

Black Omnibus

January 2021
Survey of Black Voters
N=1000
National

INTRODUCTION

We are conducting a national opinion survey and would like to ask you a few questions about issues facing your state and community. This is a research study. Your name was chosen at random and your individual answers are confidential.

1. We want to be sure we’re representing everybody, may I ask your race?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
White or Caucasian	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
African-American or Black	96%	95%	96%	97%	97%
Mixed Race - AA or Black	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%
Hispanic or Latino	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
Asian or Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
Native American or American Indian	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
Other -- Specify	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
(Refused)	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
(Don't know)	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A

2. What is your age? ____ ____

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
18 - 24	15%	12%	11%	10%	10%
25 - 34	20%	18%	17%	16%	16%
35 - 44	18%	17%	17%	17%	17%
45 - 54	16%	17%	17%	17%	17%
55 - 64	13%	19%	19%	19%	19%
65+	17%	17%	19%	21%	21%

3. Are you registered to vote in <state>?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Yes	100%	NA	100%	100%	100%
No	0%	NA	0%	N/A	N/A
Don't know	0%	NA	0%	N/A	N/A

It is fairly normal to miss an election and we want to get an idea of how frequent that is for some people...

4. Did you vote in the 2008 election between Barack Obama and John McCain?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Yes Voted	74%	64%	84%	86%	NA
No - Did not vote	11%	23%	7%	5%	NA
No - Was not eligible	13%	10%	9%	8%	NA
Don't remember	2%	3%	1%	1%	NA

5. Did you vote in the 2012 election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Yes Voted	75%	74%	84%	85%	NA
No - Did not vote	12%	19%	7%	6%	NA
No - Was not eligible	12%	6%	8%	8%	NA
Don't remember	1%	1%	1%	1%	NA

6. Did you vote in the 2016 election between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Yes Voted	74%	85%	85%	88%	NA
No - Did not vote	17%	11%	11%	8%	NA
No - Was not eligible	9%	4%	3%	3%	NA
Don't remember	1%	0%	1%	1%	NA

7. Did you vote in the 2018 Midterm elections in your state for Congress and other state and local races?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Yes Voted	69%	80%	75%	76%	NA

No - Did not vote	24%	15%	20%	19%	NA
No - Was not eligible	5%	3%	2%	2%	NA
Don't remember	2%	3%	3%	3%	NA

8. Regardless of how you have previously voted, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else? If you consider yourself a Democrat, would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat? If you consider yourself a Republican you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Strong Democrat	56%	58%	52%	58%	54%
Not strong Democrat	16%	13%	22%	17%	19%
Strong Republican	5%	5%	2%	2%	2%
Not strong Republican	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Independent	16%	17%	18%	17%	19%
Other	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%

POLITICAL CLIMATE

9. Thinking about the direction in which the country is headed, generally speaking, are you very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the direction in which the country is headed?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Very satisfied	15%	NA	6%	7%	5%
Satisfied	20%	NA	6%	8%	6%
Dissatisfied	27%	NA	22%	19%	25%
Very dissatisfied	32%	NA	63%	64%	62%
Don't know	6%	NA	3%	2%	3%

10. Do you APPROVE or DISAPPROVE of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President of the United States?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Strongly approve	7%	9%	4%	5%	4%
Somewhat approve	8%	6%	6%	5%	5%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	5%	9%	11%	11%
Strongly disapprove	71%	78%	79%	78%	79%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%

11. Do you APPROVE or DISAPPROVE of the way that Democrats are handling their job in the United States Congress?

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Strongly approve	33%	NA	21%	26%	20%
Somewhat approve	36%	NA	40%	40%	44%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	NA	20%	18%	20%
Strongly disapprove	12%	NA	12%	10%	9%
Don't know	7%	NA	6%	6%	7%

12. What are the THREE most important issues facing the country today? [Select up to 3]

	January Total	November Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Criminal Justice	9%	11%	16%	15%	32%
Police Brutality	26%	31%	40%	44%	NA
Economy/Jobs	31%	31%	28%	24%	45%
K-12 Education	6%	9%	6%	6%	15%
Health care	23%	31%	35%	33%	50%
Climate Change	7%	9%	10%	18%	NA
Gun Violence	13%	9%	16%	20%	28%
Corruption/Money in Politics	9%	10%	9%	9%	8%
Immigration	6%	7%	7%	6%	8%
Taxes	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Opioids/Drugs	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%
Wealth Inequality	10%	10%	13%	9%	NA
Affordable Housing	8%	7%	6%	6%	NA
Racism and Discrimination	46%	50%	57%	55%	75%
Voter Suppression	5%	7%	8%	8%	14%
Coronavirus	58%	58%	39%	35%	NA
White Supremacy	21%	NA	NA	NA	NA

13. Now, rate your feelings toward some people, organizations, and issues using a scale from zero to ten, in which a “10” means that you feel VERY WARM and FAVORABLE towards them, a “0” means that you feel VERY COLD and UNFAVORABLE, and a “5” means that you do not feel particularly warm or cold. You may use any number from zero to ten depending on how you feel. If you have no opinion or have never heard of a person or organization, please say so.

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	January Mean	November Mean	October Mean	September Mean	June Mean
Donald Trump	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9
Joe Biden	7.8	7.5	7.3	6.9	6.5
The Republican Party	2.5	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.6
The Democratic Party	7.2	7.3	6.8	6.6	6.4
Kamala Harris	7.5	7.5	7.3	6.8	5.8
Mike Pence	3.0	1.9	1.6	1.5	NA
Black Lives Matter	8.2	NA	7.7	7.1	5.5
Barack Obama	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6
Mitch McConnell	2.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Josh Hawley	2.7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ted Cruz	2.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Proud Boys	1.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Defund the Police	4.9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Nancy Pelosi	6.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Stacey Abrams	6.9	NA	NA	NA	NA
ANTIFA	2.8	NA	NA	NA	NA
Trump Voters	1.5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Kanye West	NA	NA	1.9	1.8	NA
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	NA	NA	6.3	NA	NA
Bernie Sanders	NA	NA	6.4	NA	NA

2020 CYCLE

14. Many Americans chose not to vote in this past November’s general election. Did you vote in this general election?

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	January Total
Yes, voted	
No, did not vote	
Don’t know	

15. No matter how frequently you vote in elections, how much power do you feel that your vote has to move elections? Please rate the amount of power you feel your vote has on a scale of 0-10, a 0 means your vote has no power at all and a 10 means that your vote has a lot of power. _____.

	January Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Mean	7.0	7.6	7.7	NA

16. Who did you vote for in the 2020 general election for president, Donald Trump, Joe Biden, or a 3rd party candidate for president?

	January Total
Joe Biden	85%
Donald Trump	8%
3 rd Party Candidate	3%
Don't know	4%

17. How much do you approve or disapprove of how Joe Biden is handling the transition of government so far?

	January Total
Strongly approve	57%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	4%
Don't know	7%

18. As a result of the November election, how much trust do you have that the Biden-Harris administration will make POSITIVE change in your community?

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	January Total
A lot of trust	
Some trust	
Not a lot of trust	
No trust at all	
Don't know	

19. As a result of the November election, how much trust do you have that the Democratic-led Congress will make POSITIVE change in your community?

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	January Total
A lot of trust	
Some trust	
Not a lot of trust	
No trust at all	
Don't know	

20. Who do you expect will benefit as a result of this past November election? [SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]
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	January Total
Young people	
Black people	
People of color	
Democrats	
The wealthy	
White people	
Elected officials	
Big corporations	
Small businesses	
Disadvantaged communities	
None of the above	

21. In your opinion, how important is it for our elected leaders to be racially diverse – is it very important, somewhat important, somewhat unimportant, or very unimportant?
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	January Total
Very important	
Somewhat important	
Somewhat unimportant	
Very unimportant	
Don't know	

22. Do you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statement: the Democratic Party takes Black voters for granted.

	January Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Strongly Agree	19%	16%	17%	18%
Agree	24%	28%	24%	30%
Disagree	30%	25%	29%	24%
Strongly Disagree	15%	17%	17%	14%

Don't know	12%	14%	12%	14%
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23. How much trust do you have in each of the following institutions?

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	A lot of trust	Some trust	Not a lot of trust	No trust at all	Don't know/unfamiliar
News media /Press					
Elected officials					
The Federal Government					
Congress					
State and Local governments					
The military					
Law enforcement					

24. Please tell me how credible and legitimate you believe the presidential election overall was on a scale of zero to ten, where ten is absolutely credible and legitimate, and zero means not credible and legitimate at all? You can be anywhere in between 0-10. _____.

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	January Mean
Election Credibility (0-10)	
Extremely legitimate (8-10)	
Somewhat legitimate (6-7)	
Not very legitimate (3-5)	
Not legitimate at all (0-2)	

RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

25. How prevalent do you think racism and discrimination among individuals is today in our society – would you say racism and discrimination among individuals is very prevalent, somewhat prevalent, not too prevalent, or not at all prevalent?

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	January Total
Very prevalent	
Somewhat prevalent	
Not too prevalent	
Not at all prevalent	
Don't know	

26. How comfortable or uncomfortable are you with the following?

	Very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Neither comfortable or uncomfortable	Somewhat uncomfortable	Very uncomfortable
Having a Republican neighbor	28%	17%	32%	11%	12%
Having a neighbor who is a Trump supporter	17%	12%	29%	15%	27%
Talking to a Republican about racism	25%	16%	26%	15%	18%
Talking to a Trump supporter about racism	17%	10%	20%	14%	39%
Working with a Republican as a coworker	29%	18%	31%	11%	11%
Working with a Trump supporter as a coworker	15%	11%	30%	15%	29%
Talking to a Democrat about racism	48%	24%	21%	4%	3%
Talking to a Biden supporter about racism	42%	26%	21%	5%	5%

27. How much do you feel it is justified for your community to use violence in advancing political goals?

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	January Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Never justified				
A little				
A moderate amount				
A lot				
A great deal				
Don't know				

28. How much do you feel it is justified for the Black community to use violence in advancing political goals?

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	January Total
Never justified	
A little	
A moderate amount	
A lot	
A great deal	
Don't know	

29. As a Black person in this country, do you feel you are the target of violence that is occurring as a result of this election?

[October wording: "As a Black person in this country, do you feel that you will be a target of violence that could occur as a result of this election?"]

	January Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Yes	57%	40%	NA	NA
No	32%	27%	NA	NA
Don't know	11%	33%	NA	NA

30. Since Trump was elected as President in 2016, how has that impacted how safe or unsafe you feel in your country as a Black person? Do you feel more or less safe?

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	January Total	October Total	September Total	June Total
Much safer				
Somewhat safer				
No difference				
Somewhat less safe				
Much less safe				
Don't know				

31. Since Biden was elected as president in 2020, how safe or unsafe do you feel in your country as a Black person? Do you feel more or less safe?

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	January Total
Much safer	
Somewhat safer	

No difference	
Somewhat less safe	
Much less safe	
Don't know	

32. How much trust do you have in the police to protect you if you are a target of violence that is occurring as a result of this election?

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	January Total
A lot of trust	
Some trust	
A little trust	
No trust at all	
Don't know	

POST ELECTION VIOLENCE

After every presidential election, Congress meets at the Capitol to officially certify the results. This year's certification process was interrupted by a group of people who entered the Capitol building and disrupted Congress before the certification could be completed.

33. Based on your understanding of what happened, do you think the events that took place at the US Capitol on January 6th in Washington, D.C. were...

	January Total
Very justified	7%
Somewhat justified	7%
Unsure	11%
Not very justified	7%
Not at all justified	66%
Unfamiliar with events	3%

34. How would you best characterize the events that took place at the US Capitol on January 6th in Washington, D.C.?

	January Total
Peaceful protest	4%
Violent protest	16%
Uprising	7%
Insurrection	16%
Domestic terrorism	33%

Attempted coup	9%
Riot	15%

35. Thinking about the events that took place at US Capitol January 6th in Washington D.C., how responsible do you think each of the following are for causing the events that occurred?

	Definitely responsible	Somewhat responsible	Not very responsible	Not at all responsible	Don't know/ unfamiliar
Donald Trump	68%	12%	5%	9%	6%
Right-wing cable news outlets like Fox News	31%	27%	13%	14%	16%
Right-wing fringe media like Breitbart or Alex Jones	34%	18%	8%	7%	34%
Mainstream social media websites like Twitter and Facebook	29%	35%	16%	10%	10%
Fringe social media like Parler	33%	22%	10%	8%	27%
Republicans in Congress	38%	31%	12%	10%	9%
Republican state and local elected officials	31%	34%	15%	11%	9%
White supremacist groups like the Proud Boys	64%	16%	6%	4%	11%
Antifa and radical left-wing organizations	27%	19%	12%	19%	22%
Trump voters	58%	21%	8%	8%	5%
Republican voters	35%	30%	13%	12%	10%
QAnon	34%	14%	8%	5%	40%

36. What do you believe is the most appropriate response to Republican members of congress and elected officials who actively encouraged supporters to storm the Capitol in Washington D.C. on January 6th? Should those Republican elected officials resign, be removed from office, or otherwise held accountable, **OR** should nothing be done to those Republican elected officials?

	January Total
Those Republican elected officials should resign, be removed from office or otherwise held accountable	82%
Nothing should be done to those Republican elected officials	9%
Don't know	9%

37. How likely is it that something like the events that took place at the US Capitol on January 6th in Washington D.C. will happen again on or before Joe Biden's inauguration?

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	January Total
Very likely	
Somewhat likely	
Not very likely	
Not at all likely	
Don't know	

Thinking about the people who showed up to the US Capitol building in Washington D.C. on January 6th...

38. What do you think motivated the people that entered the US Capitol on January 6th? (Select up to 3.)
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	January Total
They believed the election was stolen	
They wanted to advance the ideals of white supremacy	
Donald Trump told them to be there	
Republican elected officials promoted misinformation about the election	
Right-wing media promoted misinformation about the election	
Conspiracy theorists like QAnon	
Fear of the Democratic agenda	
The increase in Black political power displayed during the elections	
Having a strong Black woman elected as vice president	
Other/none of the above	

39. What do you think the people that entered the US Capitol on January 6th wanted their ultimate outcome to be? (Select up to 3.)
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	January Total
To prevent Joe Biden from becoming president	
To overturn the election results	
To send a message of white supremacy	
To hurt/harm elected officials who were attempting to certify the election	
To overthrow the government	
To other/none of the above	

40. Please answer the following questions with a “yes” or “no.”
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	Yes	No
Was it a surprise to you when you saw the events unfolding outside the US Capitol building in Washington D.C. on January 6th?		
Was there fraud perpetrated in the November election?		

Were the results of the November election legitimate?		
Do you think those who stormed the US Capitol in Washington D.C. on the 6th achieved their intended objective?		
Do you expect people to attempt to use violence again to prevent the inauguration of Joe Biden?		
If people attempt to storm the US Capitol in Washington D.C. again, do you expect them to be successful?		

41. What are the best ways to hold the people responsible for the events at the US Capitol on January 6th in Washington D.C.? [Select all that apply]

	January Total
Impeach Donald Trump	39%
Ban those responsible from all social media	17%
Prevent corporations from funding campaigns of those responsible	13%
Expel Republican members of Congress responsible from their elected office	18%
Expel Republican members who objected to the certification of election results	14%
Prosecute and jail anyone who entered the Capitol building illegally on the 6 th	45%
Charge those who entered the Capitol building illegally with terrorism	41%
Vote every elected official that was responsible out of office	20%

42. Who do you expect to hold the people accountable that were responsible for the events at the US Capitol on January 6th in Washington D.C.?

	January Total
Joe Biden	11%
The Justice Department	36%
Democrats in Congress	10%
Republicans in Congress	9%
Law enforcement	16%
State and local governments	7%
Voters	5%
Nobody	6%

43. Who do you think should hold the people accountable that were responsible for the events at the US Capitol on January 6th in Washington D.C.?

	January Total
Joe Biden	9%
The Justice Department	36%
Democrats in Congress	6%
Republicans in Congress	13%
Law enforcement	18%
State and local governments	7%
Voters	4%
Nobody	6%

44. As the next administration and Congress take office, which of the following statements do you agree with?

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	January Total
Now that Democrats control both branches of government, they should not attempt to compromise with Republicans and instead advance a bold progressive agenda that reverses the policies of the Trump administration	
Now that Democrats control both branches of government, they should work across the aisle with Republicans to achieve a bipartisan agenda and end the divisions that make Washington ineffective	
Don't know	

45. As the next administration and Congress take office, which of the following statements do you agree with?

	January Total

The Democratic congress and White House should move immediately to advance an agenda that will result in progress for the American people and start turning the page on the Trump administration.	37%
The Democratic congress and White House should hold hearings and investigations to ensure that Donald Trump and others responsible for storming the capital are held accountable before moving on to their legislative agenda.	42%
Neither	9%
Don't Know	12%

DEFUND/BLM

46. Did you participate in any of the protests in support of Black Lives following George Floyd’s killing that took place in cities across the country?

	January Total
Yes	24%
No	73%
Refused	3%

47. Do you think the events that took place in support of Black Lives following George Floyd’s killing that took place in cities across the country were...?

	January Total
Very justified	48%
Somewhat justified	24%
Unsure	13%
Not very justified	7%
Not at all justified	8%

48. How would you best characterize the events that took place in support of Black Lives following George Floyd’s killing that took place in cities across the country?

	January Total
Peaceful protests	55%
Violent protests	13%

Uprisings	11%
Insurrections	2%
Domestic terrorism	5%
Attempted coups	2%
Riots	12%

49. Thinking about “Defund the Police movement,” are you more supportive or less supportive of the Defund the Police movement today than you were this summer during the BLM protests?

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	January Total
Much more supportive	
Somewhat more supportive	
No change	
Somewhat less supportive	
Much less supportive	
Don't know	

50. Thinking about the Defund the Police movement that has sprung up around the country in the wake of George Floyd’s death, which of the following phrases or policies do you think does or does not describe the movement’s goals?

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	Definitely describes	Somewhat describes	Somewhat does not describe	Definitely does not describes	DK
Reducing funding for the police and moving those resources into public safety approaches that do not involve policing or punishment but do involve mental health and public health					
Restructuring the police department to focus more on a holistic approach to public safety and public health					
Moving our money away from the police and into community organizations that promote public health and safety					
Investing resources away from the police and into community organizations that promote public health and safety					
Reimagining the police department to make it more efficient and effective while promoting public health and safety					
Abolishing the police entirely to create a new approach to public safety					
Jailing police officers trying to do their jobs to keep our communities safe					
Reforming policing in cities to prevent the bad apples from representing entire departments					
Demilitarizing the police					

51. How would you best characterize the law enforcement reaction to the events that happened at the US Capitol building in Washington D.C. on January 6th?

	January Total
Police did the best they could with limited resources	14%
Police were complicit in helping white supremacists enter the building	19%

Police stood back and stood by	17%
Police underestimated the threat and were unprepared	22%
Police intervention was prevented by leadership	7%
Police did not see the crowd of largely white rioters as a threat	13%
Police were focused on protecting the elected officials rather than the building itself	8%

DEMOGRAPHICS

[The last few questions are for statistical purposes only.]

52. What is your gender

	January Total
Male	48%
Female	52%
Nonbinary	1%
Other	0%
(Don't know/Ref)	0%

53. Do you personally identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or transgender?

	January Total
Yes	7%
No	89%
Don't know	4%

54. Thinking about your approach to political issues, would you describe yourself as very progressive, somewhat progressive, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

	January Total
Very progressive	18%
Somewhat progressive	20%
Moderate	41%
Somewhat conservative	11%
Very conservative	6%
Don't know	4%

55. Including everyone who lives in your household, in which range does your total household yearly income fall?

	January Total

Under \$10,000	9%
\$10,000 to \$30,000	19%
\$30,000 to \$50,000	21%
\$50,000 to \$75,000	19%
\$75,000 to \$100,000	12%
\$100,000 to \$250,000	10%
More than \$250,000	3%
Don't know	7%

56. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	January Total
1-11 th grade	4%
High school graduate	25%
Some college – up to 2 years/ AA degree	32%
College graduate/ bachelors degree/ BA/ BS	26%
Postgraduate degree	12%
Don't know	2%

57. And did you attend an HBCU or Historically Black College or University?

	January Total
Yes	22%
No	76%
Don't know	3%

58. Are you married, unmarried living with a partner, single, separated, divorced or widowed?

	January Total
Married	28%
Unmarried with partner	12%
Single	42%
Separated/divorced	9%
Widowed	7%
Don't know	2%

59. Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living in your household?

	January Total
Yes	30%
No	67%

Don't know	3%
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60. Which one of the following best describes your work situation — are you employed, retired, disabled, unemployed, a student, or a homemaker?

	January Total
Employed Full-time	41%
Employed Part-time	13%
Retired	18%
Disabled	7%
Unemployed	12%
Student	5%
Homemaker	3%
Don't know	1%

61. Do you live in a:

	January Total
Big city	36%
Small city	19%
Suburb	26%
Small town	9%
Rural area	9%
Don't know	2%

62. Do you think abortions should be legal under any circumstances, legal only under certain circumstances or illegal in all circumstances?

	January Total
Legal under any circumstances	35%
Legal under only certain circumstances	39%
Illegal in all circumstances	13%
Don't know	13%

63. In your view, should immigration be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

	January Total
Present level	29%
Increased	27%
Decreased	18%

Don't know	26%
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64. Do you think marriages between same-sex couples should or should not be recognized by the law as valid, with the same rights as traditional marriages?

	January Total
Should be valid	55%
Should not be valid	28%
Don't know	17%

65. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

	January Total
Yes, I own a gun.	20%
Yes, someone in my household owns a gun.	12%
No, no one in my household owns a gun.	62%
Don't know	7%

66. Now thinking specifically about the relationship between the police and your community, in your opinion, is this relationship with the police and your community getting worse, staying about the same as it has been, or getting better?

	January Total
Getting worse	29%
Staying the same	50%
Getting better	10%
Don't know	10%

THIS COMPLETES OUR SURVEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND HAVE A PLEASANT (DAY/EVENING)