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1. Americans Free to Express Views
Do you think Americans are generally free to express their views?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	54%	55%	52%	44%	54%	54%	61%	56%	51%	45%	46%
No	36%	36%	35%	34%	30%	41%	35%	36%	29%	42%	37%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	22%	16%	5%	4%	8%	20%	13%	18%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(989)	(469)	(520)	(172)	(181)	(389)	(247)	(718)	(122)	(78)	(71)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	54%	73%	45%	45%	79%	39%	49%	58%	64%	56%	50%	53%	56%
No	36%	17%	40%	50%	12%	54%	38%	36%	31%	32%	37%	38%	33%
Not sure	11%	10%	15%	5%	9%	7%	13%	7%	4%	12%	13%	9%	11%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(295)	(416)	(278)	(368)	(340)	(433)	(255)	(159)	(182)	(204)	(390)	(213)

2. The internet should be a free speech zone, where speech should be uncensored
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		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	49%	57%	42%	44%	47%	54%	50%	54%	29%	45%	51%
Disagree	26%	24%	29%	16%	27%	27%	34%	25%	34%	21%	28%
Not sure	25%	20%	29%	39%	27%	19%	16%	21%	37%	34%	21%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(468)	(521)	(170)	(181)	(389)	(249)	(720)	(121)	(78)	(70)

		Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	49%	34%	46%	72%	29%	78%	47%	53%	51%	45%	45%	53%	50%
Disagree	26%	41%	24%	14%	44%	11%	24%	27%	31%	31%	26%	24%	26%
Not sure	25%	25%	30%	14%	28%	11%	29%	19%	18%	24%	29%	22%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(295)	(415)	(279)	(369)	(341)	(434)	(255)	(159)	(182)	(202)	(390)	(215)

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3. Free speech does not mean that social media platforms are obligated to amplify or widely distribute every person's views

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	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	59%	60%	57%	48%	58%	61%	66%	62%	52%	47%	58%
Disagree	19%	21%	17%	20%	14%	20%	21%	19%	13%	25%	20%
Not sure	22%	19%	26%	32%	28%	19%	13%	19%	35%	28%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(986)	(465)	(521)	(169)	(179)	(389)	(249)	(716)	(121)	(79)	(70)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	59%	75%	52%	50%	77%	48%	54%	60%	76%	60%	57%	56%	64%
Disagree	19%	6%	21%	31%	6%	33%	19%	22%	17%	15%	17%	20%	23%
Not sure	22%	19%	27%	19%	17%	19%	27%	17%	7%	25%	26%	25%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(986)	(296)	(411)	(279)	(369)	(340)	(432)	(254)	(160)	(178)	(204)	(389)	(215)

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4. The internet makes it easier for people to share their views with a large number of people
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		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	80%	81%	80%	58%	76%	89%	93%	85%	74%	70%	64%
Disagree	7%	8%	6%	12%	11%	4%	3%	6%	6%	8%	15%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	30%	13%	7%	4%	8%	20%	22%	21%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(468)	(520)	(172)	(180)	(387)	(249)	(718)	(123)	(78)	(69)

		Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	80%	87%	72%	86%	90%	85%	75%	91%	84%	76%	79%	82%	82%
Disagree	7%	4%	9%	8%	2%	6%	8%	4%	9%	8%	7%	8%	5%
Not sure	12%	8%	19%	7%	8%	8%	17%	5%	8%	16%	15%	9%	13%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(296)	(414)	(278)	(370)	(338)	(432)	(254)	(160)	(179)	(205)	(388)	(216)

5. The internet gives people access to a wider range of views

The internet gives people access to a wider range of views

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	76%	76%	76%	56%	78%	83%	83%	80%	73%	64%	65%
Disagree	11%	13%	9%	14%	9%	9%	11%	11%	7%	9%	19%
Not sure	13%	11%	15%	30%	13%	8%	6%	9%	20%	28%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(469)	(520)	(173)	(181)	(387)	(248)	(718)	(123)	(79)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	76%	85%	69%	78%	83%	78%	73%	84%	80%	71%	74%	79%	77%
Disagree	11%	5%	12%	14%	6%	15%	10%	8%	14%	13%	11%	9%	10%
Not sure	13%	10%	19%	7%	11%	7%	17%	8%	6%	16%	14%	12%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(294)	(416)	(279)	(367)	(340)	(434)	(254)	(158)	(182)	(204)	(391)	(212)

6. The internet helps put the views of ordinary citizens on a more level playing field with the views of elites

The internet helps put the views of ordinary citizens on a more level playing field with the views of elites

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	48%	52%	46%	41%	53%	48%	51%	49%	52%	45%	39%
Disagree	27%	31%	24%	25%	22%	30%	30%	29%	16%	25%	34%
Not sure	24%	18%	31%	33%	25%	22%	19%	22%	32%	31%	27%
Totals	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(987)	(468)	(519)	(169)	(180)	(390)	(248)	(718)	(122)	(79)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	48%	55%	41%	54%	49%	48%	48%	53%	52%	47%	44%	50%	52%
Disagree	27%	19%	30%	31%	25%	36%	23%	27%	37%	28%	30%	23%	31%
Not sure	24%	26%	29%	15%	25%	16%	28%	20%	12%	25%	26%	27%	18%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(987)	(294)	(414)	(279)	(369)	(340)	(432)	(254)	(159)	(180)	(205)	(389)	(213)

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7. The internet promotes people finding common ground
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	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	39%	42%	37%	38%	44%	36%	40%	40%	39%	37%	39%
Disagree	34%	39%	29%	30%	26%	41%	35%	35%	28%	30%	37%
Not sure	27%	19%	34%	33%	30%	23%	24%	25%	33%	33%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(984)	(464)	(520)	(169)	(177)	(389)	(249)	(716)	(123)	(77)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	39%	44%	34%	43%	41%	39%	42%	42%	38%	38%	35%	42%	38%
Disagree	34%	28%	35%	37%	32%	42%	29%	35%	44%	38%	37%	30%	33%
Not sure	27%	29%	31%	20%	27%	18%	29%	23%	17%	23%	28%	28%	29%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(984)	(293)	(412)	(279)	(369)	(338)	(431)	(253)	(158)	(179)	(203)	(388)	(214)

8. The internet makes it easier for large groups to collectively shame someone for their views

The internet makes it easier for large groups to collectively shame someone for their views

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	74%	77%	72%	57%	66%	85%	84%	79%	58%	73%	65%
Disagree	9%	11%	8%	14%	14%	5%	5%	8%	16%	9%	13%
Not sure	16%	12%	20%	28%	20%	10%	11%	13%	26%	19%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(986)	(467)	(519)	(170)	(179)	(388)	(249)	(715)	(123)	(79)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	74%	78%	68%	80%	78%	85%	68%	80%	89%	72%	71%	76%	77%
Disagree	9%	9%	10%	8%	7%	5%	10%	9%	7%	14%	10%	8%	8%
Not sure	16%	13%	21%	13%	14%	10%	22%	11%	4%	14%	20%	16%	16%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(986)	(294)	(412)	(280)	(368)	(340)	(431)	(255)	(159)	(180)	(203)	(388)	(215)

9. The internet makes it easier for people to anonymously share their views

The internet makes it easier for people to anonymously share their views

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	68%	69%	67%	56%	65%	76%	69%	71%	60%	59%	63%
Disagree	16%	18%	14%	15%	18%	14%	17%	15%	15%	17%	21%
Not sure	16%	14%	19%	29%	17%	10%	14%	14%	24%	23%	16%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(470)	(519)	(172)	(179)	(390)	(248)	(718)	(122)	(80)	(69)

		Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	68%	74%	64%	68%	78%	69%	62%	76%	80%	64%	66%	69%	71%
Disagree	16%	12%	15%	20%	11%	19%	17%	12%	12%	19%	16%	16%	12%
Not sure	16%	13%	21%	12%	11%	13%	20%	12%	8%	17%	17%	15%	17%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(295)	(415)	(279)	(369)	(340)	(433)	(254)	(160)	(180)	(205)	(388)	(216)

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10. The internet makes it easier for people to share their views without consequences

The internet makes it easier for people to share their views without consequences

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	49%	49%	48%	44%	50%	50%	49%	50%	44%	46%	46%
Disagree	34%	38%	29%	27%	33%	34%	39%	35%	30%	31%	32%
Not sure	18%	13%	22%	29%	17%	16%	12%	15%	25%	22%	22%
Totals	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(984)	(469)	(515)	(170)	(179)	(387)	(248)	(715)	(123)	(78)	(68)

		Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	49%	62%	41%	46%	64%	41%	43%	56%	59%	50%	44%	49%	51%
Disagree	34%	21%	36%	44%	19%	48%	34%	35%	32%	31%	34%	35%	32%
Not sure	18%	17%	23%	9%	17%	11%	23%	9%	9%	18%	22%	16%	17%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(984)	(293)	(413)	(278)	(367)	(339)	(429)	(254)	(159)	(179)	(203)	(389)	(213)

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11. The internet makes it harder for people to distance themselves from views they shared in the past but no longer hold

The internet makes it harder for people to distance themselves from views they shared in the past but no longer hold

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	58%	60%	56%	54%	55%	62%	60%	60%	42%	63%	58%
Disagree	15%	17%	13%	18%	17%	12%	14%	13%	22%	19%	11%
Not sure	27%	23%	31%	28%	28%	27%	26%	27%	36%	19%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(986)	(468)	(518)	(169)	(181)	(388)	(248)	(714)	(122)	(80)	(70)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	58%	56%	54%	68%	57%	70%	51%	65%	71%	57%	57%	58%	60%
Disagree	15%	16%	15%	13%	14%	11%	17%	14%	14%	15%	14%	14%	17%
Not sure	27%	28%	31%	19%	29%	19%	32%	20%	15%	28%	29%	28%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(986)	(294)	(415)	(277)	(368)	(339)	(433)	(254)	(159)	(180)	(203)	(388)	(215)

12. Courteous Online

In your experience, do people behave more courteously or less courteously in online encounters than in face-to-face ones?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
More courteously	7%	10%	3%	13%	9%	4%	2%	7%	5%	6%	6%
Less courteously	67%	66%	69%	45%	59%	79%	81%	73%	61%	48%	65%
About as courteously	9%	7%	11%	12%	9%	8%	9%	7%	14%	14%	9%
Not sure	17%	17%	17%	31%	22%	10%	7%	13%	20%	32%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(992)	(470)	(522)	(174)	(179)	(390)	(249)	(721)	(121)	(80)	(70)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More courteously	7%	10%	4%	7%	7%	3%	7%	6%	9%	8%	6%	4%	10%
Less courteously	67%	67%	64%	74%	70%	79%	62%	73%	78%	67%	67%	68%	67%
About as courteously	9%	9%	8%	12%	10%	9%	11%	9%	6%	10%	9%	9%	9%
Not sure	17%	14%	24%	7%	13%	9%	20%	12%	6%	15%	18%	18%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(295)	(418)	(279)	(369)	(341)	(436)	(254)	(160)	(181)	(205)	(390)	(216)

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Interviewing Dates	March 22 - 25, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.268 to 5.918, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.543.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	68 questions not reported.