

**GALLUP NEWS SERVICE**

**GALLUP POLL SOCIAL SERIES:  
VALUES AND BELIEFS**

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 2-22, 2022, with a random sample of –1,007—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  $\pm 4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of –492—national adults in Form A and the –515-- national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 5$  percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –885—registered voters, the margin of sampling error is  $\pm 4$  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 75% cell phone respondents and 25% 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 2021 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2020 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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Thinking for a moment about moral values,

7. How would you rate the overall state of moral values in this country today -- as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2022 May 2-22	1	12	37	50	*
2021 May 3-18	1	15	37	47	*
2020 May 1-13	2	18	38	40	*
2019 May 1-12	2	15	36	47	1
2018 May 1-10	1	13	37	49	1
2017 May 3-7	1	16	36	45	1
2016 May 4-8	1	17	36	43	2
2015 May 6-10	2	17	34	45	1
2014 May 8-11	2	19	36	42	1
2013 May 2-7	1	18	36	44	*
2012 May 3-6	2	18	36	43	2
2011 May 5-8	3	20	38	38	1
2010 May 3-6	1	14	38	45	1
2009 May 7-10	2	15	37	45	1
2008 May 8-11	2	13	41	44	1
2007 May 10-13	1	16	39	44	1
2006 May 8-11	1	13	43	42	2
2005 May 2-5	2	17	40	39	2
2004 Nov 19-21	4	22	41	32	1
2004 May 2-4	1	18	40	40	1
2003 May 5-7	2	20	42	35	1
2002 May 6-9	1	17	41	40	1

8. Right now, do you think the state of moral values in the country as a whole is getting better or getting worse?

	<u>Getting better</u>	<u>Getting worse</u>	<u>Same (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2022 May 2-22	18	78	3	1
2021 May 3-18	28	67	3	2
2020 May 1-13	27	68	4	1
2019 May 1-12	19	77	3	1
2018 May 1-10	18	77	3	1
2017 May 3-7	16	77	4	2
2016 May 4-8	20	73	5	2
2015 May 6-10	22	72	4	2
2014 May 8-11	18	74	7	1
2013 May 2-7	20	72	6	2
2012 May 3-6	19	73	5	2
2011 May 5-8	22	69	6	4
2010 May 3-6	14	76	7	4
2009 May 7-10	21	71	6	1
2008 May 8-11	11	81	6	3
2007 May 10-13	11	82	4	2
2006 May 8-11	11	81	6	3
2005 May 2-5	16	77	5	2
2004 Nov 19-21	27	64	7	2
2004 May 2-4	16	77	5	2
2003 May 5-7	24	67	7	2
2002 May 6-9	24	67	7	2

9. In your view, what is the most important problem with the state of moral values in the country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

	2022 May 2-22	2012 May 3-6
Consideration of others/Compassion/Caring/Tolerance/Respect	18	18
Racism/Discrimination	8	2
Lack of faith/Religion	7	10
Lack of morals	7	7
Sense of Entitlement/Government dependency	6	5
Lack of family structure/Divorce/Kids' upbringing	5	10
Abortion/Don't value life	4	3
TV/Media/Internet	3	4
Lack of Education	3	2
Crime/Violence	3	2
Dishonesty/Integrity/Deception	3	4
Personal accountability/Responsibility	3	3
Greed/Selfishness	3	5
Pro-choice on abortion/Women's rights	2	1
Sexuality/Teen pregnancy/Promiscuity	2	4
Poor leadership/Poor guidance	2	4
Lack of money/High cost of living/Poverty	2	2
Lack of unity/division	1	--
Personal rights/Civil liberties/Erosion of freedom	1	--
Government overreach	1	--
Economy	1	1
Breakdown of law and order	1	--
Same-sex relations/Gay marriage	1	3
Interjection of religious beliefs/Forcing beliefs on others	1	--
Lack of patriotism	1	--
Lack of communication/discussion	1	--
Jobs	*	1
Healthcare	*	*
Drugs/Alcohol	*	1
Other	5	5
None/Nothing	4	6
Everything	--	1
No opinion	8	11

Percentages total more than 100% due to multiple responses

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**QN7: Moral Values in U.S. Today 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	1007	568	431	755	232	208	259	525	453	333	212	339	379	274	400	315	265
	Weighted n	1007	495	503	660	331	285	304	401	356	276	368	294	394	309	368	313	297
Excellent		9	8	1	2	7	3	3	3	1	2	7	1	4	5	2	6	1
		1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Good		119	68	50	60	58	49	36	33	41	23	55	15	59	44	25	40	52
		12%	14%	10%	9%	18%	17%	12%	8%	12%	8%	15%	5%	15%	14%	7%	13%	17%
Only fair		374	157	212	238	134	119	107	140	157	91	122	68	157	147	95	144	132
		37%	32%	42%	36%	41%	42%	35%	35%	44%	33%	33%	23%	40%	48%	26%	46%	44%
Poor		500	260	238	359	131	115	156	223	156	159	183	211	174	110	245	123	110
		50%	53%	47%	54%	39%	40%	51%	56%	44%	58%	50%	72%	44%	36%	67%	39%	37%
(DK)/(Refused)		4	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	3
		0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%

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**QN8: Moral Values Getting Better/Worse 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	1007	568	431	755	232	208	259	525	453	333	212	339	379	274	400	315	265
	Weighted n	1007	495	503	660	331	285	304	401	356	276	368	294	394	309	368	313	297
Getting better		182	91	90	70	110	103	40	40	65	35	83	17	83	82	27	78	75
		18%	18%	18%	11%	33%	36%	13%	10%	18%	13%	23%	6%	21%	26%	7%	25%	25%
Getting worse		782	380	394	560	208	173	249	345	265	229	280	273	293	208	340	214	204
		78%	77%	78%	85%	63%	61%	82%	86%	75%	83%	76%	93%	74%	68%	92%	68%	68%
Same (volunteered)		30	16	13	20	9	8	13	8	16	11	3	5	11	13	1	17	12
		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	1%	2%	3%	4%	0%	5%	4%
(DK)/(Refused)		14	9	5	9	4	2	3	8	10	2	2	7	5	0	4	7	7
		1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	

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**\$QN9: What is the most important problem with the state of moral values? 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	1004	566	430	753	231	206	258	525	452	333	210	338	378	273	399	314	264
	Weighted n	1003	493	500	656	331	283	302	401	355	276	364	294	393	306	365	312	296
Consideration of others/compassion/tolerance/caring/respect		176	62	114	123	52	53	61	61	76	57	42	37	67	70	40	70	62
		18%	13%	23%	19%	16%	19%	20%	15%	22%	21%	12%	13%	17%	23%	11%	22%	21%
Racism/discrimination		76	35	40	38	38	29	21	26	31	14	30	13	33	30	23	26	28
		8%	7%	8%	6%	11%	10%	7%	6%	9%	5%	8%	4%	8%	10%	6%	8%	9%
Lack of faith /religion		71	35	36	56	13	8	13	46	33	18	20	31	18	21	39	11	21
		7%	7%	7%	9%	4%	3%	4%	12%	9%	6%	6%	11%	5%	7%	11%	3%	7%
Lack of morals		69	37	32	53	16	15	21	33	29	20	20	21	26	21	26	20	20
		7%	7%	6%	8%	5%	5%	7%	8%	8%	7%	5%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%
Entitlement/government dependency/control		60	35	23	49	11	9	19	32	28	20	12	20	17	24	16	20	23
		6%	7%	5%	7%	3%	3%	6%	8%	8%	7%	3%	7%	4%	8%	4%	7%	8%
Lack of family structure/Divorce/Kids upbringing		46	27	19	34	11	5	13	24	10	10	25	18	18	9	28	13	4
		5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	2%	4%	6%	3%	4%	7%	6%	5%	3%	8%	4%	1%
Abortion/don't value life		43	11	31	25	14	15	17	11	17	11	14	12	22	8	20	10	12
		4%	2%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	6%	3%	4%
TV/media/internet		35	26	9	27	9	9	9	16	7	9	19	12	22	2	16	14	5
		3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	6%	1%	4%	4%	2%
Lack of education		33	15	19	25	6	6	15	12	5	18	10	21	6	5	20	10	3
		3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%	6%	3%	7%	2%	1%	5%	3%	1%
Crime/violence		30	8	22	16	14	4	10	15	8	7	14	14	12	4	21	7	2
		3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	3%	1%	6%	2%	1%
Dishonesty/integrity/deception		29	17	12	27	2	6	7	16	18	7	4	8	8	12	8	11	9
		3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%
Accountability/responsibility		29	18	10	23	6	8	11	10	10	11	8	13	14	1	19	6	3
		3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	0%	5%	2%	1%
Greed/selfishness		29	8	21	22	7	14	7	6	10	11	8	6	15	8	8	6	15
		3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	5%

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Pro-choice on abortion/Women's rights		25	9	16	19	6	11	4	10	12	6	7	6	7	11	6	5	14
		2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	5%
Sexuality/teen pregnancy/promiscuity		24	13	11	18	6	2	7	14	6	6	12	15	5	2	13	6	1
		2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	1%	1%	4%	2%	0%
Poor Leadership/poor guidance		22	12	9	16	4	4	8	10	8	3	11	9	8	4	7	3	9
		2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%
Lack of money/high cost of living/poverty		21	14	8	10	10	8	5	9	3	7	12	5	13	3	7	10	5
		2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Lack of unity/division		13	8	5	8	4	6	2	5	3	5	5	3	5	5	2	3	8
		1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Personal Rights/civil liberties/erosion of freedom		10	5	5	5	5		5	4	3	2	3		3	7		2	8
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%		2%	1%	1%	1%	1%		1%	2%		1%	3%
Government overreach/corruptions/politics/congress/Trump		10	7	2	9	0	1	2	6	4	3	3	5	3	1	5	2	3
		1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Economy		10	8	1	2	8	1	7	1	1	1	7	1	7	1	1	4	3
		1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Breakdown of Law and order		8	3	5	6	2	3	2	3	2	4	2	3	3	2	2	6	
		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	
Homosexuality/gay marriage		7	5	2	3	4	2		5	0	1	5	3	1		3	2	
		1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%		1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%		1%	1%	
Lack of patriotism		5	2	3	3	2			5	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2
		1%	0%	1%	0%	1%			1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Lack of communication/language/discussions		5	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	2		0	3	2	1	2	2
		1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%		0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%

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Interjection of religious beliefs/Evangelicals/Christians		4	1	3	4	-	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	4	-	-	1	3
		0%	0%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	0%	1%
Jobs		3	3	-	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	0	2	1	-	2	1
		0%	1%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	0%
Forcing your values/beliefs on others		3	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%
Wokeism		2	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	-
Liberalism/too many liberals		1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	0	-	1	-	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-	-
Healthcare		1	0	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	0	-	-	1	-	1	0	-
		0%	0%	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	0%	-
Conservatives		1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
		0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	-	0%	-
Drugs/alcohol		1	-	1	1	-	-	1	0	1	0	-	1	-	0	-	1	0
		0%	-	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%
Other		50	36	11	25	24	16	19	14	11	12	26	16	22	11	18	15	16
		5%	7%	2%	4%	7%	6%	6%	3%	3%	4%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
None/N/A/Nothing		37	25	12	16	21	14	5	17	7	8	22	2	17	19	9	15	13
		4%	5%	2%	2%	6%	5%	2%	4%	2%	3%	6%	1%	4%	6%	3%	5%	4%
Don't know/Refused		78	38	40	21	57	40	17	19	11	18	46	13	34	30	23	36	13
		8%	8%	8%	3%	17%	14%	6%	5%	3%	7%	13%	5%	9%	10%	6%	11%	4%