

YouGov Survey: Views on Surnames



Sample 1162 U.S. adult citizens
 Conducted April 15 - 20, 2025
 Margin of Error ±4.1%

1. Is your current legal first name...

The first name on my birth certificate	95%
A different first name that I changed to as a child	2%
A different first name that I changed to as an adult	1%
Not sure	1%

2. Is your current surname or last name...

The last name on my birth certificate	75%
A different last name that I changed to as a child	1%
A different last name that I changed to when I got married	21%
A different last name that I changed to as an adult for a reason other than marriage	1%
Not sure	2%

3. Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Neither positive nor negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Don't know
A man taking his spouse's surname	11%	8%	42%	14%	22%	3%
A woman taking her spouse's surname	40%	18%	37%	2%	1%	2%
A couple both keeping their original surnames	17%	15%	48%	10%	8%	2%
A couple combining their surnames into a hyphenated surname	13%	15%	39%	13%	15%	4%
A couple combining their surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	8%	10%	37%	17%	22%	6%
A couple taking each other's surnames as middle names, but keeping their original surnames	9%	9%	41%	13%	18%	9%

4. What would be / is your preferred choice for your surname upon marriage? If you are already married, please think what your preference would be today.

My spouse to take my surname	32%
To take my spouse's surname	30%
My spouse and I to keep our original surnames	13%
My spouse and I to combine our surnames into a hyphenated surname	3%
My spouse and I to combine our surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	0%
My spouse and I to take each other's surnames as middle names, but keep our original surnames	1%
Something else	2%
Don't know	11%
N/A - I would never get married	6%

5. Do you think that a married couple sharing the same surname is or is not a necessary way of showing commitment to each other?

Is necessary	32%
Is not necessary	56%
Don't know	12%

6. If someone gets divorced, after having changed their name when getting married, do you think they should keep their married surname or return to their original surname?

Should keep their married surname	6%
Should return to their original surname	36%
It depends	51%
Don't know	8%

7. If a married man and woman have different surnames and subsequently have children, which of the following options do you think they should use for the surname of any children?

Should take the father's surname	52%
Should take the mother's surname	4%
Should take both parents' surnames as a hyphenated surname	17%
Should combine both parents' surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	2%
Something else	5%
Don't know	20%

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Interviewing Dates	April 15 - 20, 2025
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.579, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.999.
Number of respondents	1162
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	102 questions not reported.

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1. Current First Name

Is your current legal first name. . .

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The first name on my birth certificate	95%	95%	96%	90%	97%	96%	96%	97%	94%	91%	93%
A different first name that I changed to as a child	2%	4%	1%	6%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%	0%
A different first name that I changed to as an adult	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	6%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%	4%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(539)	(622)	(274)	(212)	(385)	(290)	(721)	(139)	(191)	(110)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The first name on my birth certificate	95%	96%	94%	96%	97%	97%	96%	95%	98%	95%	98%	94%	95%
A different first name that I changed to as a child	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%
A different first name that I changed to as an adult	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Not sure	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	2%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(407)	(442)	(312)	(483)	(435)	(464)	(328)	(268)	(206)	(245)	(450)	(260)

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2. Current Surname

Is your current surname or last name...

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The last name on my birth certificate	75%	95%	56%	89%	82%	70%	60%	73%	84%	73%	78%
A different last name that I changed to as a child	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%
A different last name that I changed to when I got married	21%	0%	41%	5%	12%	27%	38%	25%	11%	16%	20%
A different last name that I changed to as an adult for a reason other than marriage	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	0%	0%	1%	3%	6%	1%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(540)	(621)	(274)	(213)	(385)	(289)	(721)	(139)	(191)	(110)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
The last name on my birth certificate	75%	75%	77%	71%	72%	72%	75%	69%	76%	77%	75%	70%	79%
A different last name that I changed to as a child	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
A different last name that I changed to when I got married	21%	21%	18%	26%	24%	24%	20%	28%	20%	19%	19%	27%	17%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A different last name that I changed to as an adult for a reason other than marriage	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%	1%	1%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	4%	2%	0%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(406)	(442)	(313)	(482)	(436)	(464)	(328)	(268)	(207)	(245)	(449)	(260)

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3A. Views on Surnames When Marrying — A man taking his spouse’s surname

Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	11%	9%	13%	13%	15%	11%	6%	10%	16%	12%	15%
Somewhat positive	8%	7%	10%	11%	10%	8%	5%	7%	7%	14%	13%
Neither positive nor negative	42%	39%	45%	40%	37%	43%	49%	42%	39%	41%	51%
Somewhat negative	14%	17%	12%	10%	17%	15%	14%	16%	11%	10%	10%
Very negative	22%	26%	18%	23%	19%	21%	23%	24%	22%	19%	8%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(540)	(621)	(274)	(212)	(385)	(290)	(722)	(139)	(190)	(110)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	11%	23%	8%	4%	19%	5%	13%	11%	11%	10%	14%	9%	12%
Somewhat positive	8%	12%	10%	3%	10%	5%	8%	9%	10%	9%	5%	7%	12%
Neither positive nor negative	42%	45%	47%	34%	49%	32%	41%	42%	43%	38%	43%	42%	43%
Somewhat negative	14%	7%	13%	22%	10%	21%	13%	16%	14%	10%	17%	15%	13%
Very negative	22%	11%	19%	35%	10%	35%	22%	19%	20%	31%	19%	24%	14%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(406)	(442)	(313)	(482)	(436)	(465)	(327)	(268)	(207)	(245)	(450)	(259)

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3B. Views on Surnames When Marrying — A woman taking her spouse's surname

Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	40%	41%	39%	35%	39%	43%	42%	43%	42%	33%	25%
Somewhat positive	18%	20%	17%	23%	19%	14%	18%	19%	14%	15%	20%
Neither positive nor negative	37%	34%	39%	35%	35%	40%	35%	34%	37%	43%	51%
Somewhat negative	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Very negative	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,160)	(540)	(620)	(274)	(212)	(385)	(289)	(721)	(139)	(190)	(110)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	40%	33%	32%	56%	30%	54%	43%	41%	38%	46%	40%	42%	34%
Somewhat positive	18%	19%	19%	17%	21%	19%	15%	20%	20%	15%	17%	19%	20%
Neither positive nor negative	37%	43%	43%	23%	44%	23%	39%	32%	39%	31%	38%	35%	42%
Somewhat negative	2%	2%	4%	1%	4%	1%	1%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Very negative	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,160)	(406)	(442)	(312)	(482)	(435)	(465)	(326)	(268)	(207)	(245)	(449)	(259)

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3C. Views on Surnames When Marrying — A couple both keeping their original surnames

Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	17%	13%	21%	18%	18%	17%	13%	16%	17%	16%	30%
Somewhat positive	15%	13%	17%	18%	16%	12%	15%	15%	11%	18%	14%
Neither positive nor negative	48%	52%	43%	38%	50%	51%	50%	47%	56%	45%	44%
Somewhat negative	10%	9%	10%	13%	5%	12%	10%	10%	8%	10%	7%
Very negative	8%	12%	6%	9%	9%	8%	9%	10%	5%	6%	3%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	4%	1%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,158)	(538)	(620)	(273)	(210)	(385)	(290)	(722)	(138)	(190)	(108)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	17%	27%	14%	11%	23%	11%	19%	15%	20%	19%	19%	12%	21%
Somewhat positive	15%	18%	15%	12%	20%	14%	13%	16%	19%	19%	11%	14%	17%
Neither positive nor negative	48%	44%	52%	46%	47%	43%	48%	44%	47%	40%	48%	52%	45%
Somewhat negative	10%	6%	8%	16%	5%	15%	10%	15%	7%	8%	10%	11%	9%
Very negative	8%	3%	8%	14%	3%	15%	9%	7%	6%	11%	11%	7%	6%
Don't know	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,158)	(404)	(442)	(312)	(481)	(435)	(464)	(326)	(267)	(205)	(245)	(449)	(259)

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3D. Views on Surnames When Marrying — A couple combining their surnames into a hyphenated surname

Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	13%	8%	18%	13%	15%	15%	9%	10%	22%	14%	27%
Somewhat positive	15%	15%	15%	17%	22%	10%	13%	15%	16%	16%	15%
Neither positive nor negative	39%	36%	42%	34%	37%	45%	39%	37%	44%	45%	41%
Somewhat negative	13%	16%	10%	14%	10%	14%	14%	16%	4%	9%	7%
Very negative	15%	18%	12%	16%	11%	15%	20%	19%	8%	11%	5%
Don't know	4%	5%	3%	7%	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%	5%	6%
Totals	99%	98%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,156)	(536)	(620)	(273)	(211)	(384)	(288)	(718)	(138)	(190)	(110)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	13%	25%	9%	7%	19%	7%	16%	12%	13%	11%	17%	12%	14%
Somewhat positive	15%	15%	19%	11%	18%	15%	11%	18%	20%	16%	12%	14%	18%
Neither positive nor negative	39%	44%	39%	35%	44%	33%	42%	37%	38%	39%	42%	34%	43%
Somewhat negative	13%	7%	13%	18%	8%	15%	11%	12%	14%	9%	12%	18%	9%
Very negative	15%	6%	14%	26%	8%	26%	15%	19%	14%	21%	16%	16%	11%
Don't know	4%	3%	6%	4%	3%	3%	5%	2%	0%	4%	2%	6%	5%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,156)	(404)	(440)	(312)	(481)	(433)	(463)	(326)	(267)	(206)	(245)	(447)	(258)

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3E. Views on Surnames When Marrying — A couple combining their surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen

Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	8%	6%	11%	8%	11%	9%	5%	7%	8%	12%	16%
Somewhat positive	10%	11%	9%	17%	12%	7%	5%	8%	7%	15%	15%
Neither positive nor negative	37%	34%	39%	31%	44%	38%	34%	34%	52%	36%	39%
Somewhat negative	17%	17%	17%	18%	13%	20%	17%	18%	13%	18%	12%
Very negative	22%	25%	19%	18%	14%	23%	33%	27%	12%	14%	7%
Don't know	6%	8%	5%	8%	7%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	10%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,156)	(540)	(616)	(273)	(211)	(384)	(288)	(720)	(138)	(189)	(109)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	8%	16%	6%	5%	13%	7%	9%	8%	10%	5%	11%	7%	10%
Somewhat positive	10%	12%	10%	7%	10%	8%	9%	8%	15%	14%	8%	7%	12%
Neither positive nor negative	37%	43%	40%	28%	43%	28%	38%	34%	36%	34%	40%	34%	40%
Somewhat negative	17%	15%	20%	16%	18%	17%	15%	24%	16%	14%	16%	20%	16%
Very negative	22%	10%	17%	39%	12%	35%	22%	21%	21%	27%	21%	24%	16%
Don't know	6%	4%	8%	6%	4%	6%	7%	5%	3%	6%	4%	7%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,156)	(404)	(441)	(311)	(480)	(434)	(462)	(326)	(267)	(207)	(245)	(448)	(256)

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3F. Views on Surnames When Marrying — A couple taking each other’s surnames as middle names, but keeping their original surnames

Do you have a positive or negative view of the following options for surnames upon marriage?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	9%	8%	11%	8%	14%	9%	7%	7%	11%	12%	24%
Somewhat positive	9%	9%	9%	12%	13%	7%	5%	8%	11%	15%	8%
Neither positive nor negative	41%	40%	42%	39%	41%	46%	37%	40%	45%	44%	44%
Somewhat negative	13%	14%	13%	15%	8%	15%	15%	16%	8%	8%	7%
Very negative	18%	19%	17%	15%	13%	17%	26%	21%	13%	10%	9%
Don't know	9%	10%	9%	11%	10%	7%	9%	8%	13%	10%	8%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,155)	(537)	(618)	(272)	(211)	(384)	(288)	(718)	(137)	(190)	(110)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	9%	17%	7%	5%	13%	6%	13%	7%	9%	8%	12%	8%	10%
Somewhat positive	9%	12%	6%	10%	13%	10%	7%	9%	12%	11%	9%	6%	12%
Neither positive nor negative	41%	46%	46%	32%	49%	35%	39%	43%	46%	38%	40%	41%	45%
Somewhat negative	13%	10%	12%	18%	11%	17%	12%	14%	13%	12%	13%	14%	14%
Very negative	18%	8%	15%	30%	8%	26%	19%	18%	16%	23%	16%	20%	13%
Don't know	9%	7%	14%	6%	6%	6%	11%	9%	3%	7%	10%	11%	7%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,155)	(404)	(439)	(312)	(480)	(435)	(459)	(327)	(268)	(207)	(242)	(448)	(258)

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4. Preferred Surname When Marrying

What would be / is your preferred choice for your surname upon marriage? If you are already married, please think what your preference would be today.

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
My spouse to take my surname	32%	64%	2%	32%	35%	32%	30%	35%	29%	28%	21%
To take my spouse's surname	30%	3%	55%	28%	25%	30%	37%	34%	20%	26%	17%
My spouse and I to keep our original surnames	13%	9%	17%	10%	12%	17%	14%	12%	12%	14%	25%
My spouse and I to combine our surnames into a hyphenated surname	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%
My spouse and I to combine our surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
My spouse and I to take each other's surnames as middle names, but keep our original surnames	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Something else	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	9%	2%	1%
Don't know	11%	11%	11%	17%	12%	8%	10%	8%	14%	18%	24%
N/A - I would never get married	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	7%	5%	6%	10%	6%	7%
Totals	98%	98%	98%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,162)	(540)	(622)	(274)	(213)	(385)	(290)	(722)	(139)	(191)	(110)

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	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
My spouse to take my surname	32%	21%	31%	45%	26%	45%	32%	28%	40%	34%	31%	36%	26%
To take my spouse's surname	30%	28%	25%	38%	28%	34%	29%	36%	25%	30%	28%	34%	27%
My spouse and I to keep our original surnames	13%	19%	14%	7%	19%	11%	13%	13%	16%	15%	12%	11%	16%
My spouse and I to combine our surnames into a hyphenated surname	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
My spouse and I to combine our surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
My spouse and I to take each other's surnames as middle names, but keep our original surnames	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Something else	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	5%	2%	3%	1%
Don't know	11%	18%	13%	4%	13%	3%	13%	8%	10%	10%	15%	6%	17%
N/A - I would never get married	6%	7%	10%	2%	7%	3%	9%	7%	1%	2%	8%	6%	8%
Totals	98%	99%	101%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,162)	(407)	(442)	(313)	(483)	(436)	(465)	(328)	(268)	(207)	(245)	(450)	(260)

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5. Surname Commitment

Do you think that a married couple sharing the same surname is or is not a necessary way of showing commitment to each other?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Is necessary	32%	39%	26%	36%	33%	33%	28%	35%	35%	25%	14%
Is not necessary	56%	48%	63%	50%	56%	55%	62%	56%	46%	55%	68%
Don't know	12%	13%	11%	14%	11%	13%	10%	9%	19%	19%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,162)	(540)	(622)	(274)	(213)	(385)	(290)	(722)	(139)	(191)	(110)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Is necessary	32%	19%	30%	49%	19%	48%	31%	33%	34%	35%	34%	35%	25%
Is not necessary	56%	72%	54%	43%	72%	43%	54%	57%	60%	56%	54%	54%	59%
Don't know	12%	9%	17%	9%	10%	9%	15%	10%	5%	9%	12%	11%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,162)	(407)	(442)	(313)	(483)	(436)	(465)	(328)	(268)	(207)	(245)	(450)	(260)

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6. Surname Upon Divorce

If someone gets divorced, after having changed their name when getting married, do you think they should keep their married surname or return to their original surname?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should keep their married surname	6%	6%	5%	5%	8%	2%	9%	4%	9%	12%	3%
Should return to their original surname	36%	42%	29%	48%	41%	33%	22%	34%	35%	44%	36%
It depends	51%	42%	58%	36%	48%	54%	62%	54%	48%	33%	53%
Don't know	8%	9%	7%	11%	3%	11%	7%	7%	9%	11%	8%
Totals	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,160)	(540)	(620)	(274)	(213)	(384)	(289)	(720)	(139)	(191)	(110)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should keep their married surname	6%	6%	3%	8%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%	6%
Should return to their original surname	36%	34%	36%	37%	28%	38%	34%	36%	35%	40%	27%	40%	34%
It depends	51%	51%	51%	49%	57%	51%	50%	50%	57%	46%	57%	50%	49%
Don't know	8%	9%	10%	6%	8%	6%	10%	7%	2%	6%	9%	6%	11%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,160)	(407)	(442)	(311)	(483)	(434)	(464)	(328)	(267)	(206)	(245)	(449)	(260)

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7. Child's Surname

If a married man and woman have different surnames and subsequently have children, which of the following options do you think they should use for the surname of any children?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should take the father's surname	52%	58%	47%	52%	47%	51%	59%	56%	48%	49%	30%
Should take the mother's surname	4%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	1%	4%	4%	7%	5%
Should take both parents' surnames as a hyphenated surname	17%	12%	21%	16%	22%	16%	13%	16%	18%	14%	23%
Should combine both parents' surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	0%
Something else	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	5%	10%
Don't know	20%	20%	20%	17%	20%	23%	19%	18%	19%	23%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(539)	(622)	(273)	(213)	(385)	(290)	(722)	(138)	(191)	(110)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should take the father's surname	52%	38%	44%	75%	38%	70%	51%	59%	49%	57%	41%	60%	46%
Should take the mother's surname	4%	7%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	8%	3%	7%	3%	4%
Should take both parents' surnames as a hyphenated surname	17%	19%	17%	13%	22%	13%	15%	18%	19%	23%	19%	15%	13%

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	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should combine both parents' surnames into a new surname without a space or hyphen	2%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Something else	5%	5%	7%	2%	7%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	7%
Don't know	20%	27%	26%	7%	26%	11%	22%	16%	18%	12%	26%	16%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(406)	(442)	(313)	(482)	(436)	(465)	(328)	(267)	(207)	(245)	(450)	(259)

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Interviewing Dates	April 15 - 20, 2025
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.579, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.999.
Number of respondents	1162
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	102 questions not reported.