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Q1. *How often do you watch stand-up comedy?*

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very often	8%	8%	8%	3%	7%	9%	6%
Somewhat often	23%	25%	23%	17%	21%	24%	26%
Not very often	47%	42%	47%	57%	48%	45%	54%
Not at all	23%	25%	22%	24%	24%	22%	14%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1991)	(641)	(1320)	(30)	(1001)	(895)	(95)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very often	8%	5%	6%	7%	9%	9%	9%	7%	10%	7%	5%
Somewhat often	23%	26%	20%	22%	22%	15%	25%	22%	21%	25%	18%
Not very often	47%	48%	53%	45%	48%	55%	50%	46%	44%	47%	51%
Not at all	23%	20%	21%	25%	21%	21%	16%	26%	24%	21%	26%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1991)	(299)	(161)	(972)	(856)	(141)	(568)	(1422)	(714)	(989)	(284)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Very often	8%	6%	7%	8%	11%	19%	10%	17%
Somewhat often	23%	24%	18%	18%	27%	4%	25%	22%
Not very often	47%	49%	46%	46%	41%	43%	43%	48%
Not at all	23%	21%	29%	28%	21%	34%	23%	13%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1991)	(1322)	(223)	(115)	(144)	(11)	(145)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Very often	8%	6%	7%	8%	11%
Somewhat often	23%	26%	20%	23%	23%
Not very often	47%	49%	53%	42%	43%
Not at all	23%	20%	20%	27%	24%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1991)	(470)	(586)	(543)	(392)

Q2. Do the same rules around political correctness that apply to everyday life apply to comedic performances?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Yes	12%	11%	12%	15%	14%	8%	27%
No	40%	43%	39%	30%	28%	56%	18%
It depends	42%	41%	42%	45%	50%	31%	45%
I'm not sure	6%	6%	7%	10%	7%	5%	10%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1989)	(641)	(1318)	(30)	(1000)	(895)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	12%	16%	17%	10%	11%	16%	18%	9%	18%	9%	6%
No	40%	28%	34%	41%	40%	34%	24%	45%	30%	40%	65%
It depends	42%	50%	45%	43%	41%	36%	53%	38%	46%	44%	24%
I'm not sure	6%	6%	4%	5%	8%	14%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1989)	(299)	(160)	(973)	(854)	(141)	(566)	(1422)	(713)	(988)	(284)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Yes	12%	11%	11%	17%	12%	4%	12%	4%
No	40%	42%	34%	30%	43%	45%	33%	30%
It depends	42%	42%	49%	48%	34%	28%	48%	50%
I'm not sure	6%	5%	7%	6%	11%	24%	7%	17%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1989)	(1320)	(223)	(115)	(144)	(11)	(145)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Yes	12%	14%	9%	14%	12%
No	40%	39%	43%	38%	37%
It depends	42%	43%	41%	40%	45%
I'm not sure	6%	5%	7%	8%	6%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1989)	(469)	(587)	(542)	(391)

Q3. What, if anything, do you think is NOT ok for comedians to joke about? Select all that apply.

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Their own race	3%	3%	3%	0%	3%	4%	2%
Other races	26%	26%	26%	19%	34%	14%	47%
Their own sexual orientation	4%	2%	4%	0%	3%	4%	2%
Other sexual orientations	21%	22%	21%	7%	28%	11%	34%
Sexual assault	52%	51%	52%	56%	66%	31%	65%
Murder	24%	21%	24%	27%	29%	17%	16%
Fatal tragedies or disasters	35%	33%	35%	25%	44%	23%	26%
Abortion	23%	21%	24%	25%	30%	15%	20%
Celebrity deaths	21%	18%	22%	16%	26%	15%	23%
None of the above	32%	32%	32%	33%	17%	52%	24%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(1901)	(609)	(1263)	(29)	(971)	(841)	(89)

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		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Their own race	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Other races	26%	36%	34%	23%	25%	32%	38%	21%	41%	19%	9%
Their own sexual orientation	4%	2%	7%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Other sexual orientations	21%	30%	30%	18%	21%	30%	31%	17%	34%	15%	8%
Sexual assault	52%	58%	54%	51%	50%	55%	63%	47%	66%	46%	32%
Murder	24%	22%	23%	22%	26%	27%	22%	24%	28%	21%	19%
Fatal tragedies or disasters	35%	33%	33%	35%	33%	33%	37%	34%	42%	31%	26%
Abortion	23%	26%	22%	22%	25%	28%	20%	25%	23%	22%	31%
Celebrity deaths	21%	18%	18%	22%	20%	27%	21%	21%	25%	19%	16%
None of the above	32%	27%	23%	34%	33%	27%	23%	36%	19%	37%	50%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(1901)	(287)	(158)	(926)	(818)	(134)	(539)	(1361)	(686)	(940)	(271)

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		Race						Year			
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	Two Or More Races	Other	2020	2021	2022	2023
Their own race	3%	3%	4%	2%	5%	2%	0%	2%	4%	3%	5%
Other races	26%	26%	29%	32%	22%	24%	11%	24%	23%	27%	31%
Their own sexual orientation	4%	2%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	6%
Other sexual orientations	21%	21%	21%	26%	20%	17%	5%	20%	17%	22%	27%
Sexual assault	52%	50%	48%	63%	50%	54%	47%	52%	50%	53%	52%
Murder	24%	20%	32%	29%	30%	21%	19%	22%	25%	19%	30%
Fatal tragedies or disasters	35%	32%	40%	45%	32%	35%	34%	36%	36%	30%	37%
Abortion	23%	24%	20%	27%	18%	20%	31%	22%	24%	21%	26%
Celebrity deaths	21%	16%	25%	30%	27%	17%	26%	18%	21%	20%	26%
None of the above	32%	35%	32%	23%	30%	26%	30%	34%	34%	34%	25%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
(Unweighted N)	(1901)	(1258)	(208)	(109)	(142)	(143)	(28)	(440)	(560)	(515)	(386)

Q4. Do offensive jokes ever promote stereotypes?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Yes	69%	69%	69%	68%	75%	60%	80%
No	15%	16%	15%	7%	9%	24%	4%
I'm not sure	16%	15%	16%	25%	16%	16%	16%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1987)	(640)	(1317)	(30)	(999)	(894)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	69%	70%	73%	67%	70%	72%	81%	65%	80%	66%	51%
No	15%	17%	7%	16%	14%	14%	7%	18%	7%	17%	29%
I'm not sure	16%	13%	20%	17%	16%	14%	13%	17%	13%	17%	20%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1987)	(299)	(160)	(971)	(853)	(141)	(564)	(1422)	(713)	(986)	(284)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Yes	69%	69%	69%	77%	63%	59%	76%	68%
No	15%	16%	13%	12%	17%	9%	10%	10%
I'm not sure	16%	16%	18%	11%	21%	33%	14%	22%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1987)	(1321)	(221)	(114)	(144)	(11)	(145)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Yes	69%	75%	67%	69%	67%
No	15%	13%	17%	13%	16%
I'm not sure	16%	12%	16%	18%	18%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1987)	(468)	(587)	(540)	(392)

Q5. *Can offensive jokes ever constitute hate speech?*

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Yes	60%	59%	60%	48%	67%	49%	79%
No	24%	25%	24%	19%	13%	39%	8%
I'm not sure	16%	15%	16%	32%	20%	12%	13%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1985)	(639)	(1316)	(30)	(999)	(892)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	60%	59%	62%	59%	58%	60%	72%	55%	76%	54%	36%
No	24%	23%	17%	25%	26%	17%	13%	28%	8%	29%	51%
I'm not sure	16%	18%	21%	15%	16%	23%	16%	17%	16%	17%	13%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1985)	(299)	(158)	(972)	(851)	(141)	(564)	(1420)	(711)	(986)	(284)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Yes	60%	59%	66%	70%	53%	28%	60%	45%
No	24%	25%	22%	17%	24%	48%	21%	36%
I'm not sure	16%	15%	12%	13%	23%	24%	19%	20%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1985)	(1321)	(219)	(114)	(144)	(11)	(144)	(29)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Yes	60%	64%	56%	59%	62%
No	24%	22%	27%	25%	22%
I'm not sure	16%	15%	17%	17%	16%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1985)	(468)	(586)	(540)	(391)

Q6. *How often do you feel like your gender, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation is the punchline to a joke?*

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very often	22%	19%	23%	29%	22%	21%	34%
Somewhat often	42%	47%	41%	35%	44%	38%	49%
Not very often	25%	23%	25%	25%	26%	26%	10%
Not at all	11%	11%	11%	10%	8%	14%	7%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1979)	(638)	(1311)	(30)	(993)	(892)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very often	22%	28%	23%	21%	22%	21%	27%	21%	25%	21%	22%
Somewhat often	42%	43%	39%	41%	40%	39%	47%	40%	44%	42%	33%
Not very often	25%	22%	29%	26%	27%	26%	22%	27%	24%	27%	23%
Not at all	11%	7%	9%	11%	11%	13%	4%	13%	7%	11%	22%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1979)	(299)	(159)	(968)	(848)	(141)	(561)	(1417)	(710)	(981)	(284)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Very often	22%	15%	22%	47%	26%	12%	26%	33%
Somewhat often	42%	41%	49%	39%	44%	28%	45%	40%
Not very often	25%	30%	22%	11%	22%	52%	21%	15%
Not at all	11%	14%	7%	3%	7%	9%	8%	12%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1979)	(1320)	(219)	(113)	(142)	(11)	(143)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Very often	22%	22%	19%	25%	24%
Somewhat often	42%	42%	41%	39%	46%
Not very often	25%	23%	29%	26%	21%
Not at all	11%	12%	11%	10%	10%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1979)	(466)	(584)	(540)	(389)

Q7. *How often do your friends and classmates make jokes that you feel cross a line?*

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Very often	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%
Somewhat often	19%	16%	20%	24%	22%	16%	27%
Not very often	53%	56%	52%	58%	57%	47%	53%
Not at all	24%	25%	24%	15%	17%	33%	17%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1981)	(638)	(1313)	(30)	(997)	(890)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very often	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Somewhat often	19%	20%	28%	18%	20%	15%	19%	19%	24%	18%	11%
Not very often	53%	55%	51%	52%	54%	55%	60%	50%	57%	52%	44%
Not at all	24%	21%	17%	26%	23%	24%	17%	26%	14%	26%	42%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1981)	(299)	(160)	(967)	(851)	(141)	(563)	(1417)	(710)	(984)	(283)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Very often	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	0%	4%	1%
Somewhat often	19%	18%	21%	23%	19%	23%	21%	26%
Not very often	53%	54%	58%	51%	50%	59%	54%	34%
Not at all	24%	24%	17%	21%	28%	19%	20%	38%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1981)	(1316)	(220)	(114)	(144)	(11)	(145)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Very often	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%
Somewhat often	19%	21%	17%	21%	18%
Not very often	53%	52%	52%	51%	58%
Not at all	24%	23%	28%	23%	19%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1981)	(466)	(584)	(540)	(391)

Q8. *Should people be offended by comedians' jokes?*

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Yes	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	4%	9%
No	35%	37%	35%	36%	24%	51%	16%
It depends	56%	56%	57%	51%	67%	42%	73%
I'm not sure	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	3%	2%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1983)	(638)	(1315)	(30)	(999)	(890)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	8%	5%	8%	4%	2%
No	35%	29%	23%	36%	35%	42%	21%	40%	18%	39%	67%
It depends	56%	64%	70%	56%	55%	51%	70%	51%	72%	53%	26%
I'm not sure	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	5%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1983)	(300)	(160)	(970)	(851)	(140)	(564)	(1418)	(710)	(986)	(283)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Yes	5%	5%	10%	7%	5%	0%	3%	7%
No	35%	39%	30%	30%	32%	48%	27%	15%
It depends	56%	54%	56%	62%	59%	52%	66%	65%
I'm not sure	3%	3%	4%	2%	5%	0%	4%	14%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	99%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1983)	(1319)	(220)	(113)	(144)	(11)	(145)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Yes	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%
No	35%	34%	35%	35%	38%
It depends	56%	58%	59%	54%	55%
I'm not sure	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1983)	(469)	(585)	(541)	(388)

Q9. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Comedians can be successful without making offensive jokes	64%	63%	64%	71%	76%	46%	81%
Political correctness is detrimental to comedy	36%	37%	36%	29%	24%	54%	19%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1982)	(638)	(1314)	(30)	(998)	(890)	(94)

		Major					Sexual Orientation		Political Leaning		
	Total	Arts Humanities	Interdisciplinary	Sciences	Social Sciences	Other	LGBTQIA	Straight	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Comedians can be successful without making offensive jokes	64%	72%	74%	60%	66%	74%	81%	57%	80%	58%	41%
Political correctness is detrimental to comedy	36%	28%	26%	40%	34%	26%	19%	43%	20%	42%	59%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1982)	(298)	(160)	(968)	(853)	(141)	(563)	(1418)	(709)	(985)	(284)

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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Comedians can be successful without making offensive jokes	64%	62%	68%	69%	62%	69%	68%	45%
Political correctness is detrimental to comedy	36%	38%	32%	31%	38%	31%	32%	55%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1982)	(1319)	(218)	(115)	(144)	(11)	(144)	(28)

		Year			
	Total	2020	2021	2022	2023
Comedians can be successful without making offensive jokes	64%	61%	62%	67%	64%
Political correctness is detrimental to comedy	36%	39%	38%	33%	36%
Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1982)	(467)	(585)	(539)	(391)

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Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by College Pulse. Interviews were conducted in English among a sample of 2000 undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the U.S.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's Undergraduate Student Panel that includes over 240,000 verified students representing more than 800 different colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members are recruited by a number of methods to help ensure diversity in the panel population, including web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university organizations.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, and gender. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 2.5\%$. Margins of error are typically calculated on probability-based samples and are not technically correct for non-probability online samples. We supply them here to provide a general assessment of error ranges that may be associated with the data.

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