

# Topline questionnaire

PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
 2021 SURVEY OF BLACK AMERICANS  
 Oct. 4-17, 2021  
 BLACK AMERICANS TOTAL N=3,912  
 GENERAL PUBLIC TOTAL N=6,513

**NOTE: "BLACK AMERICANS" REFERS TO BLACK U.S. ADULTS AND "GENERAL PUBLIC" REFERS TO ALL U.S. ADULTS REGARDLESS OF RACE. ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES. THE PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN ZERO BUT LESS THAN 0.5 ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THIS TOPLINE SHOWS AGGREGATED DATA FOR RESPONDENTS FROM DIFFERENT SAMPLES. RESPONSES TO SOME QUESTIONS WERE COLLECTED IN PREVIOUS SURVEYS. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT SAMPLES, SEE THE [METHODOLOGY](#).**

## OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

### DISPLAY IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):

To provide more background, we conduct research about many different topics among many groups in American society. This particular survey explores the views of Black Americans on issues in Black communities, Black politics, and racial identity. We want to hear the voices of ALL Black Americans on these topics, no matter where they stand.

### ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):

BLK\_LEADER Who do you think is the most important Black leader in the U.S. today, if anyone? **[OPEN END TEXT BOX FOR ONE LINE]**

Black Americans  
 Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

30	Barack Obama
12	No one/don't have one
8	Kamala Harris
8	Unsure/don't know
6	Other
1	Stacey Abrams
1	Al Sharpton
1	Martin Luther King Jr.
1	Jesse Jackson
1	Maxine Waters
1	Tommy Quick
1	Louis Farrakhan
1	Michelle Obama
1	No single leader
1	Generic unspecified
*	Self
26	Blank/Refused

\*\*"Other" includes individuals that were named but whose totals are less than 1%.

## OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

BLK\_NATPROBS How much of a problem do you think each of the following are for Black people living in the country today? **[RANDOMIZE]**

## a. Racism

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>82</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very big problem</b>
63	Extremely big problem
19	Very big problem
<b>10</b>	<b>Somewhat big problem</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NET Few things/Nothing</b>
3	A little problem
3	Not a problem at all
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## b. Efforts to limit voting

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>67</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very big problem</b>
46	Extremely big problem
20	Very big problem
<b>17</b>	<b>Somewhat big problem</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>NET Few things/Nothing</b>
7	A little problem
7	Not a problem at all
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## c. Economic inequality

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>79</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very big problem</b>
54	Extremely big problem
25	Very big problem
<b>13</b>	<b>Somewhat big problem</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NET Few things/Nothing</b>
3	A little problem
3	Not a problem at all
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## d. Quality of K-12 schools

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>67</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very big problem</b>
40	Extremely big problem
28	Very big problem
<b>21</b>	<b>Somewhat big problem</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>NET Few things/Nothing</b>
6	A little problem
5	Not a problem at all
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**BLK\_NATPROBS CONTINUED**

## e. Police brutality

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>80</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very big problem</b>
60	Extremely big problem
19	Very big problem
<b>12</b>	<b>Somewhat big problem</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NET Few things/Nothing</b>
3	A little problem
4	Not a problem at all
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## f. Affordability of health care

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>73</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very big problem</b>
47	Extremely big problem
26	Very big problem
<b>17</b>	<b>Somewhat big problem</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NET Few things/Nothing</b>
5	A little problem
4	Not a problem at all
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**ASK ALL:**

RACTYPE

When it comes to racism against Black people in our country today, which do you think is the bigger problem? **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

52	Racism in our laws
43	Racism by individual people
3	There is no discrimination against Black people in our country today <b>[anchor]</b>
2	No answer

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

23
65
10
1

**ASK ALL:**

IMPLIVES\_MOD

In the past year, do you think the increased focus on issues of race and racial inequality in our country ... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

31	Has led to changes that are improving the lives of Black people
64	Has NOT led to changes that are improving the lives of Black people
5	No answer

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

40
57
3

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

BLKORG21 Which do you think has done the most to help Black people in the U.S. in recent years? **[RANDOMIZE 1-5, 6 ALWAYS DISPLAYED LAST]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

17	The NAACP
3	The National Urban League
6	The Congressional Black Caucus
39	Black Lives Matter
13	Black churches or other religious organizations
14	Someone else <b>[OPEN END] [ANCHOR]</b>
9	No answer

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

POLTACTICS1 How effective are the following for helping Black people move toward equality in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Voting

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>63</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
43	Extremely effective
20	Very effective
<b>21</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
8	A little effective
6	Not at all effective
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

b. Protesting

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>42</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
21	Extremely effective
21	Very effective
<b>35</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
12	A little effective
9	Not at all effective
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

c. Contacting elected officials

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>40</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
20	Extremely effective
20	Very effective
<b>32</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
15	A little effective
10	Not at all effective
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**POLTACTICS1 CONTINUED**

## d. Volunteering with organizations dedicated to Black equality

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>48</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
23	Extremely effective
24	Very effective
<b>33</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
10	A little effective
7	Not at all effective
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## e. Supporting Black businesses ("buying Black")

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>58</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
31	Extremely effective
27	Very effective
<b>26</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
9	A little effective
6	Not at all effective
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

IDIMPORTMOD      Previously you said you consider yourself Black or African American. How important is being Black to how you think about yourself?

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>76</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very important</b>
54	Extremely important
22	Very important
<b>14</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NET A little/not at all important</b>
3	A little important
5	Not at all important
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]**

*[Please select one item from each pair]*

DISCRIM	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many Black people can't <u>get ahead these days</u>	Black people who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their <u>own condition</u>	No answer
<i>Black Americans</i>			
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	68	25	7
Nov. 19, 2019 - June 3, 2020	70	26	4

BLK_AHEAD	Most Black people who want to get ahead can make it if they're <u>willing to work hard</u>	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for <u>most Black people</u>	No answer
<i>Black Americans</i>			
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	39	57	4

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

BLK\_POSITION Would you say that equality for Black people in the U.S. is ...  
**[DISPLAY OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>13</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
4	Extremely likely
9	Very likely
38	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
23	A little likely
21	Not at all likely
	<b>[space]</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Black people are already equal</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**ASK ALL:**

RACESURV17

How much, if at all, do you think the legacy of slavery affects the position of Black people in American society today?

	<b>NET A great deal/ A fair amount</b>	A great deal	A fair amount	<b>NET Not much/ Not at all</b>	Not much	Not at all	<b>No answer</b>
<i>Black Americans</i>							
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	<b>85</b>	55	30	<b>13</b>	9	4	<b>2</b>
<i>Black Americans*</i>							
Jan. 22 - Feb. 5, 2019	<b>84</b>	59	25	<b>15</b>	6	9	<b>1</b>
<i>General public</i>							
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	<b>58</b>	28	30	<b>40</b>	23	18	<b>2</b>
<i>General public</i>							
Jan. 22 - Feb. 5, 2019	<b>63</b>	31	32	<b>36</b>	19	16	<b>1</b>

\* This was asked of non-Hispanic Black Americans

**ASK ALL:**

REPARATIONS

Do you think descendants of people enslaved in the U.S. should be repaid in some way, such as given land or money?

<u>Black Americans</u> <u>Oct. 4 - 17, 2021</u>		<u>General public</u> <u>Oct. 4 - 17, 2021</u>
77	Yes	30
17	No	68
6	No answer	2

**ASK IF WANTS REPARATIONS (REPARATIONS=1):**

REP\_INST

How much responsibility, if any, do the following have for repaying descendants of people enslaved in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. The United States federal government

<u>Black Americans</u> <u>Oct. 4 - 17, 2021</u>		<u>General public</u> <u>Oct. 4 - 17, 2021</u>
<b>81</b>	<b>NET All/Most</b>	<b>75</b>
57	All	40
24	Most	35
<b>15</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>NET A little/none</b>	<b>6</b>
2	A little	4
1	None	2
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>	<b>*</b>
n=3,071		n=3,677

**REP\_INST CONTINUED**

## b. Businesses and banks that profited from slavery

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
<b>76</b>	<b>NET All/Most</b>	<b>65</b>
53	All	38
23	Most	27
<b>18</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>NET A little/none</b>	<b>9</b>
4	A little	5
2	None	4
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>	*
n=3,071		n=3,677

## c. Colleges and university that benefited from slavery

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
<b>63</b>	<b>NET All/Most</b>	<b>53</b>
45	All	31
18	Most	22
<b>27</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NET A little/none</b>	<b>12</b>
6	A little	7
3	None	5
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>	*
n=3,071		n=3,677

## d. Descendants of families who engaged in the slave trade

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
<b>60</b>	<b>NET All/Most</b>	<b>44</b>
42	All	25
18	Most	19
<b>23</b>	<b>Some</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>NET A little/none</b>	<b>29</b>
8	A little	12
8	None	17
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>	*
n=3,071		n=3,677



**ASK IF WANTS REPARATIONS (REPARATIONS=1):****REP\_REAL**

How likely is it that descendants of people enslaved in the U.S. will be repaid in your lifetime?

Black Americans  
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**7** **NET Extremely/Very likely**  
 4 Extremely likely  
 4 Very likely  
**11** **Somewhat likely**  
**82** **NET A little/Not at all likely**  
 19 A little likely  
 63 Not at all likely  
 \* **No answer**

n=3,071

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

**10**  
 3  
 6  
**15**  
**75**  
 29  
 46  
**1**

n=3677

**ASK IF WANTS REPARATIONS (REPARATIONS=1):****REP\_FORM**How helpful do you think each of the following types of repayment would be for descendants of people enslaved in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Cash payments

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

**69** **NET Extremely/Very helpful**  
 50 Extremely helpful  
 20 Very helpful  
**19** **Somewhat helpful**  
**11** **NET A little/Not at all helpful**  
 8 A little helpful  
 3 Not at all helpful  
 \* **No answer**

n=3,071

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

**57**  
 36  
 21  
**24**  
**18**  
 13  
 5  
**1**

n=3,677

b. Financial assistance for buying or remodeling a home

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

**76** **NET Extremely/Very helpful**  
 50 Extremely helpful  
 26 Very helpful  
**16** **Somewhat helpful**  
**8** **NET A little/Not at all helpful**  
 4 A little helpful  
 3 Not at all helpful  
**1** **No answer**

n=3,071

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

**73**  
 42  
 31  
**19**  
**7**  
 5  
 2  
**1**

n=3,677

**REP\_FORM CONTINUED**

## c. Financial assistance for starting or improving a business

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
<b>77</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very helpful</b>	<b>75</b>
52	Extremely helpful	41
26	Very helpful	34
<b>15</b>	<b>Somewhat helpful</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all helpful</b>	<b>6</b>
4	A little helpful	4
3	Not at all helpful	2
*	<b>No answer</b>	*
n=3,071		n=3,677

## d. Educational scholarships

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
<b>80</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very helpful</b>	<b>82</b>
56	Extremely helpful	52
23	Very helpful	29
<b>14</b>	<b>Somewhat helpful</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all helpful</b>	<b>5</b>
3	A little helpful	4
3	Not at all helpful	1
*	<b>No answer</b>	*
n=3,071		n=3,677

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):****EQUALEFFECT2**

How effective would the following be for helping Black people move toward equality in the U.S.? **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

## a. Establishing a national Black political party

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	
<b>31</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
18	Extremely effective
13	Very effective
<b>27</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
17	A little effective
21	Not at all effective
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**EQUALEFFECT2 CONTINUED**

b. All elected officials governing Black neighborhoods are Black

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>27</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
13	Extremely effective
14	Very effective
<b>33</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
17	A little effective
19	Not at all effective
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>

c. Black people owning all businesses in Black neighborhoods

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>39</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very effective</b>
21	Extremely effective
18	Very effective
<b>29</b>	<b>Somewhat effective</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all effective</b>
14	A little effective
14	Not at all effective
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

RACESURV20

Thinking about your own experience, have you ever personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your race or ethnicity?

	<b>NET Regularly/from time to time</b>	Yes, <u>regularly</u>	Yes, from time to <u>time</u>	<u>No</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<i>Black Americans</i> Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	<b>79</b>	15	64	19	2
<i>Black Americans*</i> June 4 - June 10, 2020	<b>83</b>	17	66	15	2
<i>Black Americans*</i> Jan. 22 - Feb. 5, 2019	<b>76</b>	13	63	23	1
<i>General public</i> Oct. 4 - 17, 2021	<b>48</b>	6	42	52	1
<i>General public</i> June 4 - June 10, 2020	<b>46</b>	6	40	53	1
<i>General public</i> Jan. 22 - Feb. 5, 2019	<b>45</b>	6	39	54	1

\* This sample only includes non-Hispanic Black Americans

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

REBUILT1

Thinking about how Black people are treated in this country, how much, if at all, do you think the following systems need to change for Black people to be treated fairly?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 4-1 FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

a. The economic system

Black Americans  
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<b>3</b>	<b>Requires no changes</b>
<b>94</b>	<b>NET Changes needed</b>
11	Requires only minor changes
46	Requires major changes
37	Needs to be completely rebuilt
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**REBUILT1 CONTINUED**

## b. The health care system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>4</b>	<b>Requires no changes</b>
<b>94</b>	<b>NET Changes needed</b>
15	Requires only minor changes
45	Requires major changes
34	Needs to be completely rebuilt
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## c. The political system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>4</b>	<b>Requires no changes</b>
<b>93</b>	<b>NET Changes needed</b>
8	Requires only minor changes
43	Requires major changes
42	Needs to be completely rebuilt
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## d. Policing

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>3</b>	<b>Requires no changes</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>NET Changes needed</b>
8	Requires only minor changes
38	Requires major changes
49	Needs to be completely rebuilt
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

## e. The courts and judicial process

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>3</b>	<b>Requires no changes</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>NET Changes needed</b>
9	Requires only minor changes
38	Requires major changes
48	Needs to be completely rebuilt
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**REBUILT1 CONTINUED**

f. The prison system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>3</b>	<b>Requires no changes</b>
<b>94</b>	<b>NET Changes needed</b>
7	Requires only minor changes
33	Requires major changes
54	Needs to be completely rebuilt
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>

**ASK IF CHANGES NEEDED (REBUILT1a-f=2,3,4) AND IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

REBUILT2

In your lifetime, how likely is it that each of the following systems will be changed for Black people to be treated fairly? **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS REBUILT1]**

a. The economic system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>12</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
5	Extremely likely
7	Very likely
<b>25</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>62</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
29	A little likely
33	Not at all likely
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>
n=3,729	

b. The health care system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>16</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
6	Extremely likely
11	Very likely
<b>32</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
27	A little likely
24	Not at all likely
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>
n=3,729	

**REBUILT2 CONTINUED**

## c. The political system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>11</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
4	Extremely likely
6	Very likely
<b>25</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>63</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
26	A little likely
37	Not at all likely
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>
n=3,729	

## d. Policing

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>13</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
6	Extremely likely
7	Very likely
<b>28</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>58</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
27	A little likely
30	Not at all likely
<b>2</b>	<b>No answer</b>
n=3,729	

## e. The courts and judicial process

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>12</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
5	Extremely likely
7	Very likely
<b>23</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
29	A little likely
36	Not at all likely
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>
n=3,729	

## f. The prison system

Black Americans

Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>11</b>	<b>NET Extremely/Very likely</b>
5	Extremely likely
6	Very likely
<b>21</b>	<b>Somewhat likely</b>
<b>67</b>	<b>NET A little/Not at all likely</b>
26	A little likely
40	Not at all likely
<b>1</b>	<b>No answer</b>
n=3,729	

**ASK ALL:**

POLICE\_FUND \*\*

Thinking about police departments in your area, do you think that spending on policing should be ...

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

<b>35</b>	<b>NET Increased</b>	<b>48</b>
16	Increased a lot	21
19	Increased a little	28
<b>39</b>	<b>Stay about the same</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>NET decreased</b>	<b>13</b>
14	Decreased a little	8
9	Decreased a lot	5
<b>3</b>	<b>No answer</b>	<b>1</b>

\*\* This question was asked of all respondents, but was asked of the KnowledgePanel (KP) sample from Oct. 4-17, 2021, and asked of the American Trends Panel (ATP) sample on Sept. 13-19, 2021.

**ASK ALL DECREASE FUNDING (XPANEL=1 AND POLICE\_FUND=4,5):**

POLICE\_DECREASE\*\*

If police spending in your area is decreased, which of the following should be the top priority for these funds? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-4, 5 ALWAYS LAST]**Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

40	Medical, mental health and social services in your area	52
25	K-12 schools in your area	15
12	Roads, water systems and other infrastructure in your area	13
13	Reducing taxes for those who live in your area	15
9	Something else <b>[anchor]</b>	4
1	No answer	*
n=739		n=1,046

\*\* This question was asked of all respondents who think that spending on policing in their area should decrease, but was asked of the KP sample from Oct. 4-17, 2021, and asked of the ATP sample on Sept. 13-19, 2021.

**OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

WHT\_ALLY

Which statement comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES; USE SAME ORDER FOR LAT\_ALLY AND ASN\_ALLY]**Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

42	White people would make good political allies for Black people only if they experience some of the hardships that Black people face
35	White people would make good political allies for Black people even if they don't experience the same hardships that Black people face
18	White people would NOT make good political allies for Black people
3	No answer



**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

LAT\_ALLY Which statement comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES; USE SAME ORDER FOR WHT\_ALLY AND ASN\_ALLY]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

37	Latinos would make good political allies for Black people only if they experience some of the hardships that Black people face
40	Latinos would make good political allies for Black people even if they don't experience the same hardships that Black people face
16	Latinos would NOT make good political allies for Black people
7	No answer

**ASK IF BLACK (RACEMOD=2):**

ASN\_ALLY Which statement comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSES; USE SAME ORDER FOR LAT\_ALLY AND WHT\_ALLY]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

34	Asian Americans would make good political allies for Black people only if they experience some of the hardships that Black people face
35	Asian Americans would make good political allies for Black people even if they don't experience the same hardships that Black people face
23	Asian Americans would NOT make good political allies for Black people
7	No answer

**OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE OR REFUSED (PARTY=3,4,99):**

PARTYSUM As of today do you lean more to...

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

10	Republican/lean Republican
80	Democrat/lean Democrat
10	Independent/other/no answer

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

43
51
6

**ASK ALL:**

IDEO In general, would you describe your political views as... **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSES 1-5 OR 5-1]**

Black Americans  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

5	Very conservative
11	Conservative
47	Moderate
21	Liberal
8	Very liberal
8	No answer

General public  
Oct. 4 - 17, 2021

8
24
39
17
7
4

**ASK ALL:**

GENDER

Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
40	Man	47
57	Woman	52
1	Some other way	1
1	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

F\_EDUCCAT

What is the highest degree or level of school that you have completed?

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
26	College graduate +	34
36	Some college	31
38	HS graduate or less	35
*	No answer	*

**ASK ALL:**

CITIZEN

Are you a citizen of the United States, or not?

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
97	Yes	94
2	No	6
1	No answer	*

**ASK ALL:**

INCOME

Last year what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
41	Less than \$30,000	22
12	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	11
9	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	9
8	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000	9
6	\$60,000 to less than \$70,000	7
5	\$70,000 to less than \$80,000	7
4	\$80,000 to less than \$90,000	7
3	\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	6
9	\$100,000 or more	22
5	No answer	5

**ASK ALL:**

BIRTHPLACE

Where were you born?

**NOTE: COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN RECODED INTO MAJOR GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS**

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
86	U.S. (50 states and District of Columbia)	82
1	U.S. (Puerto Rico)	1
4	U.S. (other territory)	2
8	Another country	13
1	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

RELIG

What is your present religion, if any?

Black Americans Oct. 4 - 17, 2021		General public Oct. 4 - 17, 2021
<b>70</b>	<b>NET Christian</b>	<b>64</b>
64	Protestant	41
5	Roman Catholic	20
1	Other Christians	2
<b>1</b>	<b>Non-Christian</b>	<b>4</b>
23	<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>29</b>
4	Atheist/agnostic	11
19	Nothing in particular	18
<b>6</b>	<b>No answer</b>	<b>4</b>