

# YouGov Survey: Schools and Gender Identity, for Washington Examiner YouGov®

Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
 Conducted August 12 - 15, 2022  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

## 1. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children in grades K-12?

Yes ..... 20%  
 No ..... 80%

## 2. Are any of your children enrolled in...? Select all that apply. *Asked of parents who have school-aged children*

Public school ..... 65%  
 Private non-religious school ..... 12%  
 Private religious school ..... 11%  
 Home school ..... 17%  
 Other ..... 3%

## 3. In general, how would you rate the public schools in your community?

Excellent ..... 11%  
 Good ..... 36%  
 Fair ..... 27%  
 Poor ..... 12%  
 Not sure ..... 13%

## 4. In general, how would you rate the public school teachers in your community?

Excellent ..... 15%  
 Good ..... 39%  
 Fair ..... 22%  
 Poor ..... 8%  
 Not sure ..... 16%

## 5. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am ..... 12%  
 Yes, household member is ..... 7%  
 No ..... 82%

## 6. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of teachers' unions?

Very favorable ..... 21%  
 Somewhat favorable ..... 26%  
 Somewhat unfavorable ..... 10%  
 Very unfavorable ..... 18%  
 Don't know ..... 25%

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7. Do you think it is too easy or too difficult for schools to fire public school teachers in your state?

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Too easy      | 11% |
| About right   | 26% |
| Too difficult | 22% |
| Not sure      | 41% |

8. Have you ever been asked or required to share your own pronouns, either in person or on a form?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 34% |
| No       | 53% |
| Not sure | 13% |

9. Do you personally know anyone who uses gender-neutral pronouns such as "they" instead of "he" or "she" when referring to them?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 30% |
| No       | 60% |
| Not sure | 10% |

10. How comfortable, if at all, would you feel using a gender-neutral pronoun to refer to someone if they asked you to do so?

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Very comfortable       | 26% |
| Somewhat comfortable   | 26% |
| Somewhat uncomfortable | 23% |
| Very uncomfortable     | 25% |

11. How well do you feel you understand what it means for someone to identify as transgender?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Extremely well  | 19% |
| Very well       | 24% |
| Moderately well | 32% |
| Not too well    | 14% |
| Not well at all | 11% |

12. Do you personally know someone who identifies as transgender? Select all that apply.

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Yes, me              | 4%  |
| Yes, a family member | 8%  |
| Yes, a close friend  | 8%  |
| Yes, an acquaintance | 26% |
| No                   | 57% |
| Prefer not to say    | 3%  |

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13. Some people say their gender identity does not match the sex that they were assigned at birth. Do you think this is the result of... ?

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Biological factors ..... | 16% |
| Social factors .....     | 28% |
| A mix of both .....      | 32% |
| Not sure .....           | 23% |

14. Which of these do you think contributes more when people say their gender identity does not match the sex that they were assigned at birth?

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Biological factors ..... | 27% |
| Social factors .....     | 35% |
| Both equally .....       | 15% |
| Not sure .....           | 23% |

15. How much do you think each of the following contribute to someone's gender identity not matching the sex that they were assigned at birth?

*Asked of people who say social factors, social and biological factors equally, or not sure to the question of what contributes to when people say their gender identity does not match the sex that they were assigned at birth*

|   | A lot | A little | Nothing at all |
|---|-------|----------|----------------|
| Whether they have any friends who identify with a gender not matching the sex that they were assigned at birth        | 37%   | 37%      | 26%            |
| Whether they have any family members who identify with a gender not matching the sex that they were assigned at birth | 32%   | 41%      | 27%            |
| Whether they have any role models who identify with a gender not matching the sex that they were assigned at birth    | 37%   | 37%      | 25%            |
| What they were taught in school   | 26%   | 33%      | 41%            |
| What they have seen or heard in books, movies, and television   | 37%   | 41%      | 22%            |
| What they have seen or heard on social media  | 43%   | 35%      | 22%            |

16. How well do you feel you understand the types of medical treatments available to transgender children and teenagers?

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Extremely well .....  | 8%  |
| Very well .....       | 10% |
| Moderately well ..... | 28% |
| Not too well .....    | 28% |
| Not well at all ..... | 26% |

17. Which of these is closest to your belief about the U.S. and its history?

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| The U.S. is a good country with a proud history .....                  | 23% |
| The U.S. has both good and bad aspects and a complicated history ..... | 62% |
| The U.S. is a bad country with a shameful history .....                | 7%  |
| Not sure .....   | 9%  |

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18. How often do you think K-12 students are currently being taught to think critically and understand different points of view at public schools in the U.S.?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Very often     | 8%  |
| Somewhat often | 23% |
| Not very often | 32% |
| Not at all     | 20% |
| Not sure       | 17% |

19. How often do you think K-12 students at public schools in the U.S. should be taught to think critically and understand different points of view?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Very often     | 50% |
| Somewhat often | 25% |
| Not very often | 8%  |
| Not at all     | 5%  |
| Not sure       | 13% |

20. How often do you think public schools in the U.S. are pushing K-12 students to adopt certain viewpoints about... ?

|                 | Very often | Somewhat often | Not very often | Not at all | Not sure |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Politics        | 27%        | 24%            | 21%            | 11%        | 16%      |
| Race            | 31%        | 27%            | 16%            | 11%        | 15%      |
| Culture         | 31%        | 29%            | 16%            | 10%        | 15%      |
| Gender identity | 26%        | 22%            | 17%            | 18%        | 17%      |
| Sexuality       | 28%        | 22%            | 20%            | 14%        | 16%      |

21. How often do you think K-12 students are being taught in public schools to adopt the viewpoint that... ?

|   | Very often | Somewhat often | Not very often | Not at all | Not sure |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| The U.S. is a bad country with a shameful history                                 | 22%        | 15%            | 21%            | 27%        | 15%      |
| The U.S. has both good and bad aspects and a complicated history                  | 13%        | 27%            | 31%            | 15%        | 14%      |
| The U.S. is a good country with a proud history                                   | 23%        | 27%            | 19%            | 16%        | 14%      |
| Liberal ideas are correct   | 27%        | 18%            | 19%            | 14%        | 23%      |
| Conservative ideas are correct  | 11%        | 20%            | 20%            | 26%        | 23%      |
| The U.S. is systematically racist   | 24%        | 20%            | 20%            | 18%        | 17%      |
| There is no longer racism in the U.S.   | 12%        | 19%            | 16%            | 35%        | 18%      |
| For some people, their gender may differ from the sex they were assigned at birth | 23%        | 20%            | 22%            | 16%        | 19%      |
| There are other sexual orientations besides heterosexuality                       | 26%        | 20%            | 22%            | 13%        | 19%      |

22. How often do you think K-12 students should be taught in public schools that... ?

|   | Very often | Somewhat often | Not very often | Not at all | Not sure |
|---|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| The U.S. is a bad country with a shameful history                                 | 9%         | 15%            | 19%            | 42%        | 14%      |
| The U.S. has both good and bad aspects and a complicated history                  | 42%        | 26%            | 11%            | 8%         | 13%      |
| The U.S. is a good country with a proud history                                   | 26%        | 30%            | 16%            | 14%        | 15%      |
| Liberal ideas are correct   | 11%        | 16%            | 19%            | 35%        | 20%      |
| Conservative ideas are correct  | 12%        | 18%            | 19%            | 32%        | 19%      |
| The U.S. is systematically racist   | 20%        | 21%            | 14%            | 32%        | 14%      |
| There is no longer racism in the U.S.   | 12%        | 16%            | 14%            | 44%        | 14%      |
| For some people, their gender may differ from the sex they were assigned at birth | 17%        | 23%            | 17%            | 30%        | 14%      |
| There are other sexual orientations than heterosexuality                          | 19%        | 20%            | 17%            | 28%        | 15%      |

23. Do you support or oppose public school teachers providing classroom instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity to children in... ?

|  | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Not sure |
|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Classroom Instruction Age - Sexual Orientation and Gender – Kindergarten through 3rd grade (Elementary school) | 8%               | 13%              | 14%             | 53%             | 13%      |
| Classroom Instruction Age - Sexual Orientation and Gender – 4th through 5th graders (Elementary school)        | 10%              | 18%              | 15%             | 44%             | 13%      |
| Classroom Instruction Age - Sexual Orientation and Gender – 6th through 8th graders (Middle school)            | 19%              | 21%              | 14%             | 34%             | 12%      |
| Classroom Instruction Age - Sexual Orientation and Gender – 9th through 12th graders (High school)             | 28%              | 23%              | 13%             | 25%             | 11%      |

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24. Do you support or oppose allowing parents to sue a school district if they believe classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity is not age-appropriate for students according to state standards?

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Strongly support | 30% |
| Somewhat support | 17% |
| Somewhat oppose  | 14% |
| Strongly oppose  | 22% |
| Not sure         | 17% |

25. In your opinion, is it appropriate or inappropriate for a teacher to display a photo of their same-sex spouse on their desk?

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Appropriate   | 43% |
| Inappropriate | 34% |
| Not sure      | 22% |

26. We will now ask you to share your opinion on a number of different issues relating to transgender people in the United States. Do you support or oppose... ?

|   | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Not sure |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Allowing transgender student-athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the gender they were assigned at birth  | 14%              | 15%              | 12%             | 41%             | 18%      |
| Requiring K-12 schools to inform parents if their child requests to go by different pronouns while at school  | 32%              | 21%              | 13%             | 16%             | 17%      |
| Schools banning books with stories about transgender youth  | 21%              | 13%              | 16%             | 36%             | 14%      |
| Allowing parents to provide their transgender children or teenagers with puberty-blocking drugs, which can temporarily prevent the effects of puberty that may not align with their gender identity | 16%              | 16%              | 11%             | 37%             | 21%      |
| Requiring a transgender student's peers to use their preferred name and pronouns  | 23%              | 19%              | 13%             | 27%             | 18%      |
| Requiring a transgender student's teacher to use their preferred name and pronouns  | 26%              | 18%              | 14%             | 25%             | 17%      |

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27. How often do you think your own children are being taught to think critically and understand different points of view at their school?

*Asked of parents or guardians of one or more children in grades K-12*

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very often .....     | 17% |
| Somewhat often ..... | 30% |
| Not very often ..... | 26% |
| Not at all .....     | 11% |
| Not sure .....       | 16% |

28. How often do you think your own children should be taught to think critically and understand different points of view at their school?

*Asked of parents or guardians of one or more children in grades K-12*

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Very often .....     | 41% |
| Somewhat often ..... | 28% |
| Not very often ..... | 14% |
| Not at all .....     | 6%  |
| Not sure .....       | 10% |

29. How often do you think your children's school is pushing your own children to adopt certain viewpoints about... ?

*Asked of parents or guardians of one or more children in grades K-12*

|                 | Very often | Somewhat often | Not very often | Not at all | Not sure |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Politics        | 21%        | 28%            | 16%            | 20%        | 15%      |
| Race            | 17%        | 34%            | 14%            | 18%        | 17%      |
| Culture         | 29%        | 30%            | 13%            | 13%        | 14%      |
| Gender identity | 18%        | 25%            | 14%            | 22%        | 20%      |
| Sexuality       | 20%        | 15%            | 19%            | 27%        | 19%      |

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| <b>Interviewing Dates</b>     | August 12 - 15, 2022  |
| <b>Target population</b>      | U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.  |
| <b>Sampling method</b>        | 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. |
| <b>Weighting</b>              | The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.243 to 2.946, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.335.  |
| <b>Number of respondents</b>  | 1000  |
| <b>Margin of error</b>        | ± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)   |
| <b>Survey mode</b>            | Web-based interviews  |
| <b>Questions not reported</b> | 42 questions not reported.  |