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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 1-13, 2020 with a random sample of –1,028—adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –515—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –513—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Dynata. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

Next, we have some questions about marriage.

Q.29-30 ROTATED

29. When a couple plans to spend the rest of their lives together, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	38	26	15	21	*

For comparison: *When a man and woman plan to spend the rest of their lives together as a couple, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?*

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jun 20-24	43	21	16	19	1
2006 Jun 8-25	54	19	13	12	1

30. When a couple has a child together, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	29	31	18	22	*

For comparison: *When an unmarried man and woman have a child together, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?*

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jun 20-24	38	26	15	20	1
2006 Jun 8-25	49	27	12	11	1

Turning to your own background,

- D15. Which of the following best describes your marital status: currently married, living together with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married?

	<u>2020 May 1-13</u>
Currently married	49
Living together with a partner	12
Widowed	6
Divorced	8
Separated	3
Never married	21
No opinion	*

27. *(Asked of those living with a partner)* Have you ever been married, or not?

COMBINED RESULTS (D15/Q.27): BASED ON NATIONAL ADULTS

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	69	30	*
2013 Jun 20-24	72	27	*
2006 Jun 8-25	80	20	*

26. *(Asked of those who have never married)* Would you like to get married someday, or not?

BASED ON –233—NATIONAL ADULTS WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN MARRIED; ±8 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes, would like to</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	81	19	*
2013 Jun 20-24	78	19	3

28. *(Asked of those divorced, widowed, or living with a partner and previously married)* Would you like to get married again someday, or not?

BASED ON –234—WHO ARE CURRENTLY NOT MARRIED BUT WERE PREVIOUSLY MARRIED; ±8 PCT PTS

	<u>Yes, would like to</u>	<u>No, would not</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2020 May 1-13	39	59	2
2013 Jun 20-24	37	58	4

Next,

Q.31-32 SPLIT SAMPLED

31. *(Asked of a half sample)* What do you think is the ideal age for a WOMAN to get married?

BASED ON –515—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

	<u>2020 May 1-13</u>	<u>2006 May 5-7</u>
Age 21 or under	18	20
Age 22-25	34	42
Age 26-29	18	16
Age 30 or older	23	12
No opinion	7	10
<i>Mean</i>	25.8	24.9
<i>Median</i>	25	25

32. *(Asked of a half sample)* What do you think is the ideal age for a MAN to get married?

BASED ON –513—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

	<u>2020 May 1-13</u>	<u>2006 May 5-7</u>
Age 21 or under	14	11
Age 22-25	29	33
Age 26-29	15	20
Age 30 or older	38	30
No opinion	4	7
<i>Mean</i>	27.4	27.4
<i>Median</i>	27	26

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QN29: Importance of Marriage BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	537	491	760	246	201	272	536	460	358	204	321	361	319	365	390	249
	Weighted n	1028	509	519	673	334	295	313	403	348	292	383	287	381	323	347	376	274
Very important		393	196	197	226	159	85	126	174	108	102	182	146	137	87	192	128	63
		38%	39%	38%	34%	48%	29%	40%	43%	31%	35%	48%	51%	36%	27%	55%	34%	23%
Somewhat important		263	148	115	177	79	79	60	120	91	91	81	67	105	86	91	104	61
		26%	29%	22%	26%	23%	27%	19%	30%	26%	31%	21%	23%	28%	27%	26%	28%	22%
Not too important		151	60	91	111	38	50	53	46	62	38	50	43	51	56	38	66	46
		15%	12%	17%	17%	12%	17%	17%	11%	18%	13%	13%	15%	13%	17%	11%	17%	17%
Not important at all		218	105	113	157	58	81	72	63	86	62	70	31	86	94	26	77	102
		21%	21%	22%	23%	17%	27%	23%	16%	25%	21%	18%	11%	23%	29%	7%	21%	37%
(DK)/(Refused)		2	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	1%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	0%

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QN30: Importance of Marriage - Children Involved BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	537	491	760	246	201	272	536	460	358	204	321	361	319	365	390	249
	Weighted n	1028	509	519	673	334	295	313	403	348	292	383	287	381	323	347	376	274
Very important		295	149	146	179	110	65	73	151	86	66	142	104	111	58	141	84	58
		29%	29%	28%	27%	33%	22%	23%	38%	25%	22%	37%	36%	29%	18%	41%	22%	21%
Somewhat important		321	172	149	219	94	81	99	138	105	103	113	98	115	105	114	127	72
		31%	34%	29%	32%	28%	28%	32%	34%	30%	35%	29%	34%	30%	32%	33%	34%	26%
Not too important		180	93	87	127	51	55	65	55	77	51	52	48	74	53	51	81	46
		18%	18%	17%	19%	15%	19%	21%	14%	22%	17%	13%	17%	19%	16%	15%	21%	17%
Not important at all		227	94	133	145	80	94	76	54	81	70	76	36	78	107	38	82	97
		22%	18%	26%	22%	24%	32%	24%	14%	23%	24%	20%	13%	21%	33%	11%	22%	36%
(DK)/(Refused)		5	1	4	4	-	-	-	4	-	3	2	1	3	1	3	1	-
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	-

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D15: Current Marital Status BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1028	537	491	760	246	201	272	536	460	358	204	321	361	319	365	390	249
	Weighted n	1028	509	519	673	334	295	313	403	348	292	383	287	381	323	347	376	274
Currently Married		506	252	255	402	98	53	192	248	208	139	158	170	179	138	203	183	111
		49%	49%	49%	60%	29%	18%	62%	62%	60%	48%	41%	59%	47%	43%	58%	49%	40%
Living together with Partner		127	64	63	59	66	78	25	23	35	26	66	18	54	51	31	45	47
		12%	12%	12%	9%	20%	27%	8%	6%	10%	9%	17%	6%	14%	16%	9%	12%	17%
Widowed		65	20	46	55	10	-	4	59	15	23	28	29	15	18	31	24	8
		6%	4%	9%	8%	3%	-	1%	15%	4%	8%	7%	10%	4%	6%	9%	6%	3%
Divorced		84	38	46	53	30	2	37	44	25	33	26	31	26	23	31	33	17
		8%	7%	9%	8%	9%	1%	12%	11%	7%	11%	7%	11%	7%	7%	9%	9%	6%
Separated		29	15	13	10	15	6	20	3	7	6	17	6	10	11	7	13	5
		3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	6%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
Never Married		213	120	93	94	114	154	34	25	59	64	88	34	96	81	45	79	83
		21%	24%	18%	14%	34%	52%	11%	6%	17%	22%	23%	12%	25%	25%	13%	21%	30%
DK/REF		4	1	2	-	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
		0%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%

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QN31: What do you think is the ideal age for a WOMAN to get married? + What do you think is the ideal age for a WOMAN to get married? + What do you think is the ideal age for a WOMAN to get married? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Weighted n	511	239	272	345	155	137	161	203	177	142	190	146	197	146	185	191	118
	Unweighted n	515	259	256	390	113	93	142	270	231	178	104	165	192	143	198	194	112
Age 21 or under		93	54	39	58	34	20	22	50	21	22	49	30	35	24	42	30	20
		18%	23%	14%	17%	22%	15%	14%	24%	12%	15%	26%	21%	18%	16%	23%	16%	17%
Age 22-25		175	82	94	129	43	49	52	70	51	62	62	71	62	35	76	60	32
		34%	34%	34%	37%	28%	36%	32%	35%	29%	44%	33%	48%	31%	24%	41%	31%	27%
Age 26-29		92	37	55	59	31	28	38	25	48	16	28	21	36	33	25	32	34
		18%	15%	20%	17%	20%	20%	23%	12%	27%	11%	15%	14%	18%	23%	13%	17%	29%
Age 30 or older		116	46	70	70	43	30	42	42	43	32	41	20	51	41	37	55	24
		23%	19%	26%	20%	28%	22%	26%	21%	24%	22%	22%	14%	26%	28%	20%	29%	20%
No opinion		35	21	14	29	4	9	7	16	14	10	9	5	13	13	6	14	8
		7%	9%	5%	9%	2%	7%	5%	8%	8%	7%	5%	3%	7%	9%	3%	7%	7%
Mean		25.79	25.06	26.41	25.61	26.21	25.67	26.39	25.40	26.59	25.65	25.20	24.75	25.99	26.77	25.00	26.52	26.01
Median		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	25.00	26.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	25.00	25.00	26.00

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QN32: What do you think is the ideal age for a MAN to get married? + What do you think is the ideal age for a MAN to get married? + What do you think is the ideal age for a MAN to get married? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Weighted n	518	270	247	328	179	158	151	200	171	151	193	140	184	177	162	185	155
	Unweighted n	513	278	235	370	133	108	130	266	229	180	100	156	169	176	167	196	137
Age 21 or under		70	46	24	52	16	24	22	23	6	21	43	23	28	18	29	25	12
		14%	17%	10%	16%	9%	15%	15%	11%	4%	14%	22%	16%	15%	10%	18%	14%	8%
Age 22-25		150	73	77	101	47	41	32	71	39	45	65	50	59	36	68	42	38
		29%	27%	31%	31%	26%	26%	21%	36%	23%	30%	34%	36%	32%	21%	42%	23%	25%
Age 26-29		77	45	33	55	22	29	20	27	43	20	15	24	24	29	18	38	18
		15%	17%	13%	17%	12%	19%	14%	13%	25%	13%	8%	17%	13%	16%	11%	20%	12%
Age 30 or older		197	94	103	110	83	61	62	73	74	59	62	39	62	89	41	71	81
		38%	35%	42%	33%	46%	39%	41%	36%	43%	39%	32%	28%	34%	50%	25%	38%	52%
No opinion		23	13	10	10	11	3	14	6	9	6	8	5	11	5	7	9	5
		4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	2%	9%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%
Mean		27.37	26.79	27.99	27.03	27.98	26.76	27.46	27.83	28.08	27.99	26.18	26.21	27.27	28.31	26.45	27.72	27.91
Median		27.00	27.00	28.00	26.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	26.00	28.00	27.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	30.00	25.00	28.00	30.00