## PUBLIC POLL FINDINGS AND METHODOLOGY

## NPR/lpsos Poll on Education

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®

## A survey of the American adult general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: May 5-11, 2023
Number of interviews: 1,316
Number of parents of K-12 students interviews: 452
Margin of error: +/- 3.0 percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level for all respondents Margin of error: +/- 4.8 percentage points at the $95 \%$ confidence level for parents of $K-12$ students

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:

1. Are you the parent of a child ages 0 to 18 years old?

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 3 1 6})$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 5 2})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $26 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| No | $74 \%$ | - |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | - |

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2. [Asked if parent of a child ages $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{1 8}$ years old] What grade of school is your child currently in? (Multiple responses allowed)

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=556)$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 5 2})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Not yet in school | $28 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Kindergarten | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| First grade | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Second grade | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Third grade | $9 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Fourth grade | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Fifth grade | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Sixth grade | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Seventh grade | $10 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Eighth grade | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Ninth grade/freshman year | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Tenth grade/sophomore year | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Eleventh grade/junior year | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Twelfth grade/senior year | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| None of the above | $4 \%$ | - |
| Skipped | - | - |

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3. Which three of the following topics do you find the most worrying? (Select up to three)

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{1 , 3 1 6})$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N = 4 5 2 )}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Inflation or increasing costs | $42 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Crime or gun violence | $42 \%$ | $41 \%$ |
| Political extremism or polarization | $29 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Climate change | $18 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Government budget and debt | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Healthcare | $18 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Immigration | $14 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Racial injustice | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Abortion | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Opioid or drug addiction | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Taxes | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Social inequality | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Education | $8 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Nuclear conflict | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| LGBTQ issues | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Terrorism | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Foreign conflicts | $6 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Unemployment | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Natural disasters | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| COVID-19/coronavirus | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Other | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

4. [Asked if "Education" is most worrying] Why do you think education is a topic you find most worrying?

Open-ended responses provided separately.
5. What words come to mind for you to describe teachers? Please write the first few words or short phrases that you think of.

Open-ended responses provided separately.

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6. Do you approve or disapprove of the following?

Total Approve Summary

|  | Total | Total April 2018 <br> $(\mathbf{N}=1,005)^{1}$ | Parents of K-12 <br> Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teachers in your local public school district | $63 \%$ | NA | $71 \%$ |
| The governor in your state | $49 \%$ | NA | $50 \%$ |
| National teachers' unions | $47 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Your local school board | $44 \%$ | NA | $52 \%$ |
| The U.S. Department of Education leadership | $33 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ |

a. National teachers' unions

|  | Total | Total April 2018 | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly approve | $16 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat approve | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Lean toward approve | $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Lean toward disapprove | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Somewhat disapprove | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Strongly disapprove | $15 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Don't know | $24 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | NA | $1 \%$ |
| Approve (Net) | $47 \%$ | $63 \%$ | $45 \%$ |
| Disapprove (Net) | $28 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $30 \%$ |

b. The U.S. Department of Education leadership

|  | Total | Total April 2018 | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly approve | $5 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat approve | $13 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Lean toward approve | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Lean toward disapprove | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat disapprove | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Strongly disapprove | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Don't know | $27 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | NA | $1 \%$ |
| Approve (Net) | $33 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Disapprove (Net) | $38 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $43 \%$ |

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6. Do you approve or disapprove of the following? (Continued)
c. Your local school board

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly approve | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Somewhat approve | $19 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Lean toward approve | $19 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Lean toward disapprove | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Somewhat disapprove | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Strongly disapprove | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Don't know | $31 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Approve (Net) | $44 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Disapprove (Net) | $24 \%$ | $32 \%$ |

d. The governor in your state

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly approve | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat approve | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Lean toward approve | $16 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Lean toward disapprove | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Somewhat disapprove | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Strongly disapprove | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Don't know | $13 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Approve (Net) | $49 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Disapprove (Net) | $37 \%$ | $36 \%$ |

e. Teachers in your local public school district

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly approve | $24 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Somewhat approve | $22 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Lean toward approve | $18 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Lean toward disapprove | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Somewhat disapprove | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Strongly disapprove | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Don't know | $23 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Approve (Net) | $63 \%$ | $71 \%$ |
| Disapprove (Net) | $13 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

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7. Which of the following groups do you believe should be primarily responsible for decisions about what is taught in public schools in the United States?

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Teachers | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Parents | $27 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| School boards | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Federal legislators | $8 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| State legislators | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Local activists | $1 \%$ | - |
| Skipped | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

|  | Total | Total April 2018 | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teaching is a worthwhile profession that deserves respect | 90\% | NA | 90\% |
| Teachers are professionals who should be trusted to make decisions about classroom curriculum | 75\% | NA | 75\% |
| Teachers are asked to do too much work for the pay they receive | 75\% | NA | 73\% |
| Teaching is a prestigious profession | 67\% | NA | 66\% |
| You can be an effective teacher without a bachelor's degree | 55\% | NA | 54\% |
| Teachers' unions improve the quality of teachers | 44\% | 51\% | 38\% |
| Public school teachers are paid fairly | 22\% | 26\% | 25\% |
| [Asked if parent of a child ages 0 to 18 years old] I would encourage my child to become a teacher if they expressed interest in doing so | $\begin{gathered} 75 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=556) \end{gathered}$ | $N A$ | $\begin{gathered} 75 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=452) \end{gathered}$ |
| [Asked if parent of a child ages 0 to 18 years old] I trust my child's teacher(s) to make decisions about classroom curriculum | $\begin{gathered} 73 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=556) \end{gathered}$ | NA | $\begin{gathered} 75 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=452) \end{gathered}$ |
| [Asked if parent of a child ages 0 to 18 years old] I would be concerned about my child's financial future if they wanted to become a teacher | $\begin{gathered} 66 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=556) \end{gathered}$ | NA | $\begin{gathered} 66 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=452) \end{gathered}$ |
| [Asked if parent of a child ages 0 to 18 years old] I am worried about what my child is being taught or will be taught by their teacher(s) | $\begin{gathered} 48 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=556) \end{gathered}$ | $N A$ | $\begin{gathered} 48 \% \\ (\mathrm{~N}=452) \end{gathered}$ |

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8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)
a. Public school teachers are paid fairly

|  | Total | Total April 2018 | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $7 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $30 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $39 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | NA | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $69 \%$ | $68 \%$ | $67 \%$ |

b. Teachers' unions improve the quality of teachers

|  | Total | Total April 2018 | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $16 \%$ | $19 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $28 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $16 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $16 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Don't know | $24 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | NA | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $44 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $32 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |

c. Teachers are professionals who should be trusted to make decisions about classroom curriculum

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $35 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $40 \%$ | $43 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Don't know | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $75 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $19 \%$ | $19 \%$ |

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8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)
d. Teaching is a prestigious profession

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $30 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $36 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $18 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $67 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ |

e. Teaching is a worthwhile profession that deserves respect

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $68 \%$ | $67 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $22 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Don't know | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $90 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |

f. Teachers are asked to do too much work for the pay they receive

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $46 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $29 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $75 \%$ | $73 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $18 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

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8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)
g. You can be an effective teacher without a bachelor's degree

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $20 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $55 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $33 \%$ | $36 \%$ |

h. [Asked if parent of a child ages $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{1 8}$ years old] I trust my child's teacher(s) to make decisions about classroom curriculum

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=556)$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 5 2})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $29 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $44 \%$ | $46 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $73 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ |

i. [Asked if parent of a child ages $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{1 8}$ years old] I am worried about what my child is being taught or will be taught by their teacher(s)

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=556)$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 5 2})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $17 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $31 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $24 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $20 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Don't know | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $44 \%$ | $46 \%$ |

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8. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Continued)
j. [Asked if parent of a child ages $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{1 8}$ years old] I would encourage my child to become a teacher if they expressed interest in doing so

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{5 5 6})$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 5 2})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $35 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $40 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Don't know | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $75 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $19 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

k. [Asked if parent of a child ages $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{1 8}$ years old] I would be concerned about my child's financial future if they wanted to become a teacher

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=556)$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{4 5 2})$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $39 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $20 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $66 \%$ | $66 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $26 \%$ | $27 \%$ |

9. Based on what you may know or feel, in the last ten years, has each of the following gotten better, worse, or stayed the same?

Total Better Summary

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Your perception of teachers | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| The quality of public education in your area | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| The public's perceptions of teachers | $14 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Working conditions for teachers in your area | $14 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

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9. Based on what you may know or feel, in the last ten years, has each of the following gotten better, worse, or stayed the same? (Continued)
a. The public's perceptions of teachers

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Better | $14 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Worse | $50 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Stayed the same | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

b. Your perception of teachers

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Better | $27 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Worse | $22 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Stayed the same | $50 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

c. Working conditions for teachers in your area

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Better | $14 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Worse | $44 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Stayed the same | $39 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Skipped | $3 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

d. The quality of public education in your area

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Better | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Worse | $41 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Stayed the same | $43 \%$ | $40 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

10. Based on what you may know or feel, do you think most teachers in your community identify as liberal, moderate, or conservative?

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Liberal | $20 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Moderate | $25 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Conservative | $9 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Don't know | $44 \%$ | $44 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |

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11. How familiar, if at all, are you with each of the following?

Total Familiar Summary

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher shortages | $64 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| Schools banning books from classrooms and <br> school libraries | $57 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Restrictions or bans on discussions about <br> gender, sexuality, race, or racism in the <br> classroom | $56 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Qualifications needed to become a public <br> school teacher in your state | $46 \%$ | $51 \%$ |

a. Schools banning books from classrooms and school libraries

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very familiar | $24 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Somewhat familiar | $34 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Heard of, but that's it | $29 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Never heard of | $12 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Aware (Net) | $86 \%$ | $85 \%$ |
| Familiar (Net) | $57 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Unfamiliar (Net) | $41 \%$ | $42 \%$ |

b. Restrictions or bans on discussions about gender, sexuality, race, or racism in the classroom

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very familiar | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Somewhat familiar | $34 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Heard of, but that's it | $30 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Never heard of | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Aware (Net) | $86 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| Familiar (Net) | $56 \%$ | $58 \%$ |
| Unfamiliar (Net) | $42 \%$ | $40 \%$ |

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11. How familiar, if at all, are you with each of the following? (Continued)
c. Teacher shortages

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very familiar | $27 \%$ | $31 \%$ |
| Somewhat familiar | $37 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Heard of, but that's it | $27 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Never heard of | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Aware (Net) | $91 \%$ | $91 \%$ |
| Familiar (Net) | $64 \%$ | $68 \%$ |
| Unfamiliar (Net) | $35 \%$ | $31 \%$ |

d. Qualifications needed to become a public school teacher in your state

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Very familiar | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Somewhat familiar | $33 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Heard of, but that's it | $33 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| Never heard of | $20 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Aware (Net) | $79 \%$ | $81 \%$ |
| Familiar (Net) | $46 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Unfamiliar (Net) | $52 \%$ | $48 \%$ |

12. To the best of your knowledge, have any of the following things recently occurred in or about K12 public schools in your community?

Total Yes Summary

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher shortages | $47 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| Schools banning books from classrooms and school <br> libraries | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Restrictions or bans on discussions about gender, <br> sexuality, race, or racism in the classroom | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

a. Schools banning books from classrooms and school libraries

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $18 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| No | $27 \%$ | $37 \%$ |
| Don't know | $53 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

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12. To the best of your knowledge, have any of the following things recently occurred in or about K12 public schools in your community? (Continued)
b. Restrictions or bans on discussions about gender, sexuality, race, or racism in the classroom

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $18 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| No | $26 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| Don't know | $55 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

c. Teacher shortages

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $47 \%$ | $56 \%$ |
| No | $13 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Don't know | $39 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

13. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose each of the following?

Total Support Summary

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Teaching about the history of slavery, <br> racism, and segregation in public schools | $79 \%$ | $81 \%$ |
| Individual school boards restricting what <br> subjects teachers and students can discuss <br> in the classroom | $27 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Individual school boards banning certain <br> books and removing them from classrooms <br> and school libraries in their district | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| State lawmakers creating policies to restrict <br> what subjects teachers and students can <br> discuss in the classroom | $20 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| State lawmakers passing laws to ban certain <br> books and remove them from classrooms <br> and school libraries | $17 \%$ | $22 \%$ |

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13. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose each of the following? (Continued)
a. State lawmakers passing laws to ban certain books and remove them from classrooms and school libraries

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat support | $12 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $19 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $50 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Support (Net) | $17 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Oppose (Net) | $69 \%$ | $66 \%$ |

b. State lawmakers creating policies to restrict what subjects teachers and students can discuss in the classroom

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | $5 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Somewhat support | $15 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $23 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $44 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Support (Net) | $20 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Oppose (Net) | $67 \%$ | $62 \%$ |

c. Individual school boards banning certain books and removing them from classrooms and school libraries in their district

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Somewhat support | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $20 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $45 \%$ | $36 \%$ |
| Don't know | $13 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Support (Net) | $21 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Oppose (Net) | $64 \%$ | $60 \%$ |

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13. To what extent, if at all, do you support or oppose each of the following? (Continued)
d. Individual school boards restricting what subjects teachers and students can discuss in the classroom

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Somewhat support | $21 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $25 \%$ | $27 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $34 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Don't know | $12 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Support (Net) | $27 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| Oppose (Net) | $59 \%$ | $56 \%$ |

e. Teaching about the history of slavery, racism, and segregation in public schools

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | $56 \%$ | $57 \%$ |
| Somewhat support | $23 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Don't know | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Support (Net) | $79 \%$ | $81 \%$ |
| Oppose (Net) | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ |

14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Faith and religion are important parts of <br> American life | $53 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Racism is built into the American economy, <br> government, and educational system | $50 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| These days I feel like a stranger in my own <br> country | $45 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Traditional family structures, with a wage- <br> earning father and home-making mother, <br> best equips children to succeed | $33 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| To fix America, we need a strong leader <br> willing to break the rules | $28 \%$ | $28 \%$ |

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14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Continued)
a. These days I feel like a stranger in my own country

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $17 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $29 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Neither agree nor disagree | $26 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $10 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Don't know | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $45 \%$ | $49 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $21 \%$ | $20 \%$ |

b. Faith and religion are important parts of American life

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $30 \%$ | $33 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $22 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Neither agree nor disagree | $20 \%$ | $24 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Don't know | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $53 \%$ | $55 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $21 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

c. Traditional family structures, with a wage-earning father and home-making mother, best equips children to succeed

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $17 \%$ | $18 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $16 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Neither agree nor disagree | $25 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $12 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $24 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Don't know | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $33 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $35 \%$ | $32 \%$ |

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14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Continued)
d. Racism is built into the American economy, government, and educational system

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $24 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $26 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Neither agree nor disagree | $15 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $9 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $17 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Don't know | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Skipped | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $50 \%$ | $48 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $26 \%$ | $28 \%$ |

e. To fix America, we need a strong leader willing to break the rules

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly agree | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Somewhat agree | $17 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Neither agree nor disagree | $25 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| Somewhat disagree | $14 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| Strongly disagree | $23 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Don't know | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Agree (Net) | $28 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Disagree (Net) | $37 \%$ | $35 \%$ |

15. Are you, your family members, or your close friends teachers or former teachers in K-12 schools? Select all that apply.

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, myself | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Yes, family member(s) | $30 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Yes, close friend(s) | $23 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| No, none of the above | $54 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Yes (Net) | $46 \%$ | $46 \%$ |

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16. [Asked if parent of a child ages $\mathbf{0}$ to $\mathbf{1 8}$ years old] What type of school, if any, does your child attend?

|  | Total <br> $(\mathbf{N}=\mathbf{5 5 6})$ | Parents of K-12 Students <br> $\mathbf{( N = 4 5 2 )}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Traditional public school | $61 \%$ | $72 \%$ |
| Pubbic charter school | $8 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Public magnet school | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Private school | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| Home school | $6 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| My child is too young to <br> attend school | $17 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Public school (Net) | $71 \%$ | $84 \%$ |
| Not public school (Net) | $16 \%$ | $17 \%$ |

17. Which of the following is your main source of news?

|  | Total | Parents of K-12 Students |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| ABC / CBS / NBC News | $21 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Digital or online news | $18 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| Social media | $12 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Public television or radio | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Fox News | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| New York Times, Washington Post, or Wall <br> Street Journal | $5 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Friends and Family | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| CNN | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| MSNBC | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Conservative news media (e.g., Breitbart, <br> Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio) | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Your local newspaper | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Other | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| None of these | $10 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| Skipped | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |

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## About the Study

These are the findings of an NPR/Ipsos poll conducted May 5-11, 2023, by Ipsos using our KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,316 general population adults aged 18 or older. The sample includes 452 parents of $\mathrm{K}-12$ students.

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 invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. 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 methodologies, 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 English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, household income, Census region, metropolitan status, and parent status. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2022 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50+)
- Race-Ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, Other/Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or Higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, and West)
- Metropolitan Status (Metro, Non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25K, \$25K-\$49,999, \$50K-\$74,999, \$75K-\$99,999, \$100K$\$ 149,999, \$ 150 \mathrm{~K}$ and Over)
- Parent Status (Parent of 0-18 years old, Not parent of 0-18 years old)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.0 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 1.22. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on subsamples. The margin of sampling error for parents of K - 12 students is plus or minus 4.8 percent, with a design effect of 1.10 . 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.

This topline includes trended data from one previous NPR/lpsos poll. The previous poll was conducted from April $11^{\text {th }}$ to April $12^{\text {th }}, 2018$, and it included a non-probability opt-in sample of 1,005 adults ages 18+. In the April 2018 poll, the credibility interval is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for all respondents. More information about the April 2018 poll can be found here.

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#### Abstract

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ When assessing trends in the data, please note the impact of potential mode effects. While this most recent poll utilizes a nationally representative probability sample using the KnowledgePanel $®$, the April 2018 poll used a non-probability opt-in sample that calibrated respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments.

