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Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: November 4 – November 12, 2020

Number of interviews: 1,999

Number of White interviews: 718

Number of Black interviews: 515

Number of Hispanic interviews: 524

Number of Asian interviews: 199

Margin of error: +/-2.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Annotated Questionnaire:

- Based on what you may know or have heard, please indicate whether each of the following statements about American history are true or false.

Christopher Columbus discovered what is now known as the United States in 1492 (False)	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
True	55	56	50	51	61
False	43	43	48	47	35
Skipped	2	2	2	2	4

The first enslaved Africans were brought to America in 1619 (True)	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
True	67	67	69	64	73
False	29	29	29	32	22
Skipped	4	3	3	4	4

All enslaved people were freed when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed during the Civil War (False)	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
True	46	45	40	56	47
False	52	54	57	41	49
Skipped	2	1	3	2	4



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1. Based on what you may know or have heard, please indicate whether each of the following statements about American history are true or false.

The Bill of Rights is made up of the first 10 amendments to the Constitution (True)	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
True	82	82	81	84	85
False	15	16	17	13	11
Skipped	2	2	3	3	4

The Constitution protects the right to burn the American flag (True)	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
True	59	63	54	49	54
False	39	35	43	49	41
Skipped	2	2	3	2	5

2. Think back to when you were in school. How would you rate the quality of your own K-12 education?

	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Excellent	18	19	17	12	16
Good	53	54	49	48	54
Fair	24	21	26	33	22
Poor	5	4	6	7	6
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1
Total excellent/good (net)	70	74	67	60	71
Total fair/poor (net)	29	25	32	40	28



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3. How would you rate the quality of education in your child's/children's school?

Base: Parents of children under 18	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Excellent	21	27	11	16	13
Good	46	48	41	43	50
Fair	21	13	39	27	24
Poor	4	3	7	6	4
Not applicable	8	9	2	9	10
Skipped	-	-	-	-	-
Total excellent/good (net)	67	75	52	59	62
Total fair/poor (net)	25	16	46	32	28

4. How accurate do you feel the American history was that you learned during your K-12 education?

	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Very accurate	22	26	11	14	15
Somewhat accurate	55	58	43	51	60
Not very accurate	18	13	31	25	18
Not at all accurate	5	3	13	9	4
Skipped	1	*	2	1	4
Total accurate (net)	77	84	55	65	74
Total not accurate (net)	23	16	44	34	22

5. How do you feel about the amount of education you had in school about each of the following groups and their role in building America?

African Americans	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Too much	3	3	2	5	2
About right	38	43	16	34	40
Not enough	57	53	80	59	56
Skipped	1	1	2	2	2

Latinos/Hispanic Americans	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Too much	2	2	2	5	1
About right	34	37	19	32	33
Not enough	62	60	77	61	64
Skipped	1	1	2	2	2

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5. How do you feel about the amount of education you had in school about each of the following groups and their role in building America?

Native Americans	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Too much	3	2	2	4	3
About right	38	42	21	35	38
Not enough	58	55	75	59	58
Skipped	1	1	3	2	2

European descendants	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Too much	20	15	38	24	26
About right	55	62	35	42	53
Not enough	24	22	26	32	19
Skipped	1	1	2	2	2

Asian Americans	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Too much	2	2	2	3	1
About right	31	34	21	29	26
Not enough	66	63	75	66	71
Skipped	1	1	2	2	2

6. Which of the following applied to you and your K-12 education?

Your parents helped you with homework	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	17	17	24	14	10
Yes, somewhat	41	44	40	30	37
No	42	39	36	54	50
Skipped	1	*	1	1	3

Your school had enough textbooks for all of the students	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	66	77	48	43	56
Yes, somewhat	25	19	38	37	29
No	8	4	13	19	12
Skipped	1	*	1	1	3

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6. Which of the following applied to you and your K-12 education?

Your school had advanced placement or college prep classes	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	35	39	29	24	44
Yes, somewhat	31	29	34	33	31
No	33	31	36	42	23
Skipped	1	1	2	1	2

You had access to tutors	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	13	12	15	13	17
Yes, somewhat	33	33	32	28	41
No	53	54	51	58	38
Skipped	1	1	1	1	3

People talked to you about going to college	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	38	38	35	31	50
Yes, somewhat	37	38	37	35	34
No	25	23	27	33	13
Skipped	1	*	2	1	3

You had money to pay for at least a portion of college	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	25	30	13	13	33
Yes, somewhat	28	29	23	23	40
No	46	41	62	63	24
Skipped	1	1	2	1	3

Your school was segregated, or had students of mostly one racial or ethnic group	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	19	22	26	9	9
Yes, somewhat	25	25	26	24	22
No	56	53	47	65	66
Skipped	1	*	1	1	3

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6. Which of the following applied to you and your K-12 education?

Your classes were frequently overcrowded	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	10	8	16	18	9
Yes, somewhat	28	26	29	31	32
No	61	66	53	49	56
Skipped	1	*	1	2	3

Your textbooks were old or out of date	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes, often	11	9	17	17	7
Yes, somewhat	39	37	46	38	40
No	49	53	35	43	50
Skipped	1	1	2	2	3

7. Thinking again about your school experience. Did the high school you attended offer or have any of the following?

Free or reduced cost lunch	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes	59	55	76	62	54
No	24	25	14	26	26
Don't know	17	20	9	11	18
Skipped	1	*	1	1	2

Free or reduced cost healthcare	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes	10	6	16	18	8
No	56	60	49	52	48
Don't know	33	34	33	28	41
Skipped	1	*	2	2	2

A school nurse	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes	74	78	74	66	69
No	18	17	18	25	16
Don't know	7	6	8	8	12
Skipped	1	*	1	1	2

Police/safety officers	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes	37	33	45	50	32
No	54	60	47	41	42
Don't know	9	7	7	8	23
Skipped	1	*	1	1	2

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7. Thinking again about your school experience. Did the high school you attended offer or have any of the following?

Counseling for college or careers after high school	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes	65	69	58	55	60
No	21	19	23	29	22
Don't know	13	12	17	15	16
Skipped	1	*	1	1	2

Mental health services	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Yes	15	13	16	20	16
No	50	50	48	54	45
Don't know	34	36	35	25	37
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2

8. Would you agree or disagree that the high school you attended was each of the following?

A good school	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	37	41	32	27	33
Somewhat agree	47	47	47	48	50
Somewhat disagree	10	9	14	14	11
Strongly disagree	4	3	6	8	2
Skipped	1	1	2	2	3
Total agree (net)	84	88	79	76	84
Total disagree (net)	14	12	20	22	13

Safe	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	50	58	36	34	41
Somewhat agree	36	34	46	38	40
Somewhat disagree	7	4	10	16	11
Strongly disagree	5	4	6	9	3
Skipped	1	*	2	3	4
Total agree (net)	86	91	83	72	81
Total disagree (net)	13	8	15	25	14

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8. Would you agree or disagree that the high school you attended was each of the following?

Diverse	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	23	22	22	26	24
Somewhat agree	40	38	41	44	42
Somewhat disagree	21	23	17	18	23
Strongly disagree	15	17	18	10	9
Skipped	1	1	1	2	3
Total agree (net)	63	60	64	69	65
Total disagree (net)	36	39	35	28	32

Top-rated	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	21	23	18	15	21
Somewhat agree	42	44	39	38	41
Somewhat disagree	24	22	23	28	26
Strongly disagree	11	10	18	16	7
Skipped	2	1	2	3	5
Total agree (net)	63	67	57	53	62
Total disagree (net)	35	32	41	43	33

Received sufficient funding	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	25	28	19	17	26
Somewhat agree	45	49	37	38	42
Somewhat disagree	19	16	25	27	17
Strongly disagree	9	6	16	15	11
Skipped	2	1	2	3	4
Total agree (net)	70	77	57	55	68
Total disagree (net)	28	22	41	42	28

9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

In America, education is still the great equalizer	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	26	25	31	24	22
Somewhat agree	45	47	37	41	50
Somewhat disagree	21	21	22	22	21
Strongly disagree	7	6	8	10	5
Skipped	2	1	1	2	3
Total agree (net)	70	72	69	65	71
Total disagree (net)	28	27	30	33	26

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9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Public education in America is unequal, with different outcomes based on where you live	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	41	38	59	42	39
Somewhat agree	39	41	29	38	43
Somewhat disagree	11	12	6	12	11
Strongly disagree	7	8	5	6	5
Skipped	2	1	2	2	2
Total agree (net)	80	79	88	79	82
Total disagree (net)	18	20	10	18	16

Academic standards are higher for my child's generation than they were for mine <i>Base: Parents</i>	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	29	26	38	34	24
Somewhat agree	43	45	36	43	43
Somewhat disagree	17	16	19	15	23
Strongly disagree	10	12	6	7	7
Skipped	1	1	-	1	2
Total agree (net)	73	71	74	77	67
Total disagree (net)	26	28	26	21	31

Schools in low-income areas should receive more state or federal funding than those in wealthy areas	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	33	25	60	46	35
Somewhat agree	40	44	28	33	42
Somewhat disagree	15	18	7	12	14
Strongly disagree	9	11	3	7	6
Skipped	2	2	2	1	3
Total agree (net)	74	69	88	80	77
Total disagree (net)	24	29	11	19	20

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9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

I would pay more in taxes if the money went directly to schools in my area	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	19	16	28	27	16
Somewhat agree	38	37	42	39	43
Somewhat disagree	23	26	16	18	27
Strongly disagree	18	20	11	14	13
Skipped	2	2	3	2	2
Total agree (net)	57	53	70	66	59
Total disagree (net)	41	46	27	32	39

We should use public funding to provide free pre-kindergarten to all children	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	39	33	60	48	32
Somewhat agree	31	31	27	32	43
Somewhat disagree	15	18	7	10	15
Strongly disagree	13	16	4	8	6
Skipped	2	2	2	2	4
Total agree (net)	70	64	87	80	75
Total disagree (net)	28	34	11	18	21

Police officers in schools make schools safer	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	23	22	20	29	18
Somewhat agree	48	50	45	41	49
Somewhat disagree	20	19	22	19	20
Strongly disagree	9	8	11	9	11
Skipped	1	1	1	2	3
Total agree (net)	70	72	65	70	66
Total disagree (net)	28	27	34	28	31

Parent involvement is a key factor to a child's academic success	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	68	68	73	70	59
Somewhat agree	24	26	18	19	31
Somewhat disagree	4	3	5	5	6
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	4	1
Skipped	1	1	2	2	2
Total agree (net)	93	94	91	89	91
Total disagree (net)	6	5	8	9	8

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9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Public schools in America are equipped to help children of all races and ethnicities get ahead	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	16	17	13	19	12
Somewhat agree	34	36	26	35	33
Somewhat disagree	30	30	32	27	35
Strongly disagree	18	16	27	18	19
Skipped	1	1	1	2	2
Total agree (net)	51	52	40	54	45
Total disagree (net)	48	46	59	45	53

Public schools in America should teach more about racism as part of American history lessons	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Strongly agree	34	26	62	41	43
Somewhat agree	34	35	25	34	34
Somewhat disagree	16	19	7	13	13
Strongly disagree	14	18	3	10	7
Skipped	1	1	2	2	3
Total agree (net)	68	62	88	75	77
Total disagree (net)	31	37	10	23	20

10. Which type of high school did you attend?

	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Public	89	89	92	90	77
Private – parochial/religious	9	10	7	9	12
Private – non-religious	2	2	2	2	7
Charter	1	1	2	1	2
Skipped	1	*	1	1	3

11. Which type of school does your child(ren) attend?

Base: Parents of children under 18	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
Public	76	75	84	79	68
Private – parochial/religious	9	9	5	9	12
Private – non-religious	10	12	7	7	14
Charter	6	5	10	5	2
Skipped	5	5	-	5	7



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About the Study

This Axios/Ipsos Education Inequity poll was conducted November 4th to November 12th, 2020 by Ipsos using our KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,999 general population adults age 18 or older.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households are randomly sampled from all available households in the U.S. All persons in selected households are invited to join and participate in KnowledgePanel. Ipsos provides selected households that do not already have internet access a tablet and internet connection at no cost to them. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methods, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The study was conducted in both English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, race/ethnicity by gender, race/ethnicity by age, race/ethnicity by education and race/ethnicity by region. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2020 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS). The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59, and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other or 2+ Races Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School graduate, Some College, Bachelor and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000–\$49,999, \$50,000–\$74,999, \$75,000–\$99,999, \$100,000–\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White/Other non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Asian Non-Hispanic, Hispanic) by gender (Male, Female)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White/Other non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Asian Non-Hispanic, Hispanic) by age (18–44, 45+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White/Other non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Asian Non-Hispanic, Hispanic) by education (Less than college grad, Bachelor and beyond)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White/Other non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Asian Non-Hispanic, Hispanic) by Census region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)





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The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.16. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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