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The data are based on a representative survey of 1,535 adults in the New York Metro Area (including New York City, Long Island, Southern New York State, Northern New Jersey, and Southern Connecticut) conducted between June 29 and July 21, 2015, using a hybrid RDD dual-frame (landline and cell phones) and web panel methodology. Of the 1,535 interviews, 920 were conducted via the phone and 615 were completed by web.

Additional responses were collected from 219 Hispanics and African Americans in the New York Metro Area on a small subset of questions, between 25 August and 4 September, 2015.

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The survey was designed to be compatible with web and phone interviews. Respondents to both could refuse to answer any question. The overall response rate for the phone interviews was calculated to be 17.3 percent using AAPOR's RR3 formula. This topline represents the survey version presented to telephone interviewees. The phone and online samples were combined using propensity score matching.

The final data were weighted to correct for variance in the likelihood of selection for a given case and to balance the sample to known population parameters to correct for systematic under- or overrepresentation of key demographics. The margin of error for the original weighted data is +/- 3.7 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.

It is higher, however, for questions that were not asked of all respondents and for subgroup results. This topline indicates total and subgroup sample sizes for each question. Findings related to subgroups smaller than n=100 should be interpreted with caution. A survey result of less than 0.5 percent is signified by an asterisk, and a result of

zero is signified by a dash. Unless otherwise stated, “Don’t know” and “Refused” are responses volunteered by participants that were not explicitly offered to them. Responses may not always total 100 percent due to rounding.

A note on the New York Metro Area: For the purposes of this study, we defined the New York Metro Area as comprising 31 counties across New York City, Long Island, Southern New York State, Northern New Jersey, and Southern Connecticut.

In addition to total results, this topline shows data for three different areas within the New York Metro Area: New York City, surrounding counties, and further-out counties. The following shows the breakdown of what counties in the New York Metro Area comprise each subgroup:

New York City:

- New York County, NY
- Bronx County, NY
- Kings County, NY
- Queens County, NY
- Richmond County, NY

Surrounding counties:

- Nassau County, NY
- Rockland County, NY
- Westchester County, NY
- Bergen County, NJ
- Essex County, NJ
- Hudson County, NJ
- Middlesex County, NJ
- Monmouth County, NJ
- Union County, NJ
- Fairfield County, CT

Further-out counties:

- Suffolk County, NY
- Dutchess County, NY
- Orange County, NY
- Putnam County, NY
- Sullivan County, NY
- Ulster County, NY
- Hunterdon County, NJ
- Mercer County, NJ
- Morris County, NJ
- Ocean County, NJ
- Passaic County, NJ
- Somerset County, NJ
- Sussex County, NJ
- Warren County, NJ
- Litchfield County, CT
- New Haven County, CT

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FULL SURVEY RESULTS

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q1. Do you live in a city, a town or something else? [IF SOMETHING ELSE ASK: How would you describe the area where you live?]				
City	91%	28%	16%	47%
Town	5%	64%	72%	45%
Suburb (vol.)	1%	3%	3%	2%
Village (vol.)	1%	2%	2%	2%
Countryside (vol.)	*	-	1%	*
Rural area (vol.)	-	1%	2%	1%
Something else (vol.)	1%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know (vol.)	-	-	-	-
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q2. In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of life in your (INSERT AREA) today? Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not satisfied at all?				
Very satisfied	23%	37%	39%	32%
Somewhat satisfied	50%	47%	49%	49%
Not too satisfied	17%	10%	9%	13%
Not satisfied at all	9%	4%	3%	6%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	1%	*	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	*	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q3. How connected do you feel to the people in your [INSERT AREA]? Do you feel very connected, somewhat connected, not too connected or not connected at all to them?				
Very connected	23%	16%	15%	18%
Somewhat connected	44%	44%	42%	43%
Not too connected	23%	29%	31%	27%
Not connected at all	10%	10%	12%	11%
Don't know (vol.)	*	1%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	*	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q4. No question				

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
<p>Q5. Please tell me for each of the following, how serious of a problem you think it is in your (INSERT AREA). How about (INSERT ITEM)? Do you think that, in your (INSERT AREA), this is a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious of a problem, or not a problem at all, or are you not sure? [Base: All respondents; Each respondent asked items A-D, and 5 additional random items from E-S; Items rotated]</p>				
Q5A. A lack of well-paying and secure jobs				
Very serious	47%	24%	29%	34%
Somewhat serious	32%	33%	30%	32%
Not too serious	8%	19%	21%	15%
Not a problem at all	5%	9%	10%	7%
Not sure/Don't know	8%	14%	10%	11%
Refused/Blank	-	1%	1%	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N= 1,535
Q5B. A lack of good public schools				
Very serious	35%	15%	13%	22%
Somewhat serious	28%	14%	15%	20%
Not too serious	14%	19%	24%	19%
Not a problem at all	11%	41%	40%	30%
Not sure/Don't know	12%	9%	7%	10%
Refused/Blank	*	2%	*	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N= 1,535
Q5C. The gap in income between rich and poor / The gap in income between the rich and middle class [Split sample]				
Very serious	54%	31%	33%	40%
Somewhat serious	24%	26%	27%	25%
Not too serious	10%	21%	24%	18%
Not a problem at all	5%	13%	10%	9%
Not sure/Don't know	6%	9%	6%	7%
Refused/Blank	-	*	*	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N= 1,535
Q5D. The high cost of college				
Very serious	62%	47%	47%	52%
Somewhat serious	17%	23%	23%	21%
Not too serious	5%	7%	12%	8%
Not a problem at all	3%	5%	7%	5%
Not sure/Don't know	12%	17%	12%	14%
Refused/Blank	*	1%	*	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N= 1,535

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q5E. The high cost of living [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	76%	46%	42%	56%
Somewhat serious	17%	33%	43%	30%
Not too serious	4%	12%	8%	8%
Not a problem at all	1%	6%	3%	3%
Not sure/Don't know	2%	3%	4%	3%
Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-
	n=205	n=148	n=170	n= 523
Q5F. The high cost of housing [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	79%	42%	38%	55%
Somewhat serious	11%	36%	32%	25%
Not too serious	3%	9%	11%	7%
Not a problem at all	2%	6%	15%	7%
Not sure/Don't know	5%	5%	3%	5%
Refused/Blank	-	1%	1%	1%
	n=202	n=149	n=149	n= 500
Q5G. High taxes [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	55%	53%	49%	53%
Somewhat serious	20%	24%	31%	24%
Not too serious	9%	14%	8%	10%
Not a problem at all	5%	3%	3%	4%
Not sure/Don't know	11%	6%	7%	8%
Refused/Blank	-	-	1%	*
	n=209	n=142	n=158	n= 509
Q5H. A lack of affordable health care [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	41%	30%	27%	33%
Somewhat serious	24%	27%	22%	25%
Not too serious	15%	20%	24%	19%
Not a problem at all	8%	12%	19%	13%
Not sure/Don't know	11%	10%	6%	10%
Refused/Blank	-	1%	2%	1%
	n=202	n=154	n=136	n= 492

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q5I. Costly or unreliable public transportation [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	35%	9%	15%	19%
Somewhat serious	24%	16%	16%	19%
Not too serious	24%	34%	32%	30%
Not a problem at all	12%	30%	30%	24%
Not sure/Don't know	4%	10%	6%	7%
Refused/Blank	1%	*	1%	1%
	n=206	n=164	n=149	n= 519
Q5J. Badly maintained roads, bridges or tunnels [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	36%	26%	19%	27%
Somewhat serious	32%	18%	32%	27%
Not too serious	25%	34%	36%	31%
Not a problem at all	4%	21%	13%	13%
Not sure/Don't know	4%	*	-	2%
Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-
	n=192	n=147	n=158	n= 497
Q5K. High rate of crime [Base: Asked the question and additional sample]				
Very serious	32%	16%	9%	20%
Somewhat serious	33%	18%	20%	24%
Not too serious	21%	36%	39%	31%
Not a problem at all	6%	25%	26%	18%
Not sure/Don't know	7%	5%	4%	5%
Refused/Blank	*	-	1%	*
	n=322	n=236	n=189	n= 747
Q5L. A lack of parks and green spaces [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	15%	15%	7%	12%
Somewhat serious	24%	9%	9%	14%
Not too serious	38%	20%	30%	29%
Not a problem at all	23%	56%	50%	43%
Not sure/Don't know	1%	1%	4%	2%
Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-
	n=200	n=157	n=153	n= 510

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q5M. Small businesses closing down [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	34%	29%	34%	32%
Somewhat serious	35%	28%	33%	32%
Not too serious	18%	26%	18%	21%
Not a problem at all	5%	8%	13%	9%
Not sure/Don't know	8%	9%	3%	7%
Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-
	n=173	n=159	n=164	n= 496
Q5N. Negative relations between the community and the police [Base: Asked the question and additional sample]				
Very serious	43%	10%	3%	21%
Somewhat serious	23%	18%	13%	19%
Not too serious	17%	29%	28%	24%
Not a problem at all	13%	36%	47%	30%
Not sure/Don't know	4%	8%	9%	7%
Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-
	n=331	n=214	n=192	n= 737
Q5O. Negative relations between different racial or ethnic groups [Base: Asked the question and additional sample]				
Very serious	28%	10%	10%	17%
Somewhat serious	37%	14%	20%	24%
Not too serious	17%	39%	44%	32%
Not a problem at all	12%	29%	22%	20%
Not sure/Don't know	6%	9%	5%	7%
Refused/Blank	-	%	%	*
	n=336	n=218	n=189	n= 743
Q5P. The threat of storms and floods [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	18%	15%	10%	14%
Somewhat serious	27%	22%	27%	25%
Not too serious	36%	34%	36%	35%
Not a problem at all	15%	27%	23%	22%
Not sure/Don't know	3%	2%	4%	3%
Refused/Blank	1%	-	-	-
	n=180	n=158	n=161	n= 499

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q5Q. The threat of terrorism [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	51%	17%	14%	28%
Somewhat serious	24%	23%	12%	20%
Not too serious	10%	25%	30%	21%
Not a problem at all	10%	29%	39%	25%
Not sure/Don't know	5%	5%	6%	5%
Refused/Blank	-	1%	-	*
	n=207	n=162	n=152	n=521
Q5R. People lacking a good work ethic [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	31%	21%	22%	25%
Somewhat serious	30%	23%	18%	24%
Not too serious	17%	25%	32%	24%
Not a problem at all	6%	23%	20%	16%
Not sure/Don't know	15%	8%	9%	11%
Refused/Blank	-	1%	-	*
	n=194	n=157	n=138	n=489
Q5S. Too much government regulation of business [Base: Asked the question]				
Very serious	17%	17%	22%	18%
Somewhat serious	30%	17%	23%	24%
Not too serious	21%	26%	28%	25%
Not a problem at all	11%	17%	13%	13%
Not sure/Don't know	22%	23%	14%	20%
Refused/Blank	-	-	1%	*
	n=230	n=148	n=172	n=550
Q6. For each of the following, please tell me whether or not you would be willing to work with other people to advocate or find solutions to the problem. How about (INSERT)? Would you be willing to work with other people to advocate or find solutions to the problem, or is that not something you would be willing to do? [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" to respective items in Q5; Items asked in same random order as Q5]				
Q6A. A lack of well-paying and secure jobs [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5A]				
Yes, willing	72%	63%	57%	65%
No, not willing to do	27%	33%	40%	32%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	4%	2%	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	*	-	1%
	n=441	n=238	n=276	n=955

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q6B. A lack of good public schools [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5B]				
Yes, willing	71%	73%	65%	71%
No, not willing to do	27%	24%	35%	28%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	-	-	*
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	3%	-	1%
	n=413	n=133	n=118	n=664
Q6C. The gap in income between rich and poor / The gap in income between the rich and middle class [Split sample; Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5C]				
Yes, willing	66%	64%	57%	63%
No, not willing to do	32%	34%	42%	35%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	1%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	1%	1%	1%
	n=496	n=246	n=259	n=1,001
Q6D. The high cost of college [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5D]				
Yes, willing	73%	63%	50%	63%
No, not willing to do	26%	36%	49%	36%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	*	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	1%	1%
	n=491	n=337	n=338	n=1,166
Q6E. The high cost of living [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5E]				
Yes, willing	70%	65%	56%	64%
No, not willing to do	28%	32%	43%	34%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	-	1%	*
Refused/Blank (vol.)	2%	3%	-	2%
	n=191	n=112	n=140	n=443
Q6F. The high cost of housing [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5F]				
Yes, willing	69%	67%	53%	65%
No, not willing to do	29%	32%	46%	34%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	1%	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	-	-	*
	n=186	n=113	n=110	n=409

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q6G. High taxes [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5G]				
Yes, willing	73%	64%	59%	66%
No, not willing to do	26%	32%	40%	32%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	2%	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	3%	-	1%
	n=159	n=117	n=129	n=405
Q6H. A lack of affordable health care [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5H]				
Yes, willing	68%	60%	60%	64%
No, not willing to do	32%	35%	40%	35%
Don't know (vol.)	-	4%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=133	n=91	n=70	n=294
Q6I. Costly or unreliable public transportation [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5I]				
Yes, willing	60%	71%	56%	62%
No, not willing to do	34%	27%	44%	35%
Don't know (vol.)	4%	-	-	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	2%	-	1%
				n=202
Q6J. Badly maintained roads, bridges or tunnels [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5J]				
Yes, willing	53%	53%	50%	52%
No, not willing to do	46%	45%	50%	47%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	3%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=103	n=43	n=56	n=294
Q6K. High rate of crime [Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5K]				
Yes, willing	62%	62%	57%	61%
No, not willing to do	37%	36%	40%	37%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	2%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	3%	*
	n=131	n=43	n=37	n=211

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Q6L. A lack of parks and green spaces [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5L]				
Yes, willing	72%	83%	83%	78%
No, not willing to do	27%	17%	17%	22%
Don't know (vol.)	-	-	-	-
Refused/Blank (vol.)	2%	-	-	1%
	n=76	n=29	n=22	n=127
Q6M. Small businesses closing down [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5M]				
Yes, willing	55%	58%	59%	57%
No, not willing to do	42%	41%	40%	41%
Don't know (vol.)	2%	-	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	1%	-	1%
	n=129	n=98	n=102	n=329
Q6N. Negative relations between the community and the police [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5N]				
Yes, willing	68%	53%	67%	65%
No, not willing to do	25%	47%	33%	30%
Don't know (vol.)	7%	-	-	5%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=133	n=29	n=17	n=179
Q6O. Negative relations between different racial or ethnic groups [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5O]				
Yes, willing	71%	70%	48%	66%
No, not willing to do	29%	26%	50%	33%
Don't know (vol.)	-	4%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	2%	*
	n=144	n=35	n=38	n=217
Q6P. The threat of storms and floods [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5P]				
Yes, willing	68%	59%	53%	60%
No, not willing to do	30%	37%	40%	36%
Don't know (vol.)	2%	-	2%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	4%	5%	3%
	n=74	n=60	n=55	n=189

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Q6Q. The threat of terrorism [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5Q]				
Yes, willing	61%	67%	57%	62%
No, not willing to do	35%	29%	43%	34%
Don't know (vol.)	4%	3%	-	3%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	-	*
	n=161	n=63	n=44	n=268
Q6R. People lacking a good work ethic [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5R]				
Yes, willing	71%	57%	54%	63%
No, not willing to do	26%	36%	46%	34%
Don't know (vol.)	2%	4%	-	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	4%	-	2%
	n=107	n=60	n=49	n=216
Q6S. Too much government regulation of business [Base: Respondents who answered "very serious" or "somewhat serious" in Q5S]				
Yes, willing	50%	53%	50%	51%
No, not willing to do	47%	45%	50%	47%
Don't know (vol.)	2%	2%	-	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	-	-	*
	n=83	n=52	n=75	n=210
Q7. For each of the following, please tell me how good a job you think the government is doing in addressing the issue for your (INSERT AREA). How about (INSERT ITEM)? Is the government doing a mostly good job on this issue, a mostly bad job, or are you not sure? [Prompt: If respondent asked "what do you mean by government?/ What government?", read "which ever level of government you think is most relevant to the issue."][Base: All respondents; Each respondent asked 9 items corresponding to those that they answered in Q5]				
Q7A. The availability of well-paying and secure jobs				
Mostly good job	21%	25%	16%	21%
Mostly bad job	46%	38%	47%	43%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	3%	2%	3%	3%
Not sure/Don't know	29%	34%	34%	32%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	2%	-	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535

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Q7B. The quality of public schools				
Mostly good job	31%	56%	49%	45%
Mostly bad job	45%	25%	27%	33%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	*	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	23%	18%	22%	21%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	-	*	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q7C. The gap in income between rich and poor / The gap in income between the rich and middle class [Split sample]				
Mostly good job	14%	13%	16%	14%
Mostly bad job	58%	47%	50%	52%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	1%	5%	4%	3%
Not sure/Don't know	26%	34%	30%	30%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q7D. The cost of college				
Mostly good job	13%	13%	11%	13%
Mostly bad job	53%	42%	47%	47%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	1%	2%	3%	2%
Not sure/Don't know	32%	43%	38%	38%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	*	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q7E. The cost of living [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	14%	20%	16%	16%
Mostly bad job	65%	49%	53%	56%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	20%	28%	31%	26%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	2%	-	1%
	n=205	n=148	n=170	n=523

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Q7F. The cost of housing [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	11%	15%	19%	15%
Mostly bad job	66%	42%	52%	54%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	2%	3%	4%	3%
Not sure/Don't know	20%	39%	25%	28%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	-	-	*
	n=202	n=149	n=149	n=500
Q7G. The tax rate [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	11%	12%	13%	12%
Mostly bad job	56%	53%	70%	59%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	-	5%	-	1%
Not sure/Don't know	32%	28%	18%	27%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	2%	-	1%
	n=209	n=142	n=158	n=509
Q7H. Access to affordable health care [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	41%	38%	33%	38%
Mostly bad job	30%	34%	37%	33%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	-	2%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	29%	27%	29%	28%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=202	n=154	n=136	n=492
Q7I. The cost and quality of public transportation [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	30%	38%	43%	37%
Mostly bad job	49%	27%	32%	36%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	20%	33%	24%	26%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	*	-	*
	n=206	n=164	n=149	n=519

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q7J. The quality of roads, bridges and tunnels [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	33%	46%	49%	42%
Mostly bad job	43%	39%	33%	38%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	23%	15%	18%	18%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	-	-	*
	n=192	n=147	n=158	n=497
Q7K. The crime rate [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5 and additional sample]				
Mostly good job	36%	60%	53%	49%
Mostly bad job	40%	20%	21%	28%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	-	-	2%	*
Not sure/Don't know	23%	20%	22%	22%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	-	3%	1%
	n=322	n=236	n=189	n=747
Q7L. The availability of parks and green spaces [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	55%	72%	65%	65%
Mostly bad job	22%	11%	12%	15%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	3%	-	-	1%
Not sure/Don't know	20%	17%	22%	19%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	1%	*
	n=200	n=157	n=153	n=510
Q7M. The health of small businesses [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	14%	22%	22%	20%
Mostly bad job	51%	36%	48%	44%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	2%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	33%	42%	28%	35%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	1%	*
	n=173	n=159	n=164	n=496

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q7N. Police-community relations [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5 and additional sample]				
Mostly good job	26%	55%	54%	44%
Mostly bad job	48%	15%	19%	29%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	-	2%	-	1%
Not sure/Don't know	25%	28%	27%	27%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	-	-	*
	n=331	n=214	n=192	n=737
Q7O. Relations between different racial or ethnic groups [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5 and additional sample]				
Mostly good job	26%	38%	37%	33%
Mostly bad job	45%	23%	35%	35%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	*	2%	2%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	28%	36%	26%	30%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	*	1%	*
	n=336	n=218	n=189	n=743
Q7P. The threat of storms and floods [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	50%	58%	40%	50%
Mostly bad job	17%	16%	19%	18%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	1%	2%	5%	3%
Not sure/Don't know	31%	20%	36%	28%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	4%	-	1%
	n=180	n=158	n=161	n=499
Q7Q. The threat of terrorism [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	64%	53%	47%	56%
Mostly bad job	19%	16%	25%	20%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	-	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	17%	29%	27%	24%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=207	n=162	n=152	n=521

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q7S. Government regulation of business [Base: Asked the corresponding item in Q5]				
Mostly good job	24%	27%	21%	24%
Mostly bad job	35%	28%	40%	34%
(Vol.) There's nothing the government can do	-	1%	1%	1%
Not sure/Don't know	40%	43%	38%	41%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	-	*
	n=230	n=148	n=172	n=550
Q8. No question				
Q9. In general, do you think that government policies (mostly respond to the needs of ordinary citizens) Or (mostly respond to the needs of people who are rich and powerful) Or Is it about equal? [Choices were rotated]				
Mostly respond to the needs of ordinary citizens	6%	5%	7%	6%
Mostly respond to the needs of people who are rich and powerful	59%	58%	58%	58%
About equal	29%	31%	30%	30%
Don't know (vol.)	6%	5%	3%	5%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	1%	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q10. When people in your (INSERT AREA) have trouble getting ahead, do you think it's (mainly because they don't work hard enough), (mainly because they lack opportunity), or mainly for other reasons? [Choices were rotated]				
Mainly because they don't work hard enough	19%	20%	18%	19%
Mainly because they lack opportunity	40%	37%	39%	39%
Mainly for other reasons	34%	32%	33%	33%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	7%	11%	10%	9%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q11. Thinking about the people in your (INSERT AREA), would you say that their opportunities to get ahead are improving, are shrinking, or are staying about the same?				
Improving	14%	17%	15%	16%
Shrinking	30%	26%	35%	30%
Staying about the same	55%	53%	48%	52%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	1%	3%	2%	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q12. Compared to other places in the United States, do you think your (INSERT AREA) and the surrounding area provide better opportunities for people to get ahead, worse opportunities for people to get ahead, or is it about the same, or are you not sure?				
Better	38%	24%	21%	28%
Worse	11%	13%	27%	16%
About the same	26%	40%	33%	33%
Not sure/Don't know	26%	23%	19%	23%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q13. No question				
Q14. By some measures, the economy has improved since the Recession of 2008-2009. Thinking about your (INSERT AREA), would you say that the improving economy has benefited (very few, some, about half, most, or nearly all) people? [Choices were rotated]				
Very few	28%	16%	25%	23%
Some	29%	35%	37%	33%
About half	23%	21%	19%	21%
Most	11%	15%	14%	13%
Nearly all	6%	6%	2%	5%
Don't know (vol.)	3%	4%	2%	3%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	3%	*	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q15. Some numbers show that the wealthiest Americans are getting wealthier. Is that a trend that you worry about: a great deal, some, only a little, or not at all? [Rotated order with Q16]				
A great deal	38%	33%	31%	34%
Some	25%	28%	26%	26%
Only a little	13%	16%	17%	15%
Not at all	24%	22%	26%	24%
Don't know (vol.)	*	*	*	*
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	*	1%	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q16. Some numbers show that most working people’s wages are staying flat. Is that a trend that you worry about: a great deal, some, only a little, or not at all? [Rotated order with Q15]				
A great deal	50%	49%	47%	49%
Some	22%	29%	30%	27%
Only a little	14%	12%	9%	12%
Not at all	13%	9%	14%	12%
Don't know (vol.)	2%	1%	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	*	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q17. Please tell me how close each of the following statements comes to your view? (INSERT ITEM) Is this very close, somewhat close, not too close or not close at all to your view? [Base: All respondents; Each respondent asked items A and F, and a random 3 of items B-G but never both item B and item G together]				
Q17A. It’s OK for wealthy people to get wealthier as long as everyone else also has a good chance to get ahead.				
Very close	32%	37%	46%	38%
Somewhat close	34%	40%	32%	35%
Not too close	17%	13%	10%	13%
Not close at all	14%	11%	11%	12%
Don't know (vol.)	3%	1%	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q17B. In my (INSERT AREA) (area) children from low-income families lack a fair chance to get ahead. [Base: Asked the question]				
Very close	40%	28%	22%	31%
Somewhat close	31%	23%	30%	28%
Not too close	13%	21%	23%	18%
Not close at all	13%	25%	23%	20%
Don't know (vol.)	2%	2%	2%	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=269	n=198	n=215	n=682

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q17C. In my (INSERT AREA) (area) the middle class is facing more economic insecurity than ever before. [Base: Asked the question]				
Very close	49%	31%	47%	42%
Somewhat close	25%	36%	33%	31%
Not too close	14%	14%	13%	14%
Not close at all	6%	14%	5%	9%
Don't know (vol.)	4%	4%	2%	3%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	-	*	1%
	n=401	n=323	n=308	n=1,032
Q17D. In my (INSERT AREA) (area) the wealthiest people have the most influence on government decisions. [Base: Asked the question]				
Very close	48%	41%	40%	43%
Somewhat close	23%	28%	31%	27%
Not too close	13%	15%	15%	14%
Not close at all	13%	13%	8%	11%
Don't know (vol.)	3%	3%	5%	4%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	-	*
	n=448	n=328	n=326	n=1,102
Q17E. In my (INSERT AREA) (area) people who work hard, get ahead. [Base: Asked the question]				
Very close	20%	34%	20%	25%
Somewhat close	40%	42%	44%	42%
Not too close	24%	13%	22%	20%
Not close at all	15%	9%	13%	12%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	2%	1%	1%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	-	*
	n=418	n=318	n=337	n=1,073
Q17F. It's unfair that wealthy people are getting wealthier while most people today are working hard without getting ahead.				
Very close	46%	42%	37%	42%
Somewhat close	25%	29%	34%	29%
Not too close	13%	15%	13%	14%
Not close at all	16%	10%	16%	14%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	3%	1%	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	*	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q17G. In my (INSERT AREA) (area) racial discrimination prevents some people from getting ahead. [Base: Asked the question and additional sample]				
Very close	30%	8%	16%	18%
Somewhat close	28%	28%	26%	28%
Not too close	21%	25%	21%	22%
Not close at all	19%	34%	36%	29%
Don't know (vol.)	1%	4%	2%	2%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	-	*
	n=403	n=288	n=244	n=935
Q18. Suppose employers were required to pay workers at least \$15 per hour, do you think this would (mostly help workers in your (INSERT AREA) because it would put more money in their pockets) or would it (mostly hurt workers in your (INSERT AREA) because employers would hire fewer staff)? [Choices were rotated]				
Mostly help workers	64%	64%	48%	59%
Mostly hurt workers	30%	29%	46%	34%
Don't know (vol.)	5%	6%	6%	6%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	1%	*	1%
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q19. Here are some ways government might improve opportunities for people to get ahead. Please tell me for each whether you mostly favor or mostly oppose the idea. How about (INSERT)? Do you mostly favor or mostly oppose this idea? [Base: All respondents; Each respondent asked only two items, either item A or D and either item B or C]				
Q19A. Tax breaks for developers to build more affordable housing [Split sample with item D; Base: Asked the question]				
Mostly favor	70%	61%	52%	61%
Mostly oppose	20%	28%	37%	28%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	10%	12%	10%	11%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	1%	*
	n=301	n=228	n=238	n=767
Q19B. More government spending on public colleges so that students can study without taking out loans [Split sample with item C; Base: Asked the question]				
Mostly favor	79%	78%	79%	79%
Mostly oppose	14%	13%	16%	14%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	7%	7%	4%	6%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	1%	*	1%
	n=307	n=245	n=232	n=784

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q19C. More government spending on high quality early childhood education [Split sample with item B; Base: Asked the question]				
Mostly favor	82%	73%	68%	75%
Mostly oppose	10%	19%	20%	16%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	7%	9%	12%	9%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	-	-	*
	n=300	n=218	n=233	n=751
Q19D. Tax breaks for new companies to bring jobs to your area [Split sample with item A; Base: Asked the question]				
Mostly favor	83%	82%	73%	80%
Mostly oppose	12%	8%	19%	12%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	5%	8%	7%	7%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	2%	1%	1%
	n=306	n=235	n=227	n=768
Q20. Here are some ways in which government might pay for efforts to improve opportunities for people to get ahead. Please tell me for each whether you mostly favor or mostly oppose the idea. How about (INSERT)? Do you mostly favor or mostly oppose this idea? [Base: All respondents; Items A and B are split sample]				
Q20A. Raising taxes on large corporations [Split sample with item B; Base: Asked the question]				
Mostly favor	75%	71%	64%	70%
Mostly oppose	16%	22%	28%	21%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	9%	6%	5%	7%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	3%	1%
	n=300	n=241	n=230	n=771
Q20B. Raising taxes on the wealthiest people [Split sample with item A; Base: Asked the question]				
Mostly favor	73%	68%	70%	70%
Mostly oppose	23%	21%	25%	23%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	4%	11%	4%	6%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	*	-	*
	n=307	n=222	n=235	n=764
Q20C. Reducing social security payments for retirees who have high incomes				
Mostly favor	45%	36%	42%	41%
Mostly oppose	49%	48%	46%	48%
Not sure/Don't know (vol.)	6%	15%	11%	11%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	*	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q21-Q27. Demographic questions, see Sample Characteristics.				
Q28. Do you live in a house, apartment, mobile home or something else?				
House	28%	65%	71%	54%
Apartment	68%	29%	20%	40%
Mobile home	-	-	3%	1%
Something else	4%	5%	6%	5%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	1%	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q29. Do you own this (house/apartment/mobile home/residence), do you rent it, or do live there without paying rent or a mortgage on it? [Base: Respondents who live in a house, apartment, mobile home or other residence]				
Own	28%	48%	54%	43%
Rent	63%	40%	36%	47%
Live there without paying rent/mortgage	9%	11%	9%	10%
Don't know (vol.)	*	-	-	*
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=605	n=460	n=464	n=1,529
Q30-Q31. Demographic questions, see Sample Characteristics.				
Q32. In the last twelve months, have you ever had trouble getting all the money together to pay your regular bills, or has that not happened to you?				
Yes, have had trouble	42%	42%	34%	40%
No, has not happened	58%	58%	66%	60%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	*	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q33. In general would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?				
Excellent	18%	19%	24%	20%
Very good	32%	31%	34%	32%
Good	29%	35%	24%	30%
Fair	15%	11%	14%	13%
Poor	5%	4%	4%	5%
Don't know (vol.)	*	*	-	*
Refused/Blank (vol.)	*	*	-	*
	n=607	n=463	n=465	N=1,535
Q34. Demographic question, see Sample Characteristics.				
Q35. No question				

	NYC	Surrounding counties	Further-out counties	Total
Q36. Currently, are you yourself employed full time, part-time, self-employed, or not employed?				
Full-time	39%	44%	45%	42%
Part-time	12%	14%	14%	13%
Self-employed	9%	8%	7%	8%
Not employed	40%	35%	34%	36%
Refused/Blank (vol.)	1%	1%	-	*
	n=725	n=529	n=500	N=1,754
Q37. Are you...? [Base: Not employed respondents]				
Retired	38%	53%	63%	50%
A homemaker	13%	17%	9%	13%
A student	11%	7%	6%	8%
Temporarily unemployed	29%	16%	15%	21%
Disabled/handicapped (vol.)	8%	5%	5%	6%
Other (vol.)	*	2%	2%	1%
Don't know (vol.)	-	-	-	-
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=245	n=182	n=169	n=596
Q38. Are you a business owner or not? [Base: Self-employed respondents]				
Yes	49%	60%	71%	58%
No	51%	40%	29%	42%
Don't know (vol.)	-	-	-	-
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=55	n=39	n=44	n=138
Q39. Do you typically get to work by...? [Base: Employed respondents]				
Car	19%	63%	86%	55%
Public transportation	61%	19%	4%	29%
A combination of car and public transportation	10%	7%	5%	7%
Neither	10%	11%	5%	9%
Don't know (vol.)	-	-	-	-
Refused/Blank (vol.)	-	-	-	-
	n=356	n=276	n=295	n=927
Q40-Q44. Demographic questions, see Sample Characteristics.				

Sample Characteristics

	Total N=1,535
Location	
NYC	41%
Surrounding counties	30%
Further-out counties	29%
Urbanicity	
Urban	35%
Suburban	41%
Rural	7%
A mix	16%
Refused	*
Lived in area for number of years	
5 years or less	16%
6-10 years	12%
11-20 years	21%
21-30 years	16%
31+ years	35%
Refused	*
Nativity	
Foreign-born	18%
Native-born with at least one parent foreign-born	22%
Native-born with both parents native-born	60%
Refused	1%
Race/ethnicity	
White non-Hispanic	65%
Black non-Hispanic	14%
Hispanic	11%
Asian	5%
Native American/ American Indian / Alaska Native	*
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	*
Mixed	2%
Other	1%
Refused	1%
Gender	
Male	48%
Female	52%
Refused	*

Age	
18-29	11%
30-49	26%
50-64	32%
65+	30%
Refused	1%
Educational attainment	
Less than high school or GED	3%
High school or GED	14%
Some college but no degree	18%
Associate's degree	7%
Bachelor's degree	28%
Graduate school or more	27%
Other	4%
Refused	*
Household income	
Less than \$50,000	30%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	37%
\$100,000 or more	33%
Don't know/Refused	-
Employment status	
Full-time	41%
Part-time	10%
Self-employed	9%
Not employed	39%
Refused	1%
Marital status	
Married	49%
Living with a partner	6%
Divorced	10%
Separated	3%
Widowed	8%
Never married	24%
Refused	1%
Parental status	
Parent or guardian of child under 18	22%
Not a parent or guardian of child under 18	77%
Refused	1%