18	25
Strongly oppose	17	14	30	15	14	18	17	19	16	22	9	24
Neither support nor oppose	18	18	10	15	22	18	25	12	24	8	18	16

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

14. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	22	26	16	8	19	32	32	18	19	17	18	18	22	22
Somewhat support	35	36	30	23	31	36	29	36	35	38	35	38	35	35
Somewhat oppose	14	13	19	26	15	12	11	16	15	18	17	16	16	14
Strongly oppose	11	11	25	32	25	7	6	13	10	15	10	17	11	12
Neither support nor oppose	17	15	9	10	10	14	22	17	22	12	20	10	16	17

15a. A proposal has been made that would give all families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	22	28	8	32	23	20	21	19	21	18	28	17
Somewhat support	32	33	26	35	31	33	35	31	35	30	36	30
Somewhat oppose	14	14	16	12	10	14	13	14	11	18	13	15
Strongly oppose	17	16	41	9	11	20	14	26	15	30	14	20
Neither support nor oppose	15	9	8	13	26	13	17	10	18	5	9	18

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

15b. A proposal has been made that would give all families with children in public schools a voucher allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	20	28	13	30	26	19	19	20	19	20	28	15
Somewhat support	24	27	23	31	30	21	23	18	21	19	25	25
Somewhat oppose	15	16	19	19	10	16	12	20	14	18	16	14
Strongly oppose	24	19	41	11	15	27	24	30	24	32	19	30
Neither support nor oppose	17	10	4	9	19	17	22	12	22	9	12	16

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15c. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	18	18	9	26	31	13	18	9	15	10	14	22
Somewhat support	24	29	20	35	25	22	22	23	22	22	25	25
Somewhat oppose	20	20	21	18	13	22	20	23	18	29	19	21
Strongly oppose	24	17	41	10	12	30	25	35	30	30	30	20
Neither support nor oppose	13	17	9	10	19	13	16	10	15	9	12	12

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

15d. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a voucher allowing them to enroll their children in attend private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	14	16	4	26	25	9	10	9	10	8	12	16
Somewhat support	30	29	15	35	31	28	30	27	30	24	33	30
Somewhat oppose	21	22	22	17	12	25	25	24	23	27	22	21
Strongly oppose	23	24	48	12	11	27	22	31	24	33	23	22
Neither support nor oppose	12	10	11	10	20	11	13	9	13	8	10	11

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

Personnel Policies

16. Suppose you had to evaluate each teacher in your local schools for the quality of their work. What percent of teachers in your local schools would you put in each category? Your answers should add to 100%.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Excellent (Mean)	25	30	34	39	30	27	27	25	24	26	25	26	23	28
Good (Mean)	31	31	34	33	36	30	27	32	31	33	32	33	31	31
Satisfactory (Mean)	28	24	21	18	22	27	27	28	29	27	28	28	29	27
Unsatisfactory (Mean)	16	15	12	9	12	16	18	15	16	14	16	13	17	15

17. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	\$40,181	\$40,882	\$47,015	\$52,449	\$43,661	\$37,098	\$33,176	\$42,110	\$37,530	\$46,468	\$39,916	\$46,099	\$42,063	\$39,156
Actual (Average among sample)	\$58,297	\$58,149	\$59,531	\$63,406	\$54,945	\$60,899	\$57,018	\$57,569	\$56,058	\$59,003	\$57,001	\$58,610	\$56,878	\$59,462
Difference	\$-18,116	\$-17,267	\$-12,517	\$-10,958	\$-11,285	\$-23,801	\$-23,842	\$-15,460	\$-18,528	\$-12,535	\$-17,085	\$-12,511	\$-14,815	\$-20,306

* Source for actual numbers: 2015-16 school year, National Center for Education Statistics, Digest of Education Statistics

18a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	21	24	45	46	52	23	37	17	17	17	14	22	12	29
Increase	46	50	40	41	39	53	45	45	46	45	45	46	43	49
Stay about the same	29	23	12	7	9	20	16	34	33	34	37	27	38	21
Decrease	3	2	2	5	0	3	1	3	3	3	3	4	5	1
Greatly decrease	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

18b. Public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	10	12	32	43	31	13	22	7	9	6	5	11	5	15
Increase	38	41	44	50	37	40	42	38	34	42	35	44	33	44
Stay about the same	44	42	23	7	30	41	32	48	49	46	51	42	52	37
Decrease	5	4	0	0	3	5	2	5	7	4	7	2	8	3
Greatly decrease	2	1	1	3	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1

19. Do you support or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	15	16	4	3	0	21	11	13	13	13	16	8	17	13
Somewhat support	34	33	17	13	15	35	30	35	34	36	36	34	38	31
Somewhat oppose	21	23	24	22	27	20	21	21	20	22	18	26	18	24
Strongly oppose	15	14	49	61	52	11	18	15	14	17	12	22	13	17
Neither support nor oppose	16	14	5	2	6	14	20	15	19	12	19	10	14	16

20a. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons./Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers.] Do you support or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Completely support	7	6	30	55	23	9	12	6	6	7	4	11	5	10
Somewhat support	25	27	32	33	32	29	33	22	19	26	20	27	18	31
Somewhat oppose	27	31	17	10	22	27	18	29	28	30	29	28	29	27
Completely oppose	21	19	7	0	11	14	12	24	22	26	24	24	33	12
Neither support nor oppose	19	16	14	3	12	21	24	18	25	11	23	10	16	20

20b. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Do you support or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Completely support	12	11	26	37	21	13	19	10	11	9	10	9	7	14
Somewhat support	25	27	33	38	27	26	30	25	27	23	24	26	18	31
Somewhat oppose	27	27	22	12	24	32	17	27	24	30	24	32	26	29
Completely oppose	22	18	13	9	21	11	9	27	23	30	26	28	36	11
Neither support nor oppose	15	17	6	4	7	18	26	12	16	8	16	6	12	15

Unions and collective bargaining

21a. In some states, all teachers must pay fees for union representation even if they choose not to join the union. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some say that all teachers should have to contribute to the union because they all get the pay and benefits the union negotiates with the school board./Others say teachers should have the freedom to choose whether or not to pay the union.] Do you support or oppose requiring all teachers to pay these fees even if they do not join the union?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	15	13	23	36	8	12	22	14	16	12	14	14	10	20
Somewhat support	21	23	16	29	7	28	16	21	21	20	20	22	15	26
Somewhat oppose	19	20	20	16	28	22	23	19	18	19	18	21	19	20
Strongly oppose	25	25	32	14	45	18	16	27	23	31	25	31	37	15
Neither support nor oppose	19	19	9	5	12	21	24	19	21	17	23	12	18	19

21b. In some states, all teachers must pay fees for union representation even if they choose not to join the union. Do you support or oppose requiring all teachers to pay these fees even if they do not join the union?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	11	8	17	26	9	12	13	10	9	11	9	12	5	16
Somewhat support	15	14	17	25	8	17	17	13	10	15	12	14	10	19
Somewhat oppose	22	23	23	26	15	22	23	23	26	20	23	21	24	23
Strongly oppose	34	39	33	15	58	25	28	38	33	43	35	44	48	23
Neither support nor oppose	18	17	9	9	9	24	18	17	22	12	21	10	15	19

22a. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform./Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers.] What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	11	8	26	40	13	14	14	9	7	10	6	14	3	17
Somewhat positive effect	26	28	35	37	43	38	29	23	22	24	23	24	15	35
Somewhat negative effect	23	24	19	9	20	20	15	26	21	30	24	29	30	19
Strongly negative effect	14	12	7	3	14	6	4	19	17	20	19	19	29	4
Neither positive nor negative effect	25	28	14	11	9	23	38	23	33	15	28	15	23	25

22b. Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	10	9	23	43	16	10	18	8	6	10	6	10	4	15
Somewhat positive effect	25	28	33	46	26	25	29	25	24	26	22	30	16	32
Somewhat negative effect	22	19	18	6	24	18	17	24	22	25	24	23	29	17
Strongly negative effect	14	12	7	1	6	10	3	17	13	22	17	17	26	4
Neither positive nor negative effect	29	32	19	4	28	38	33	27	36	18	31	19	25	31

23. Do you think postal worker unions have a generally positive effect on the quality of postal service, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	9	9	12	20	6	12	13	6	6	6	6	6	4	12
Somewhat positive effect	29	29	39	41	43	34	35	28	30	26	27	29	22	36
Somewhat negative effect	19	19	14	8	12	14	10	21	19	24	21	21	27	14
Strongly negative effect	9	9	6	4	7	6	6	10	7	12	9	12	14	5
Neither positive nor negative effect	34	35	30	28	32	33	35	35	38	32	36	32	33	33

24. Do you think police unions have a generally positive effect on the quality of policing, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	7	7	12	21	5	10	6	6	5	8	6	7	6	8
Somewhat positive effect	27	27	40	48	40	29	17	29	29	29	29	28	25	30
Somewhat negative effect	23	22	15	10	16	21	24	23	20	25	21	26	25	22
Strongly negative effect	9	10	4	1	9	9	16	9	6	11	7	11	11	8
Neither positive nor negative effect	33	34	28	20	29	32	36	34	40	28	37	29	32	32

25a. Which of the following statements comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
“Collective bargaining contracts produce so many rules and restrictions that they make it difficult for schools to perform well.”	54	55	40	52	43	57	59	55	62	47	65	42
“Collective bargaining contracts produce reasonable rules and regulations that help schools perform well.”	46	45	60	48	57	43	42	45	38	53	35	58

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

25b. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement? "Collective bargaining contracts produce so many rules and restrictions that they make it difficult for schools to perform well."*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	12	12	7	11	9	13	9	15	13	12	19	7
Somewhat agree	37	39	30	34	32	39	36	42	42	34	45	31
Somewhat disagree	17	13	16	20	16	15	15	14	11	21	11	21
Strongly disagree	8	7	24	8	9	9	6	11	6	13	2	13
Neither agree nor disagree	27	30	22	27	34	25	33	18	29	20	23	28

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

25c. How much do you agree or disagree with this statement? "Collective bargaining contracts produce reasonable rules and regulations that help schools perform well."*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	9	8	22	13	12	7	8	5	6	7	4	14
Somewhat agree	30	34	38	34	29	30	28	32	28	34	23	38
Somewhat disagree	17	21	10	17	14	19	15	22	18	22	20	14
Strongly disagree	13	9	3	5	9	16	15	17	16	14	23	6
Neither agree nor disagree	30	28	27	31	37	29	34	24	32	23	30	29

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

25d/Part I. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? "Collective bargaining contracts produce so many rules and restrictions that they make it difficult for schools to perform well."*

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	8	9	3	11	6	8	6	10	5	14	12	5
Somewhat agree	37	42	24	42	25	39	37	41	40	36	47	31
Somewhat disagree	21	18	19	20	27	19	18	20	18	22	15	25
Strongly disagree	8	7	27	6	10	8	8	8	6	10	5	10
Neither agree nor disagree	26	24	26	21	32	26	32	21	30	19	20	29

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

25d/Part II. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? "Collective bargaining contracts produce reasonable rules and regulations that help schools perform well."

	All	Parents	Teachers	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly agree	5	6	24	6	9	3	3	3	2	5	3	7
Somewhat agree	29	29	27	41	30	25	23	27	25	27	21	36
Somewhat disagree	28	29	22	25	23	29	30	29	31	27	34	25
Strongly disagree	10	8	6	5	3	12	9	16	10	17	19	3
Neither agree nor disagree	29	27	21	23	35	30	34	25	33	23	24	30

* Data not available for public school teachers: union members and public school teachers: non-union members due to sample size

26. Do you support or oppose public school teachers having the right to strike?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Completely support	24	24	41	52	41	27	39	20	20	21	16	28	11	36
Somewhat support	29	31	30	32	30	32	29	29	29	28	28	30	26	32
Somewhat oppose	17	16	13	10	13	15	9	19	17	21	19	19	24	12
Completely oppose	15	14	8	5	8	11	5	18	16	20	19	15	25	7
Neither support nor oppose	14	15	8	2	8	15	18	14	19	9	17	8	13	13

27. At which type of school do you work?

	Teachers
Private Catholic	3
Private religious but not Catholic	4
Private not religious	5
Charter public	6
Non-charter public	64
Something else	18

28. As far as you know, in the school at which you work, is there a union representing teachers that bargains collectively with the local district?

	Teachers
Yes	54
No	31
Don't know	14

29. Are you currently a member of a teachers' union?

	Teachers
Yes	43
No	57

30. How satisfied are you with your local teachers' union's collective bargaining activities?

	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Very satisfied	16	34	6
Somewhat satisfied	26	40	19
Somewhat dissatisfied	10	13	7
Very dissatisfied	5	5	7
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	20	6	22

31. How satisfied are you with your local teachers' union's political activities?

		Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Very satisfied		14	29	5
Somewhat satisfied		22	34	16
Somewhat dissatisfied		11	14	11
Very dissatisfied		6	8	8
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		25	15	27

Racial disparities (discipline)

32a. Do you support or oppose school district policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	14	13	9	13	21	27	7	7	6	6	8	4	19
Somewhat support	13	12	14	14	15	16	18	11	9	12	8	14	9	16
Somewhat oppose	20	20	22	24	23	17	11	23	23	23	23	23	22	20
Strongly oppose	31	31	27	29	25	28	19	33	33	34	34	32	45	20
Neither support nor oppose	25	24	25	23	24	18	26	26	28	25	29	22	20	26

32b. Do you support or oppose federal policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	13	10	14	12	16	17	31	9	10	8	7	11	4	21
Somewhat support	14	15	14	17	15	18	11	13	14	11	11	15	9	18
Somewhat oppose	19	22	25	32	23	16	14	21	18	24	20	23	22	17
Strongly oppose	30	29	22	21	23	27	21	33	30	36	34	31	41	21
Neither support nor oppose	24	23	24	18	24	22	23	25	29	20	27	20	24	22

Affirmative action

33a. In order to promote school diversity, should public school districts be allowed to take the racial background of students into account when assigning students to schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Definitely	6	6	7	4	9	9	16	3	4	3	4	2	3	9
Probably	12	13	20	20	22	15	15	10	8	12	7	16	8	16
Not sure	25	22	17	20	19	24	23	26	28	23	25	27	22	26
Probably not	23	20	29	35	21	17	12	25	25	26	26	24	26	21
Definitely no	34	40	26	21	29	34	34	36	35	37	38	31	41	28

33b. In order to promote school diversity, should school districts be allowed to take the family income of students into account when assigning students to schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Definitely	4	4	7	5	7	9	7	2	1	2	1	3	2	6
Probably	12	13	14	15	14	18	10	11	11	11	11	10	11	14
Not sure	31	28	23	22	22	30	30	30	26	33	28	33	24	35
Probably not	21	19	27	23	39	17	18	23	25	22	24	23	25	18
Definitely no	32	36	29	35	19	26	35	34	37	31	36	30	39	26

Immigration

34a. Do you support or oppose the federal government providing additional money to school districts based on the number of immigrant children they serve?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	9	12	16	24	12	20	14	5	5	5	4	6	4	14
Somewhat support	21	22	30	36	30	29	24	19	14	23	13	28	11	29
Somewhat oppose	16	16	16	13	29	13	10	17	19	15	17	17	18	15
Strongly oppose	32	31	22	11	22	15	16	39	37	41	45	29	53	15
Neither support nor oppose	22	20	15	17	7	22	36	20	26	16	20	20	15	27

34b. According to the most recent data, [INSERT FOREIGNBORN]% of the population in your local area moved there from another country. Do you support or oppose the federal government providing additional money to school districts based on the number of immigrant children they serve?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	13	15	25	32	21	27	12	8	9	7	5	13	4	19
Somewhat support	23	24	33	37	34	28	26	21	16	27	17	30	18	29
Somewhat oppose	18	17	13	10	17	15	17	20	17	22	20	19	24	14
Strongly oppose	23	21	10	11	9	10	13	29	30	27	32	22	37	12
Neither support nor oppose	22	23	19	10	20	20	32	22	27	17	26	16	17	25

35. Currently, the U.S. government provides up to 85,000 visas each year to highly-educated immigrants identified by American businesses for employment in the United States. Some say that these visas are necessary for filling vital jobs. Others say they take jobs away from American college graduates. Should the number of these visas be increased, decreased, or kept about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	7	8	6	4	6	15	8	4	4	5	3	6	3	10
Increase	10	11	12	14	9	18	10	8	6	10	5	14	5	15
Stay about the same	46	47	55	60	56	48	49	44	41	47	40	52	41	49
Decrease	26	23	24	22	26	14	23	31	33	28	36	21	34	21
Greatly decrease	11	11	3	1	3	6	10	13	15	10	16	7	17	6

Higher education

36. How academically prepared for college level work do you think your child will be when they finish high school?*

	All Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Very prepared	40	49	56	28	34	43	41	30	49	29	57	41	41
Somewhat prepared	46	47	44	62	51	40	46	53	41	53	37	46	45
Not too prepared	11	3	0	10	12	11	10	13	8	14	5	10	11
Not at all prepared	3	0	0	0	3	5	3	4	1	3	2	3	3

*NOTE: Question posed only to parents. For each subgroup, responses are for the parents in that subgroup.

37. How important is it to you that your children remain in your community when they are adults?*

	All Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Very important	14	49	56	28	34	43	41	30	49	29	57	41	41
Somewhat important	34	47	44	62	51	40	46	53	41	53	37	46	45
Not too important	35	3	0	10	12	11	10	13	8	14	5	10	11
Not at all important	18	0	0	0	3	5	3	4	1	3	2	3	3

*NOTE: Question posed only to parents. For each subgroup, responses are for the parents in that subgroup.

38. On average, would you say that professors at colleges and universities are very liberal, liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, conservative, or very conservative?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Very liberal	21	17	18	22	13	12	8	25	22	28	27	22	40	6
Liberal	17	17	22	21	25	14	11	19	16	21	16	24	20	15
Somewhat liberal	22	22	29	32	25	29	20	22	20	23	17	30	13	30
Moderate	31	35	26	21	31	36	46	27	33	21	31	19	17	40
Somewhat conservative	5	6	4	3	5	5	9	4	5	4	5	3	4	6
Conservative	3	2	1	0	0	3	3	2	3	2	3	1	4	2
Very conservative	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	1

Political activity

39. How frequently do you participate in political activities to support a candidate or issue, such as making phone calls, campaigning door-to-door, or distributing leaflets?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Never	61	62	54	46	61	61	57	63	66	60	68	52	63	59
Almost never	22	22	27	30	23	19	20	23	21	25	20	29	23	23
Sometimes	12	13	15	20	14	15	17	11	11	12	10	14	11	14
Fairly often	3	2	3	3	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Often	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

40. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Voted	33	26	47	58	48	22	29	36	28	44	31	46	35	33
Did not vote	43	50	32	27	28	51	44	43	49	37	47	35	43	43
Ineligible	4	5	3	1	4	8	6	2	3	2	3	2	3	4
Don't know, can't remember	20	20	19	14	20	18	22	19	20	18	20	17	20	20

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For details on the methodology behind these survey responses, please see “School Choice in the Trump Era: Results from the 2019 *Education Next* Poll” by Michael Henderson, David Houston, Paul E. Peterson, Martin R. West at <https://www.educationnext.org/school-choice-trump-era-results-2019-education-next-poll>.
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For questions with both “a” and “b” versions, a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

For questions with both “a”, “b”, “c” and “d” versions, a random fourth of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b”, “c” or “d”.

“Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.

The abbreviation “HH” refers to household income.

Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Sample size	3,046	942	667	268	397	648	597	1,657	749	908	718	939	1,091	1,784

Grading schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, and D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	16	18	23	23	22	21	11	15	10	20	13	19	14	18
B	44	42	40	52	33	36	40	51	55	48	53	48	47	42
C	32	32	30	17	38	33	40	27	28	26	27	27	30	33
D	5	5	6	9	5	6	6	5	5	4	5	4	5	6
Fail	3	3	2	0	3	4	5	2	3	1	2	2	4	2

2. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	2	3	3	1	4	4	5	1	1	1	1	0	1	3
B	22	29	26	32	22	33	26	19	20	18	20	18	19	24
C	53	49	52	49	53	44	49	56	54	58	55	57	55	53
D	18	16	16	16	16	16	15	19	20	19	18	22	19	17
Fail	4	4	4	1	6	3	5	5	6	4	6	3	5	4

3. I think the current level of student academic performance in my school district is better than [number box, range 0-100] percent of other districts in the United States.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	54	57	57	58	56	56	51	55	52	58	53	59	54	54
Actual (Average among sample)	48	50	52	55	50	35	31	56	51	59	54	59	54	45
Difference	6	8	5	2	6	21	20	0	0	-1	-1	0	1	9

4. I think the rate of growth in student academic performance in my school district is better than [number box, range 0-100] percent of other districts in the United States.

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	49	54	53	55	52	53	49	48	46	50	47	50	49	49
Actual (Average among sample)	49	52	49	51	48	49	37	51	48	54	50	53	51	48
Difference	-1	2	4	4	4	4	11	-3	-2	-4	-2	-4	-3	1

School Spending

5. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	\$7,161	\$6,826	\$7,334	\$8,384	\$6,717	\$6,866	\$8,197	\$7,023	\$6,552	\$7,413	\$6,485	\$7,937	\$7,159	\$7,333
Actual (Average among sample)	\$13,511	\$12,979	\$13,619	\$14,948	\$12,831	\$13,411	\$14,159	\$13,483	\$13,007	\$13,877	\$12,944	\$14,398	\$12,747	\$14,106
Difference	-\$6,349	-\$6,153	-\$6,285	-\$6,564	-\$6,113	-\$6,545	-\$5,962	-\$6,460	-\$6,454	-\$6,464	-\$6,459	-\$6,461	-\$5,589	-\$6,773

6/Part 1. Based on your best guess, what percent of funding for public schools in your local school district currently comes from **the Federal government**?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	28	30	27	27	27	34	31	26	28	24	28	22	27	28
Actual (Average among sample)	8	8	7	6	8	10	10	7	8	7	8	7	8	8
Difference	20	22	19	21	18	24	21	18	20	17	20	15	19	20

6/Part 2. Based on your best guess, what percent of funding for public schools in your local school district currently comes from **the State government**?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	37	37	40	41	40	35	36	38	37	39	37	39	38	37
Actual (Average among sample)	46	47	44	45	44	49	46	45	48	43	47	42	46	45
Difference	-8	-10	-4	-4	-5	-14	-11	-7	-11	-4	-10	-3	-9	-8

6/Part 3. Based on your best guess, what percent of funding for public schools in your local school district currently comes from the Local government?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	35	33	33	32	34	32	33	36	35	38	34	40	35	35
Actual (Average among sample)	46	45	48	49	48	41	43	48	44	50	45	52	46	46
Difference	-11	-11	-15	-17	-14	-9	-10	-11	-10	-13	-11	-12	-11	-12

7a. According to the most recent information available, \$<INSERT PPS> is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	14	15	16	19	14	19	20	11	11	11	11	12	7	19
Increase	36	42	40	46	37	35	37	36	38	35	38	34	31	40
Stay about the same	40	36	38	36	39	35	35	42	41	43	40	46	46	36
Decrease	8	6	6	0	9	9	5	8	8	8	10	7	13	4
Greatly decrease	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	1

7b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	20	19	34	36	32	28	29	16	20	13	16	16	9	28
Increase	42	47	40	41	40	44	42	43	39	45	42	43	39	45
Stay about the same	32	30	22	23	21	22	26	35	36	34	37	32	43	24
Decrease	4	3	3	0	4	3	2	4	2	6	2	7	6	2
Greatly decrease	2	2	2	0	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	3	1

8a/Part 1. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that **Federal government funding** for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	20	21	29	34	26	23	34	16	21	12	19	11	11	26
Increase	40	45	31	45	22	48	39	39	38	39	35	44	32	46
Stay about the same	32	28	34	21	43	22	23	37	32	41	37	36	43	25
Decrease	6	4	5	0	7	6	3	6	7	5	6	6	10	2
Greatly decrease	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	3	3	2	3	3	4	0

8a/Part 2. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. About [INSERT LOCALREV] percent comes from your local school district revenue, [INSERT STATEREV] percent from your state government, and [INSERT FEDERALREV] percent from the federal government. Do you think that **Federal government funding** for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	29	32	30	25	34	36	38	25	26	24	27	20	17	37
Increase	39	39	46	53	41	39	33	40	40	40	40	39	37	40
Stay about the same	25	23	20	21	19	19	26	28	28	29	26	32	33	20
Decrease	6	5	3	1	3	5	3	6	6	6	6	6	10	2
Greatly decrease	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	3	1

8b/Part 1. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that **State government funding** for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	16	17	24	28	21	20	28	14	16	12	16	11	9	21
Increase	44	48	41	49	37	47	43	43	43	43	41	46	41	47
Stay about the same	34	32	31	23	37	26	27	36	34	38	36	37	39	29
Decrease	5	3	3	0	5	5	2	5	6	5	5	5	9	2
Greatly decrease	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0

8b/Part 2. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. About [INSERT LOCALREV] percent comes from your local school district revenue, [INSERT STATEREV] percent from your state government, and [INSERT FEDERALREV] percent from the federal government. Do you think that **State government funding** for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	14	13	14	16	13	19	21	11	13	9	11	10	8	17
Increase	37	38	42	46	39	36	35	37	38	37	38	36	32	41
Stay about the same	42	39	37	33	39	36	40	44	41	46	43	45	49	36
Decrease	7	8	6	5	7	9	3	7	7	6	7	6	8	5
Greatly decrease	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1

8c/Part 1. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. Do you think that **Local government funding** for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	11	12	18	24	14	14	24	8	12	6	10	6	7	14
Increase	35	41	29	29	29	40	39	33	34	32	34	31	27	41
Stay about the same	45	43	47	43	50	37	31	48	44	52	45	54	52	40
Decrease	8	3	5	3	6	8	5	8	8	8	9	8	12	4
Greatly decrease	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	3	0

8c/Part 2. According to the most recent information available, \$[INSERT PPS] is being spent each year per child attending public schools in your district. About [INSERT LOCALREV] percent comes from your local school district revenue, [INSERT STATEREV] percent from your state government, and [INSERT FEDERALREV] percent from the federal government. Do you think that **Local government funding** for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	11	12	9	3	12	20	15	8	11	5	10	4	6	13
Increase	25	25	25	24	25	29	33	22	27	17	24	18	20	30
Stay about the same	49	49	50	58	46	35	45	53	46	59	50	60	57	44
Decrease	13	12	14	13	14	15	7	14	12	16	13	15	14	12
Greatly decrease	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	3	4	2	3	3	4	1

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

9a. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	16	14	10	11	9	24	16	13	9	16	12	15	15	17
Somewhat support	33	31	34	32	35	38	38	31	28	34	31	31	31	35
Somewhat oppose	20	25	17	24	12	21	21	21	21	22	20	24	20	21
Strongly oppose	20	21	29	30	29	10	7	25	29	21	26	23	27	15
Neither support nor oppose	10	9	11	3	15	7	17	10	13	7	11	8	7	13

9b. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of these standards in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	27	24	22	15	26	32	27	27	31	25	29	25	28	27
Somewhat support	39	41	29	37	25	36	39	40	39	40	42	36	39	39
Somewhat oppose	16	18	25	31	22	16	15	16	14	18	15	19	14	18
Strongly oppose	8	8	16	16	17	7	7	9	8	10	7	13	10	8
Neither support nor oppose	9	9	8	2	11	10	11	8	7	8	8	7	9	8

10a. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	37	32	13	10	15	48	35	33	35	32	38	27	37	37
Somewhat support	37	41	33	24	39	31	30	39	34	43	38	41	41	36
Somewhat oppose	13	14	26	37	17	13	17	13	13	14	12	16	11	14
Strongly oppose	6	7	23	27	20	4	5	8	8	7	6	11	6	6
Neither support nor oppose	6	5	6	1	9	4	12	6	10	4	7	6	5	7

10b. According to the most recent information available, students in grades 3-8 in large cities spend an average of about 8 hours of school time each year taking tests required by the federal government. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	29	26	18	8	23	34	30	27	26	27	27	27	31	28
Somewhat support	35	37	24	18	27	33	38	35	35	36	37	32	36	36
Somewhat oppose	20	19	29	43	21	21	18	20	19	21	17	26	17	22
Strongly oppose	9	10	26	30	24	5	7	11	12	10	10	12	10	7
Neither support nor oppose	7	8	4	1	5	7	7	8	8	8	10	4	6	7

School choice

11a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	14	16	8	1	12	17	15	12	13	12	10	16	21	9
Somewhat support	34	34	34	26	38	34	40	35	32	37	38	30	40	31
Somewhat oppose	23	23	21	27	18	25	18	22	23	22	19	29	17	28
Strongly oppose	16	11	28	45	19	13	12	18	14	21	17	19	10	20
Neither support nor oppose	13	16	9	1	13	11	15	12	19	8	16	6	13	11

11b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Six percent of public school students in the United States attend charter schools. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	15	15	10	3	14	15	14	15	16	14	14	17	22	11
Somewhat support	33	32	27	13	35	28	35	33	29	36	34	31	38	30
Somewhat oppose	20	18	24	24	24	20	19	19	20	18	18	20	19	22
Strongly oppose	16	15	31	53	17	19	12	16	11	21	13	23	8	22
Neither support nor oppose	17	19	9	7	10	19	20	17	23	11	21	8	13	16

11.c. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Charter school enrollment in the United States is about 33% white, 27% black, 32% Hispanic, and about 8% students of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	17	10	3	16	19	20	19	17	20	18	19	26	12
Somewhat support	31	35	30	18	39	33	32	31	35	28	35	24	32	32
Somewhat oppose	19	18	18	26	12	15	17	20	16	24	16	27	18	21
Strongly oppose	14	14	29	46	17	11	9	16	15	17	15	18	10	18
Neither support nor oppose	16	15	13	7	17	22	23	14	18	10	16	11	14	18

12. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Yes	18	16	17	10	21	21	19	18	18	19	18	19	19	18
No	22	24	35	43	30	25	17	22	18	25	19	28	21	24
Don't know	60	60	48	47	49	54	64	60	64	56	63	54	60	58

13. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Yes	29	28	26	23	28	28	26	30	29	31	29	31	31	28
No	27	29	42	45	40	32	26	25	22	28	23	30	24	29
Don't know	44	43	32	32	32	39	48	45	49	41	48	39	44	43

14. To the best of your knowledge, is there a charter school in your local school district?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Yes, know there is	27	28	39	38	40	26	30	26	22	30	23	33	28	27
Yes, think there is	20	21	15	10	19	22	20	19	19	19	18	22	18	22
No, don't think there is	16	16	21	23	19	12	14	19	16	21	19	18	19	15
No, know there is not	9	11	15	20	13	7	6	10	9	10	9	10	10	9
Don't know	28	24	9	9	9	33	29	26	34	20	32	17	26	28

15a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	24	27	14	8	17	33	34	18	21	16	19	17	23	25
Somewhat support	35	32	35	20	42	34	33	37	35	38	36	38	42	31
Somewhat oppose	14	13	16	15	16	11	11	16	13	18	14	18	13	15
Strongly oppose	12	9	24	40	15	7	6	14	10	17	11	18	9	13
Neither support nor oppose	16	19	12	16	9	15	17	16	21	11	20	8	12	16

15b. A proposal has been made for the federal government to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	21	24	16	10	21	35	33	18	21	15	18	18	22	21
Somewhat support	35	38	36	29	40	32	36	35	34	36	35	35	34	37
Somewhat oppose	14	11	16	23	12	11	8	15	10	19	12	20	14	15
Strongly oppose	14	11	22	32	15	9	5	17	15	18	15	20	15	13
Neither support nor oppose	15	16	10	7	12	13	17	15	19	11	19	7	15	14

16a. A proposal has been made that would give *all* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	24	26	18	9	23	27	27	23	24	21	23	23	30	19
Somewhat support	32	35	20	13	24	35	35	31	34	29	33	27	31	33
Somewhat oppose	17	14	10	9	11	15	16	17	15	19	17	16	16	16
Strongly oppose	20	14	49	69	36	14	13	24	20	27	19	33	17	24
Neither support nor oppose	8	11	4	1	5	9	9	6	7	4	8	2	6	8

16b. A proposal has been made that would give *low-income* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	20	25	12	4	16	37	34	14	18	11	16	11	17	22
Somewhat support	29	30	28	17	34	32	33	28	31	26	31	24	27	30
Somewhat oppose	19	17	20	24	18	12	14	23	19	26	19	29	20	19
Strongly oppose	22	19	33	49	25	13	8	25	18	31	23	29	29	19
Neither support nor oppose	9	8	7	6	7	6	11	10	15	6	11	8	6	11

Personnel Policies

17. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Average response	\$41,987	\$40,836	\$49,176	\$53,640	\$46,537	\$38,643	\$35,894	\$43,612	\$37,626	\$48,442	\$40,738	\$48,458	\$44,257	\$40,957
Actual (Average among sample)	\$59,581	\$58,420	\$60,698	\$65,256	\$57,982	\$63,312	\$58,080	\$58,506	\$56,947	\$59,763	\$57,639	\$59,965	\$57,730	\$61,045
Difference	-\$17,594	-\$17,584	-\$11,522	-\$11,616	-\$11,445	-\$24,669	-\$22,186	-\$14,893	-\$19,321	-\$11,321	-\$16,902	-\$11,508	-\$13,473	-\$20,089

18a. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	27	28	40	39	41	33	39	24	25	23	24	23	17	36
Increase	45	46	47	52	44	39	41	47	45	48	44	50	43	47
Stay about the same	25	24	12	9	14	25	18	27	28	26	29	23	36	16
Decrease	2	1	1	0	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	3	1
Greatly decrease	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

18b. Public school teachers in your state are paid an average annual salary of \$<INSERT PAY>. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Greatly increase	14	14	35	37	33	15	23	12	12	12	11	13	8	17
Increase	42	43	41	52	34	43	45	41	41	41	40	44	35	47
Stay about the same	40	39	21	10	27	39	28	42	40	44	44	40	50	33
Decrease	3	3	2	0	4	2	4	3	5	2	4	2	4	3
Greatly decrease	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	0

19. Do you support or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on how much their students learn?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	12	12	4	1	7	22	8	10	10	10	11	8	15	10
Somewhat support	35	36	16	11	18	36	33	36	35	37	37	34	38	33
Somewhat oppose	22	21	23	18	27	16	21	24	22	26	24	25	22	23
Strongly oppose	18	19	51	68	41	14	22	19	20	18	16	24	13	21
Neither support nor oppose	13	12	6	3	7	12	16	11	13	10	13	9	13	13

20. Do you support or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on ...

20a. ... how much their students learn?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	34	30	14	7	19	39	31	32	35	30	34	29	39	30
Somewhat support	38	36	28	26	28	33	36	40	38	41	38	43	40	38
Somewhat oppose	13	17	27	29	26	13	16	13	12	14	11	15	11	14
Strongly oppose	6	7	24	31	20	6	5	6	4	7	5	7	5	7
Neither support nor oppose	10	10	7	7	8	9	12	10	11	9	12	6	6	11

20b. ... whether they teach subjects with teacher shortages, like math and science?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	16	19	14	22	25	24	17	18	15	16	18	18	21
Somewhat support	46	45	36	30	40	38	38	50	46	53	48	53	49	45
Somewhat oppose	13	11	19	23	17	14	11	13	11	14	13	12	14	12
Strongly oppose	6	9	15	27	9	8	7	5	5	6	4	8	6	7
Neither support nor oppose	16	18	10	7	12	15	19	16	20	12	20	9	14	16

20c. ... whether they teach in schools with many disadvantaged students?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	19	17	25	27	24	28	26	16	18	15	15	19	12	24
Somewhat support	41	42	48	39	53	36	35	44	43	44	41	48	40	43
Somewhat oppose	13	12	11	14	10	14	13	13	12	14	15	10	17	10
Strongly oppose	7	9	7	14	3	6	7	6	5	7	5	8	8	6
Neither support nor oppose	20	20	9	6	11	15	20	21	23	20	25	15	24	16

20d. ... evaluations by their principal?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	18	16	11	6	14	23	23	17	17	16	17	16	19	18
Somewhat support	48	50	46	39	50	40	41	51	48	54	48	57	50	49
Somewhat oppose	16	16	19	23	16	18	12	16	15	17	17	14	15	16
Strongly oppose	5	5	16	24	12	7	7	5	5	4	4	5	5	5
Neither support nor oppose	13	13	8	9	7	13	17	11	14	9	14	7	11	13

20e. ... evaluations by their fellow teachers?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	11	11	8	7	9	15	14	10	12	9	11	10	10	13
Somewhat support	38	41	25	19	29	37	31	38	33	42	36	41	39	38
Somewhat oppose	22	21	24	16	28	21	21	24	23	24	23	25	25	20
Strongly oppose	13	10	34	47	26	11	15	13	14	13	12	15	13	13
Neither support nor oppose	16	16	10	11	9	16	19	15	18	12	18	9	14	16

20f. ... how many years they have been teaching?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	25	24	47	53	43	31	31	23	24	22	22	25	23	27
Somewhat support	49	48	42	38	45	42	41	53	51	55	52	55	51	49
Somewhat oppose	11	13	5	5	5	12	10	11	10	11	10	11	12	10
Strongly oppose	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	3
Neither support nor oppose	11	10	2	1	3	11	14	9	12	7	12	4	8	11

20g. ... whether they have a Master's degree?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	26	27	46	50	45	40	27	23	21	25	19	30	21	30
Somewhat support	40	39	34	33	34	32	36	43	42	43	42	44	42	39
Somewhat oppose	13	12	8	6	9	10	15	12	13	12	14	10	13	12
Strongly oppose	6	7	7	8	6	4	6	6	6	6	6	7	7	5
Neither support nor oppose	15	15	5	2	7	13	16	16	18	14	20	9	16	14

21. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons./Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers.] Do you support or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	10	10	25	44	14	13	13	8	8	9	7	11	6	12
Somewhat support	27	27	34	35	33	29	35	25	26	24	24	28	21	32
Somewhat oppose	30	29	23	11	30	25	23	32	29	35	32	33	34	27
Strongly oppose	19	18	11	3	16	16	6	22	19	23	22	21	29	12
Neither support nor oppose	15	16	8	7	8	16	23	12	18	8	15	7	10	17

Unions and collective bargaining

22. [RANDOMIZE ORDER: Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform./Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers.] What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on schools, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly positive effect	14	14	24	43	13	18	19	12	11	13	11	14	5	20
Somewhat positive effect	29	28	36	39	34	34	36	27	29	26	25	31	21	36
Somewhat negative effect	22	22	18	8	25	20	11	24	19	28	23	25	31	16
Strongly negative effect	13	10	7	3	10	8	5	15	13	17	14	18	25	4
Neither positive nor negative effect	23	26	14	7	18	21	29	22	29	16	27	13	18	24

23. Do you support or oppose public school teachers having the right to strike?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	Whites	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Completely support	24	24	36	48	28	33	35	20	19	20	18	23	9	35
Somewhat support	31	33	32	30	34	31	31	30	30	29	29	31	27	33
Somewhat oppose	17	17	14	10	16	13	11	19	19	19	19	19	24	12
Completely oppose	16	12	10	3	14	10	4	19	16	22	19	20	30	6
Neither support nor oppose	14	14	8	9	8	13	20	13	16	10	16	7	11	14

24. At which type of school do you work?

	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Private Catholic	4	1	6
Private religious but not Catholic	6	0	10
Private not religious	6	0	9
Charter public	5	4	5
Non-charter public	63	91	47
Something else	15	4	22

25. As far as you know, in the school at which you work, is there a union representing teachers that bargains collectively with the local district?

		Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Yes		56	90	36
No		36	6	53
Don't know		8	4	11

26. Are you currently a member of a teachers' union?

		Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Yes		38	100	0
No		63	0	100

27. How satisfied are you with your local teachers' union's collective bargaining activities?

		Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Very satisfied		12	25	4
Somewhat satisfied		29	53	15
Somewhat dissatisfied		7	10	5
Very dissatisfied		7	5	8
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		22	6	32
No local teachers union in district		23	1	36

28. How satisfied are you with your local teachers' union's political activities?

	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members
Very satisfied	9	18	4
Somewhat satisfied	20	35	10
Somewhat dissatisfied	8	11	7
Very dissatisfied	10	7	12
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	31	28	33
No local teachers union in district	21	0	34

Curriculum and instruction

29. How much should schools focus on student academic performance versus student social and emotional wellbeing?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Performance	66	62	62	63	62	61	61	68	64	71	66	72	70	63
Wellbeing	34	38	38	37	38	39	39	32	36	29	34	28	30	37

30a. Do you think 3rd grade students should be in their core academic classes with only 3rd grade students of similar ability levels, or should they be in class with 3rd grade students of all ability levels?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Similar ability levels	40	37	29	23	33	48	42	38	37	39	38	38	42	41
All ability levels	60	63	71	77	67	52	58	62	63	61	62	62	58	59

30b. Do you think middle school students should be in their core academic classes with only middle school students of similar ability levels, or should they be in class with middle school students of all ability levels?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Similar ability levels	46	46	46	40	50	44	41	48	46	50	46	51	48	44
All ability levels	54	54	54	60	50	56	59	52	54	50	54	49	52	56

30c. Do you think high school students should be in their core academic classes with only high school students of similar ability levels, or should they be in class with high school students of all ability levels?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Similar ability levels	53	58	58	63	55	47	39	57	50	63	54	64	60	49
All ability levels	47	42	42	37	45	53	61	43	50	37	46	36	40	51

31. Do you think all high school students should be encouraged to take classes that prepare them for college, or should some high school students be encouraged to take classes that prepare them to enter the workforce directly after graduation?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
All students take college prep classes	35	42	20	15	23	61	53	24	28	20	27	19	25	41
Encourage some students to take workforce prep classes	65	58	80	85	77	39	47	76	72	80	73	81	75	59

School security

32. How confident are you that there is sufficient security against a shooting attack at public schools in your community?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Extremely confident	3	3	4	8	2	4	5	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Very confident	14	16	17	15	18	13	12	14	12	15	13	15	17	11
Somewhat confident	40	39	42	36	46	38	37	42	43	41	42	42	43	38
Not so confident	30	30	25	27	24	30	30	30	29	31	30	30	28	32
Not at all confident	13	12	12	15	10	15	16	12	13	11	12	11	9	16

Racial disparities (discipline)

33. Do you support or oppose federal policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	14	15	14	13	15	20	28	10	11	9	8	12	4	22
Somewhat support	14	14	16	18	15	17	18	13	13	12	12	13	9	18
Somewhat oppose	19	18	21	23	19	18	13	20	17	22	18	24	22	17
Strongly oppose	30	28	27	22	30	24	18	34	32	35	35	32	44	20
Neither support nor oppose	24	26	22	23	21	21	23	24	27	21	27	19	21	24

Immigration

34. Some people say that children who are not proficient in speaking English should initially be placed in English-speaking classrooms. Others say these children should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their primary language? Which comes closest to your view?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
English classrooms	62	60	54	54	54	55	63	63	65	62	65	60	74	54
Native language classrooms	38	40	46	46	46	45	37	37	35	38	35	40	26	46

35. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible for the in-state college tuition rate if they graduated from high school in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	23	25	27	28	26	49	22	16	15	17	11	25	5	36
Somewhat support	21	20	24	31	20	23	29	20	18	20	17	24	15	26
Somewhat oppose	15	16	14	11	16	8	14	17	14	18	18	15	17	14
Strongly oppose	30	26	28	22	31	11	15	37	39	37	42	30	55	11
Neither support nor oppose	12	13	8	8	8	10	20	10	14	7	13	6	8	13

Higher education

36a. What grade would you give the public four-year colleges and universities in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	22	24	23	26	22	21	19	22	18	25	20	27	21	23
B	55	55	57	60	55	55	56	55	54	55	55	53	52	58
C	19	16	18	14	20	21	20	18	22	14	19	16	20	17
D	3	3	2	0	2	2	2	3	2	4	4	3	5	1
Fail	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	3	1

36b. What grade would you give the public four-year colleges and universities in the nation as a whole?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	8	8	10	10	11	14	13	6	5	7	6	6	6	10
B	50	55	58	69	51	48	42	51	45	56	45	61	43	56
C	30	27	24	18	27	29	38	30	36	25	33	24	34	27
D	8	8	5	4	6	7	4	9	11	8	11	6	12	5
Fail	4	3	3	0	5	3	2	4	4	4	5	2	5	2

37. How about [INSERT STATE FLAGSHIP]? What grade would you give it?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	29	30	39	34	41	32	29	28	25	31	26	33	26	32
B	46	49	39	46	35	46	45	46	47	45	46	46	43	47
C	19	16	17	17	17	17	21	18	20	17	21	15	21	17
D	4	3	3	1	4	4	1	5	5	5	6	4	7	2
Fail	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	1

38. How about [INSERT NEAREST IN-STATE NON-FLAGSHIP FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE]? What grade would you give it?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	23	24	27	25	28	30	29	21	20	21	20	22	21	26
B	46	50	47	55	42	45	44	47	46	48	47	48	43	48
C	24	22	21	18	22	20	23	24	24	24	25	24	27	22
D	5	4	4	2	5	4	2	6	7	5	7	4	7	3
Fail	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	1

39. How about [INSERT NEAREST IN-STATE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE]? What grade would you give it?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	20	21	19	15	21	23	23	18	20	17	20	16	17	22
B	49	51	53	61	49	46	44	51	48	52	51	51	51	49
C	25	23	23	22	23	25	28	25	24	26	24	28	27	24
D	4	5	4	2	5	5	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	4
Fail	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1

40a. What grade would you give the private four-year colleges and universities in your state?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	29	32	35	37	34	31	25	31	27	33	26	38	30	29
B	49	49	45	48	43	48	52	49	48	50	52	45	48	52
C	17	16	18	15	20	17	20	16	20	13	16	15	18	16
D	3	2	2	0	2	3	0	4	4	3	5	1	4	1
Fail	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	1

40b. What grade would you give the private four-year colleges and universities in the nation as a whole?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
A	14	14	20	13	25	20	15	12	9	14	11	12	12	15
B	52	57	52	69	43	50	48	53	50	56	48	63	50	55
C	25	20	20	15	23	22	31	25	29	21	29	18	26	23
D	6	7	4	3	5	5	3	7	8	6	8	6	7	6
Fail	3	2	3	0	4	3	3	3	4	3	5	1	4	2

41a. Do you support or oppose making all public two-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	41	48	31	26	33	54	62	30	37	25	35	24	23	55
Somewhat support	28	26	37	44	35	26	26	30	30	30	29	31	24	30
Somewhat oppose	11	10	15	4	19	6	2	15	12	18	14	18	18	6
Strongly oppose	14	9	16	23	12	8	3	19	14	23	17	22	29	4
Neither support nor oppose	6	7	1	2	1	6	7	6	8	4	6	5	6	5

41b. Graduates of two-year colleges in the United States typically earn \$46,000 each year over the course of their working lives. Do you support or oppose making all public two-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	34	37	34	29	36	54	51	26	32	20	28	21	14	51
Somewhat support	31	26	32	39	28	32	29	32	31	32	32	32	30	32
Somewhat oppose	11	15	8	9	7	6	5	13	11	15	11	16	19	5
Strongly oppose	13	13	23	16	26	2	3	19	12	24	16	24	28	2
Neither support nor oppose	10	8	4	6	3	5	13	11	14	9	14	7	9	9

41c. Do you support or oppose making all public four-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	32	39	36	46	29	47	51	26	30	23	29	22	16	43
Somewhat support	28	27	24	17	29	30	25	28	28	28	30	25	19	36
Somewhat oppose	13	14	22	20	23	11	11	14	12	16	13	17	15	11
Strongly oppose	19	14	14	16	12	7	4	23	19	26	20	29	40	5
Neither support nor oppose	8	7	5	1	7	5	8	8	10	7	9	7	10	6

41d. Graduates of four-year colleges in the United States typically earn \$61,400 each year over the course of their working lives. Do you support or oppose making all public four-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Strongly support	34	33	29	33	26	53	39	29	36	24	31	25	18	45
Somewhat support	27	36	30	38	23	26	29	26	26	25	25	27	15	34
Somewhat oppose	13	15	25	17	33	8	12	16	12	18	14	18	20	9
Strongly oppose	17	9	14	10	17	6	4	22	15	28	21	25	39	4
Neither support nor oppose	9	6	2	2	2	7	16	7	10	5	8	5	8	8

Political activity

42. How frequently do you participate in political activities to support a candidate or issue, such as making phone calls, campaigning door-to-door, or distributing leaflets?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Never	58	61	51	40	58	61	54	59	62	56	63	52	61	55
Almost never	24	22	30	39	26	22	21	23	20	26	20	28	23	24
Sometimes	14	13	15	16	14	14	18	13	13	13	12	14	13	16
Fairly often	3	2	3	4	2	2	6	3	3	3	3	4	2	4
Often	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2

43. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	All	Parents	Teachers	Public School Teachers: Union Members	Public School Teachers: Non-Union Members	Hispanics	Black, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income < \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic with HH Income >= \$75,000	White, Non-Hispanic No 4-Year College Degree	White, Non-Hispanic With 4-Year College Degree	Republicans	Democrats
Voted	36	31	47	54	43	28	37	39	34	44	34	49	42	35
Did not vote	40	44	33	29	35	46	36	38	44	34	43	31	38	40
Ineligible	4	4	2	2	3	7	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	5
Don't know, can't remember	20	20	18	16	19	19	24	19	20	19	20	17	18	21

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For questions with both “a” and “b” versions, a random half of the respondents were assigned version “a” and the other half were assigned version “b”.

For questions with both “a”, “b”, “c” and “d” versions, a random fourth of the respondents were assigned version “a”, “b”, “c” or “d”. “Parents” are defined as respondents living in a household with one or more children between the ages of 6 and 17.

(P) indicates the parent version of a question and (S) indicates the student version

Due to rounding, column totals may not always sum to 100.

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Sample size	415	415

Grading Schools

1. Which type of school does this child attend?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Public school (but not a charter school)	84	84
Charter school	5	5
Private religious school	7	7
Private school (no religious affiliation)	4	4

2 (P). Students are often given the grades A, B, C, and D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give your child's high school?

2 (S). Students are often given the grades A, B, C, and D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give your high school?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	38	35
B	44	34
C	12	23
D	3	5
Fail	3	5

3. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, and D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in your community?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	24	20
B	46	35
C	21	32
D	6	10
Fail	3	3

4. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give them?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	3	7
B	34	39
C	48	40
D	11	11
Fail	4	4

5 (P). How academically prepared for college level work do you think your child will be when they finish high school?

5 (S). How academically prepared for college level work do you think you will be when you finish high school?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Very prepared	43	41
Somewhat prepared	42	42
Not too prepared	13	11
Not at all prepared	2	5

6 (P). How prepared to enter the workforce do you think your child will be when they finish high school?

6 (S). How prepared to enter the workforce do you think you will be when you finish high school?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Very prepared	25	28
Somewhat prepared	51	50
Not too prepared	21	16
Not at all prepared	2	6

School Spending

7. Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in your local school district?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Average response	\$7,629	\$7,916
Actual (Average among sample)	\$13,228	\$12,769
Difference	-\$5,599	-\$4,853

8. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Greatly increase	21	27
Increase	42	44
Stay about the same	29	24
Decrease	7	3
Greatly decrease	1	2

Accountability and the Common Core State Standards

9. As you may know, in the last few years states have been deciding whether or not to use the Common Core, which are standards for reading and math that are the same across the states. In the states that have these standards, they will be used to hold public schools accountable for their performance. Do you support or oppose the use of the Common Core standards in your state?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	15	10
Somewhat support	34	25
Somewhat oppose	15	17
Strongly oppose	25	27
Neither support nor oppose	11	21

10. Do you support or oppose the federal government continuing to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	34	20
Somewhat support	41	32
Somewhat oppose	12	19
Strongly oppose	8	18
Neither support nor oppose	5	11

School choice

11. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	21	19
Somewhat support	35	27
Somewhat oppose	17	13
Strongly oppose	15	8
Neither support nor oppose	12	33

12. A proposal has been made that would give *all* families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you support or oppose this proposal?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	27	30
Somewhat support	33	28
Somewhat oppose	16	10
Strongly oppose	15	10
Neither support nor oppose	9	23

Personnel Policies

13. Based on your best guess, what is the average yearly salary of a public school teacher in your state?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Average response	\$43,820	\$41,842
Actual (Average among sample)	\$59,677	\$59,141
Difference	-\$15,857	-\$17,299

14. Do you think that public school teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Greatly increase	21	23
Increase	50	44
Stay about the same	25	28
Decrease	3	3
Greatly decrease	1	1

15a. Do you support or oppose basing part of the salaries of teachers on ...
 ... how much their students learn?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	31	39
Somewhat support	37	34
Somewhat oppose	13	8
Strongly oppose	7	6
Neither support nor oppose	12	13

15b. ... whether they teach subjects with teacher shortages, like math and science?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	21	24
Somewhat support	40	35
Somewhat oppose	16	13
Strongly oppose	5	5
Neither support nor oppose	18	24

15c. ... on whether they teach in schools with many disadvantaged students?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	21	29
Somewhat support	35	32
Somewhat oppose	15	15
Strongly oppose	9	6
Neither support nor oppose	21	19

15d. ... on evaluations by their principal?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	20	24
Somewhat support	52	35
Somewhat oppose	13	13
Strongly oppose	5	11
Neither support nor oppose	9	17

15e. ... on evaluations by their fellow teachers?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	15	21
Somewhat support	35	29
Somewhat oppose	25	15
Strongly oppose	8	17
Neither support nor oppose	16	17

15f. ... on how many years they have been teaching?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	31	30
Somewhat support	43	38
Somewhat oppose	13	10
Strongly oppose	4	6
Neither support nor oppose	10	16

15g. ... on whether they have a Master's degree?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	34	35
Somewhat support	40	34
Somewhat oppose	10	8
Strongly oppose	4	6
Neither support nor oppose	12	16

16. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. [Some say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. Others say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons.] Do you support or oppose giving tenure to teachers?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	6	9
Somewhat support	24	23
Somewhat oppose	29	18
Strongly oppose	20	18
Neither support nor oppose	20	31

Unions and collective bargaining

17. Do you support or oppose public school teachers having the right to strike?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	20	24
Somewhat support	30	30
Somewhat oppose	16	12
Strongly oppose	19	12
Neither support nor oppose	15	21

Curriculum and instruction

18. How much should schools focus on student academic performance versus student social and emotional wellbeing? Please give a percentage for each. Your answers should add to 100%.

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Student academic performance (mean response)	66	60
Student social and emotional wellbeing (mean response)	34	40

19. Do you think high school students should be in their core academic classes with only high school students of *similar* ability levels, or should they be in class with high school students of *all* ability levels?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Only with students of similar ability levels	54	63
With students of all ability levels	46	37

20. Do you think all high school students should be encouraged to take classes that prepare them for college, or should some high school students be encouraged to take classes that prepare them to enter the workforce directly after graduation?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
All high school students should be encouraged to take classes that prepare them for college	48	47
Some high school students should be encouraged to take classes that prepare them to enter the workforce directly after graduation	52	54

School security

21 (P). How confident are you that there is sufficient security against a shooting attack at your child’s high school?

21 (S). How confident are you that there is sufficient security against a shooting attack at your school?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Extremely confident	11	16
Very confident	28	24
Somewhat confident	40	33
Not so confident	16	17
Not at all confident	5	9

22 (P). Do you support or oppose having one or more armed police officers on duty at your child’s high school whenever school is in session?

22 (S). Do you support or oppose having one or more armed police officers on duty at your school whenever school is in session?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	55	45
Somewhat support	30	36
Somewhat oppose	9	8
Strongly oppose	2	3
Neither support nor oppose	4	8

23 (P). Do you support or oppose having metal detectors at all entrances at your child’s high school?

23 (S). Do you support or oppose having metal detectors at all entrances at your school?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	43	31
Somewhat support	34	32
Somewhat oppose	15	15
Strongly oppose	4	12
Neither support nor oppose	4	11

24 (P). Do you support or oppose screening all students at your child’s high school for severe emotional distress?

24 (S). Do you support or oppose screening all students at your school for severe emotional distress?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	40	37
Somewhat support	41	36
Somewhat oppose	10	10
Strongly oppose	3	7
Neither support nor oppose	5	11

Racial disparities (discipline)

25. Do you support or oppose federal policies that prevent schools from expelling or suspending black and Hispanic students at higher rates than other students?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	12	20
Somewhat support	14	16
Somewhat oppose	17	13
Strongly oppose	32	27
Neither support nor oppose	25	23

Immigration

26. Some people say that children who are not proficient in speaking English should initially be placed in English-speaking classrooms. Others say these children should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their primary language? Which comes closest to your view?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Should initially be placed in English speaking classrooms	65	62
Should initially be placed in classrooms taught in their native language	35	38

27. Do you support or oppose allowing undocumented immigrants to be eligible for the in-state college tuition rate if they graduated from high school in your state?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	20	27
Somewhat support	25	19
Somewhat oppose	15	12
Strongly oppose	33	25
Neither support nor oppose	7	17

Higher education

28 (P). Thinking about your child in high school, do you want that child to go to a community college to earn a two-year degree, a university to earn a four-year degree, or neither?

28 (S). When you finish high school, do you want to go to a community college to earn a two-year degree, a university to earn a four-year degree, or neither?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Community college to earn a two-year degree	21	20
University to earn a four-year degree	71	65
Neither	8	15

29. What grade would you give the **public** four-year colleges and universities in your state?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	28	35
B	54	43
C	14	19
D	2	2
Fail	2	1

30. What grade would you give the **public** four-year colleges and universities in the nation as a whole?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	16	27
B	58	46
C	19	22
D	2	3
Fail	6	2

31. What grade would you give the *private* four-year colleges and universities in your state?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	34	41
B	46	37
C	15	21
D	4	0
Fail	1	1

32. What grade would you give the *private* four-year colleges and universities in the nation as a whole?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	27	33
B	52	51
C	12	13
D	3	1
Fail	6	2

33. How about **[INSERT STATE FLAGSHIP 4-YR COLLEGE]**? What grade would you give it?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	38	44
B	45	36
C	11	15
D	3	1
Fail	2	3

34. How about **[INSERT NEAREST IN-STATE NONFLAGSHIP 4-YR COLLEGE]**? What grade would you give it?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	33	35
B	41	42
C	20	19
D	4	2
Fail	2	2

35. How about **[INSERT NEAREST IN-STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE]**? What grade would you give it?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
A	26	28
B	44	42
C	24	24
D	5	5
Fail	2	2

36. [NO INFO] Do you support or oppose making all public four-year colleges in the United States free to attend?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Strongly support	41	53
Somewhat support	27	24
Somewhat oppose	9	5
Strongly oppose	17	11
Neither support nor oppose	6	7

Political and religious activity

37. How frequently do you participate in political activities to support a candidate or issue, such as making phone calls, campaigning door-to-door, or distributing leaflets?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Never	59	75
Almost never	26	15
Sometimes	11	7
Fairly often	4	3
Often	1	1

38. Apart from weddings and funerals, how often would you say that you attend religious services?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
More than once a week	10	9
Once a month	26	26
A few times a year	8	8
Never	25	21

39. Would you say that you have been born again or have had a born-again experience -- that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Jesus Christ?

	Parents of High School Children	High School Students
Yes	36	33
No	64	67