**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

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ASK ALL:

Imagine a ladder with steps numbered from 0 to 10, where 0 represents the worst possible life for you and 10 represents the best possible life for you.

ASK ALL:

LADDER1On which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand AT THE PRESENT TIME?

10 – Best possible life

9

8

7

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2

1

0 – Worst possible life

ASK ALL:

LADDER2On which step would you say you stood FIVE YEARS AGO?

10 – Best possible life

9

8

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3

2

1

0 – Worst possible life

ASK ALL:

LADDER3Just your best guess, on which step do you think you will stand in the future, say FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?

10 – Best possible life

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

0 – Worst possible life

**ASK ALL:**

LIFEOE We're interested in exploring what it means to live a satisfying life. Please take a moment to reflect on your life and what makes it feel worthwhile – then answer the question below as thoughtfully as you can.

What about your life do you currently find meaningful, fulfilling or satisfying? What keeps you going, and why?

**ASK TO RANDOM HALF OF THE SAMPLE:** Please give as much detail as you can.

**[OPEN END, LARGE TEXT BOX]**

**ASK ALL:**

PERSDISCR Have you ever personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your gender, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION OR TREATED UNFAIRLY (PERSDISCR=1):**

DISCRHOW In what ways have you personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your gender?

**[OPEN END]**

**ASK ALL:**

EMPCOMP At any time during 2016, didyou or anyone in your household receive any State or Federal unemployment compensation?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

FDSTMP\_CPS Did anyone in your household get food stamps or use a food stamp benefit card

at any time during 2016? Do not include WIC benefits.

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

SLEEP\_NHIS On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period?

**[NUMERIC TEXT BOX THAT IS 2 CHARACTERS WIDE. ACCEPT 0-24]**

**ASK ALL:**

YOGA\_NHIS During the PAST 12 MONTHS, did you practice Yoga for yourself?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

EVSMK\_NHIS Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your ENTIRE LIFE?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF YES IN EVSMK\_NHIS (EVSMK\_NHIS=1):**

NOWSMK\_NHIS Do you NOW smoke cigarettes...

1 Every day

2 Some days

3 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

BLOODPR Have you EVER been told by a doctor or other health professional that you had

hypertension, also called high blood pressure?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

DIFF1 Thinking now about men and women, in general…

Do you think men and women are **[RANDOMIZE:** (basically similar) or (basically different)**]** when it comes to each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH e]**

1. Their hobbies and personal interests
2. Their physical abilities
3. Their approach to parenting
4. How they express their feelings
5. The things they are good at in the workplace

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1 Men and women are basically SIMILAR

2 Men and women are basically DIFFERENT

**ASK IF RESPONDENT CHOSE ‘2’ MEN AND WOMEN ARE BASICALLY DIFFERENT FOR AT LEAST ONE ITEM IN DIFF1:**

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: If only 1 item in diff1A-E=2, insert that item. if more than 1 item in diff1a-e=2, randomly select 1 item to insert]**

DIFF2 Thinking specifically about the differences between men and women when it comes to **[INSERT SELECTED ITEM FROM DIFF1; PLEASE CAPITALIZE THE ITEM]**,would you say these differences are… **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]**

1 Mostly based on biological differences between men and women

2 Mostly based on different expectations society has for men and women

**ASK IF R RECEIVED DIFF2:**

DIFF3 In general, do you think it is **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that men and women are different when it comes to **[INSERT SAME ITEM AS DIFF2 AND PLEASE CAPITALIZE THE ITEM]**, or do you think it doesn’t matter?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

3 Doesn’t matter

**ASK MEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=1):**

Now thinking about how you see yourself…

MASC2 In general, would you describe yourself as…

1 Very manly or masculine

2 Somewhat manly or masculine

3 Not too manly or masculine

4 Not at all manly or masculine

**ASK WOMEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=2):**

Now thinking about how you see yourself…

FEM2 In general, would you describe yourself as…

1 Very womanly or feminine

2 Somewhat womanly or feminine

3 Not too womanly or feminine

4 Not at all womanly or feminine

**ASK FORM1 ONLY:**

MASC1F1 Thinking about how society sees MEN these days, in general, would you say…

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

1 Most people look UP to men who are manly or masculine

2 Most people look DOWN on men who are manly or masculine

3 Neither

**ASK IF ‘LOOK UP’ IN MASC1F1 (MASC1F1=1):**

MASC2aF1 Do you think it’s a **[RANDOMIZE:** (good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look up to men who are manly or masculine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

**ASK IF ‘LOOK DOWN’ IN MASC1F1 (MASC1F1=2):**

MASC2bF1 Do you think it’s a **[RANDOMIZE:** (good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look down on men who are manly or masculine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1. Good thing
2. Bad thing

**ASK FORM2 ONLY:**

FEM1F2 Thinking about how society sees WOMEN these days, in general, would you say…

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

1 Most people look UP to women who are womanly or feminine

2 Most people look DOWN on women who are womanly or feminine

3 Neither

**ASK IF ‘LOOK UP’ IN FEM1F2 (FEM1F2 =1):**

FEM2aF2 Do you think it’s a **[RANDOMIZE:** (good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look up to women who are womanly or feminine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

**ASK IF ‘LOOK DOWN’ IN FEM1F2 (FEM1F2 =2):**

FEM2bF2 Do you think it’s a **[RANDOMIZE:** (good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look down on women who are womanly or feminine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

**ASK IF NOT Retired AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (F\_ASK\_E6a\_W29=1):**

E6a In a previous survey you indicated that you were not employed and were not currently looking

for work.

Is that because you don’t want to work right now, or because you looked but couldn’t find a job, or for some other reason?

1 Don’t want to work right now

2 Looked but couldn’t find a job

3 Some other reason

**ASK ALL:**

GOODJOBS In general, thinking about job opportunities where you live, would you say that…

**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

1 There are plenty of good jobs available

2 Good jobs are difficult to find

**ASK IF EMPLOYED OR IF UNEMPLOYED BUT LOOKING FOR WORK OR IS A DISCOURAGED WORKER (F\_ASK\_HELPHURT\_W29=1 OR E6A\_W29=2):**

HELPHURT Thinking about your work life, has each of the following done more to **[RANDOMIZE:** (help) or (hurt)**]** your job or career, or hasn’t it made much of a difference for your job or career? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH g]**

1. The growing number of immigrants working in this country
2. More women in the workforce
3. A growing emphasis on diversity in the workplace
4. Increased outsourcing of jobs to other countries
5. Automation of jobs through new technology in the workplace
6. More foreign-made products being sold in the U.S.
7. More U.S.-made products being sold in other countries

**SHOW OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1 Has done more to HELP my job or career

2 Has done more to HURT my job or career

3 Hasn’t made much of a difference

**ASK ALL:**

Moving on to some other topics…

TRANSGEND1   Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Whether someone is a man or a woman is determined by the sex they were assigned at birth

2 Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth

**ASK ALL:**

COMPUTERUSE How often do you use a computer?

1 Never or almost never

2 Some days

3 Most days

4 Every day

**ASK ALL:**

DESKTP We have some questions about the internet, computers, tablets, and other connected devices. Please focus on devices you currently have access to, and have used at least occasionally during the past six months. We are interested in devices used at any location, whether at home, work, school, a library, or anywhere else.

Do you or does anyone in this household use a desktop computer? A desktop is a personal computer that is too large or heavy to be frequently moved from place to place.

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF HH USES DESKTOP (DESKTP=1):**

DESKTPW Who is it that uses a desktop computer?

*[Check all that apply]*

a. You

b. Spouse or partner

c. Child

d. Someone else

**ASK ALL:**

LAPTOP What about a laptop or notebook? Do you or does anyone in this household use a laptop or notebook computer?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF HH USES LAPTOP (LAPTOP=1):**

LAPTOPW Who is it that uses a laptop or notebook computer?

*[Check all that apply]*

a. You

b. Spouse or partner

c. Child

d. Someone else

**ASK IF NOT PROVIDED TABLET (F\_M2W\_CONVERTER\_FINAL=2,3):**

TABLET\_CPS What about a tablet or e-book reader? Do you or does anyone in this household use a tablet or e-book reader?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF PROVIDED TABLET (F\_M2W\_CONVERTER\_FINAL=1,4):**

TABLET\_M2W Not including the tablet we provided you to take your surveys, do you or does anyone in your household use an e-book reader, such as a Kindle, Nook, or Kobo?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF HH USES TABLET (TABLET\_CPS=1 OR TABLET\_M2W=1):**

TABLETW Who is it that uses a tablet or e-book reader?

*[Check all that apply]*

a. You

b. Spouse or partner

c. Child

d. Someone else

**ASK ALL:**

TEXTIM\_CPS Thining about you personally…Do you use texting or instant messaging?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK MEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=1):**

On a different topic…

SEENMASC How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as manly or masculine?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

**ASK WOMEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=2):**

On a different topic…

SEENFEM How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as womanly or feminine?

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not too important
4. Not at all important

**ASK MEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=1):**

MAN1 In general, how much pressure, if any, do you think MEN face in our country these days to do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH e]**

1. Be interested in sports
2. Have many sexual partners
3. Join in when other men are talking about women in a sexual way
4. Be willing to throw a punch if provoked
5. Be emotionally strong

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1. A lot
2. Some
3. Not too much
4. None at all

**ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE:**

MESUM1 Which of these describes you well? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH f: ALWAYS KEEP g LAST]**

*[Check all that apply]*

a. Honor and duty are my core values

b. Compassion and helping others are my core values

c. Willing to work with people I disagree with

d. Blue collar

e. Focused on my professional life and career

f. Interested in visiting other countries

g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK RANDOM HALF SAMPLE THAT DID NOT GET MESUM1:**

MESUM1\_F Do each of the following statements describe you well, or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH f]**

a. Honor and duty are my core values

b. Compassion and helping others are my core values

c. Willing to work with people I disagree with

d. Blue collar

e. Focused on my professional life and career

f. Interested in visiting other countries

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

**ASK IF GOT MESUM1:**

MESUM2 Which of these describes you well? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH f; ALWAYS KEEP g LAST]**

*[Check all that apply]*

a. Environmentalist

b. Have traditional values

c. Supporter of the National Rifle Association (NRA)

d. Supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement

e. Supporter of rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people

f. Consider myself a feminist

g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK IF GOT MESUM1\_F:**

MESUM2\_F Do each of the following statements describe you well, or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH f]**

a. Environmentalist

b. Have traditional values

c. Supporter of the National Rifle Association (NRA)

d. Supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement

e. Supporter of rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people

f. Consider myself a feminist

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Describes me well

2 Does not describe me well

**DISPLAY TO ALL:** Next, we’d like to ask you about people who are transgender, that is, people

who identifyas a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth, like a person born male who now identifies as a woman*.*

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND2 Thinking about the people you know, including yourself, do you personally know anyone who is transgender, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF R KNOWS SOMEONE WHO IS TRANSGENDER (TRANSGEND2=1):**

TRANSGEND2a Thinking about the person or people you know who are transgender, are they…

*[Check all that apply]*

1. Yourself
2. A family member
3. A close friend
4. A coworker
5. An acquaintance
6. Someone else **[TEXT BOX]**

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND3 Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST**

1. Our society has GONE TOO FAR in accepting people who are transgender
2. Our society has NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH in accepting people who are transgender
3. Our society has been ABOUT RIGHT when it comes to accepting people who are transgender

**ASK ALL:**

TRAITS How well, if at all, do each of the following words or phrases describe you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH f]**

1. Intelligent
2. Physically attractive
3. Nurturing
4. Assertive
5. Physically strong
6. Sensitive

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

**DISPLAY TO FORM 1 ONLY:** Next, we’d like to ask you a few questions about BOYS in particular.

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

BOYSF1 When it comes to raising BOYS, would you say there is **[RANDOMIZE:** (too much emphasis) or (too little emphasis)**]** on each of the following these days, or is it about right? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH d]**

1. Encouraging boys to be leaders
2. Encouraging boys to talk about their feelings when they are sad or upset
3. Encouraging boys to stand up for themselves
4. Encouraging boys to do well in school

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1. Too much emphasis
2. Too little emphasis
3. About right

**DISPLAY TO FORM 2 ONLY:** Next, we’d like to ask you a few questions about GIRLS in particular.

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

GIRLSF2 When it comes to raising GIRLS, would you say there is **[RANDOMIZE:** (too much emphasis) or (too little emphasis)**]** on each of the following these days, or is it about right? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH d]**

1. Encouraging girls to be leaders
2. Encouraging girls to talk about their feelings when they are sad or upset
3. Encouraging girls to stand up for themselves
4. Encouraging girls to do well in school

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

1. Too much emphasis
2. Too little emphasis
3. About right

Thinking about your spouse or partner…

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL\_FINAL=1,2):**

SPOUSESEX    Is your spouse or partner of the opposite sex as you or the same sex as you?

1. Opposite sex
2. Same sex

**ASK ALL:**

HOOD\_NHIS How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your neighborhood?

1. There are people I can count on in this neighborhood
2. People in this neighborhood can be trusted
3. This is a close-knit neighborhood

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Definitely agree

2 Somewhat agree

3 Somewhat disagree

4 Definitely disagree

**ASK ALL:**

PVOTE12MOD In any election, some people are not able to vote because they are sick or busy or have some other reason, and others do not want to vote. Did you vote in the 2012 Presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney?

1 Voted

2 Did not vote (includes too young to vote)

**ASK ALL:**

LOCALELECTThe next question is about LOCAL elections, such as for mayor or a school board. Do you…

1 Always vote in local elections

2 Sometimes vote in local elections

3 Rarely vote in local elections

4 Never vote in local elections

**ASK ALL:**

PARTICIPATE Below is a list of types of groups or organizations in which people sometimes participate. Have you participated in any of these groups during the last 12 months, that is since September 2016?

1. A school group, neighborhood, or community association such as PTA or neighborhood watch group
2. A service or civic organization such as American Legion or Lions Club
3. A sports or recreation organization such as a soccer club or tennis club

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1. Yes
2. No

**ASK ALL:**

S7 In the last 12 months, that is since September 2016, have you served on a committee or as an officer of any group or organization?

1. Yes
2. No

**ASK EXCEPT FOR 1-PERSON HOUSEHOLDS: (F\_ASK\_S12\_W29=1)**

S12 In the last 12 months, how often did you eat dinner with any of the other members of your household?

1 Basically every day

2 A few times a week

3 A few times a month

4 Once a month

5 Less than once a month

6 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

S13 This next question is about friends and family you do not live with. During the last twelve months, how often did you see or hear from friends or family, whether in-person or not?

1 Basically every day

2 A few times a week

3 A few times a month

4 Once a month

5 Less than once a month

6 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

TALK\_CPS In the last 12 months, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

1 Basically every day

2 A few times a week

3 A few times a month

4 Once a month

5 Less than once a month

6 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

FAVORS\_CPS In the last 12 months, how often did you and your neighbors do favors for each other? By favors we mean such things as watching each other’s children, helping with shopping, house sitting, lending garden or house tools and other small things to help each other?

1 Basically every day

2 A few times a week

3 A few times a month

4 Once a month

5 Less than once a month

6 Not at all

**ASK ALL:**

WORRYRET How worried are you right now about not having enough money for retirement?

1 Very worried

2 Moderately worried

3 Not too worried

4 Not worried at all

**ASK ALL:**

WORRYBILL How worried are you right now about not having enough to pay your normal

monthly bills?

1 Very worried

2 Moderately worried

3 Not too worried

4 Not worried at all

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a…

1 Republican

2 Democrat

3 Independent

4 Something else

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to…

1 The Republican Party

2 The Democratic Party

**ASK ALL REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

GOPDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are…

1 Very optimistic

2 Somewhat optimistic

3 Somewhat pessimistic

4 Very pessimistic

**ASK ALL DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):**

DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are…

1 Very optimistic

2 Somewhat optimistic

3 Somewhat pessimistic

4 Very pessimistic

1. Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists [↑](#footnote-ref-1)