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1. Social Class If you were asked to use one of these commonly used names for the social classes, which would you say you belong in?

		Ge	nder		Α	ge			3 Point Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Upper class	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%
Upper-middle class	12%	13%	11%	14%	10%	13%	9%	10%	9%	20%
Middle class	43%	44%	41%	45%	39%	42%	45%	37%	41%	53%
Lower-middle class	33%	32%	33%	30%	32%	34%	34%	38%	34%	23%
Lower class	12%	9%	14%	10%	17%	10%	10%	14%	14%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(992)	(479)	(513)	(185)	(286)	(370)	(151)	(349)	(399)	(244)

			Race		F	amily Income	ļ		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Upper class	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Upper-middle class	12%	12%	14%	6%	4%	8%	31%	12%	11%	14%	8%
Middle class	43%	43%	44%	38%	25%	54%	53%	46%	41%	40%	45%
Lower-middle class	33%	33%	31%	35%	47%	33%	11%	25%	36%	36%	31%
Lower class	12%	10%	9%	20%	22%	4%	3%	16%	9%	9%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(992)	(761)	(100)	(131)	(363)	(293)	(185)	(124)	(190)	(344)	(334)

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2. Lowest Middle Class Salary

What's the lowest annual salary that you think a person could make and still be considered middle class?

		G	ender			Age		3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
mean	48,773	49, 939	47, 700	34, 593	50, 135	47, 681	65, 262	52, 055	49, 338	43, 166	
median	40,000	40,000	40,000	30,000	35,000	40,000	40,000	35,000	40,000	40,000	

			Race			Family Incon	ne	Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	
mean	48, 773	41, 916	61, 547	75, 548	42, 830	54, 447	53, 833	62,826	38, 969	44, 908	52, 241	
median	40,000	40,000	30,000	40,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	40,000	38,000	40,000	40,000	

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3. Highest Middle Class Salary

What's the highest annual salary that you think a person could make and still be considered middle class?

		G	ender			Age		3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
mean	110, 136	131,074	90, 870	119, 806	93, 021	107, 510	129, 283	94, 931	117, 760	117, 479	
median	75,000	85,000	70,000	75,000	70,000	80,000	80,000	68,000	75,000	90,000	

			Race			Family Incor	me	Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	
mean	110, 136	118, 137	117, 023	62, 705	73, 582	114, 240	152, 766	130, 200	98, 815	96, 873	123, 387	
median	75, 000	80,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	80,000	125,000	80,000	80,000	75,000	80,000	

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4. Realistic GoalsWhich of the following do you think are realistic goals for most members of the middle class? Select all that apply.

		Ge	nder		А	ge			3 Point Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Owning a home	75%	73%	77%	74%	62%	82%	81%	72%	75%	80%
Paying for a child's										
college education	42%	49%	36%	41%	36%	44%	47%	41%	41%	45%
Saving enough for										
retirement	61%	65%	58%	57%	54%	66%	69%	59%	63%	62%
Taking a vacation every										
year	41%	43%	39%	43%	37%	45%	36%	36%	43%	43%
Staying out of debt	63%	62%	65%	62%	61%	65%	65%	60%	64%	66%
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	9%	9%	5%	4%	8%	8%	2%
Totals	(1,000)	(482)	(518)	(188)	(289)	(371)	(152)	(350)	(404)	(246)

			Race		F	amily Income)		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Owning a home Paying for a child's	75%	81%	57%	60%	68%	85%	85%	69%	78%	76%	75%
college education Saving enough for	42%	44%	36%	37%	35%	48%	55%	41%	38%	43%	45%
retirement Taking a vacation every	61%	64%	50%	56%	58%	62%	74%	57%	60%	60%	68%
year	41%	44%	28%	33%	33%	46%	52%	46%	37%	39%	43%
Staying out of debt	63%	67%	51%	53%	63%	64%	72%	62%	59%	61%	70%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	13%	7%	4%	3%	7%	5%	8%	6%
Totals	(1,000)	(765)	(101)	(134)	(366)	(293)	(185)	(124)	(190)	(349)	(337)

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5. Concern of Social Regress
How concerned are you that you could fall to a lower economic class in the next few years?

		Ge	nder		A	ge			3 Point Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very concerned	22%	20%	24%	11%	21%	28%	28%	26%	20%	23%
Somewhat concerned	33%	35%	32%	36%	36%	31%	31%	31%	34%	34%
Not very concerned	23%	23%	23%	29%	22%	21%	23%	24%	22%	25%
Not at all concerned	13%	15%	12%	13%	11%	15%	14%	11%	15%	13%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	11%	10%	6%	5%	8%	9%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(992)	(478)	(514)	(183)	(288)	(370)	(151)	(345)	(401)	(246)

			Race		F	amily Income	;		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very concerned	22%	23%	20%	19%	28%	23%	12%	16%	26%	20%	27%
Somewhat concerned	33%	32%	39%	33%	30%	37%	35%	37%	27%	36%	32%
Not very concerned	23%	24%	17%	25%	19%	26%	31%	25%	25%	24%	20%
Not at all concerned	13%	14%	16%	8%	12%	11%	18%	17%	14%	11%	14%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	15%	10%	3%	5%	5%	8%	10%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(992)	(762)	(100)	(130)	(361)	(292)	(185)	(121)	(190)	(346)	(335)

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6. Current Financial Situation

Which best describes your current financial situation?

		Ge	nder		А	ge			3 Point Party ID	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
I'm making enough money to live	220/	220/	200/	0=0/	200/	2.10/	270/	270/	2-0/	
comfortably I'm not making enough money to live comfortably, but I can	33%	39%	28%	35%	30%	34%	35%	25%	35%	42%
get by I'm not making enough	41%	41%	41%	35%	44%	41%	43%	46%	39%	37%
money to get by	18%	15%	22%	22%	18%	18%	14%	21%	18%	14%
Not sure	7%	6%	9%	8%	8%	6%	8%	7%	8%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (991)	100% (480)	100% (511)	100% (183)	100% (287)	100% (371)	100% (150)	100% (347)	100% (399)	100% (245)

			Race		F	amily Income)		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
I'm making enough money to live											
comfortably	33%	38%	20%	22%	14%	38%	59%	27%	38%	32%	36%
I'm not making enough											
money to live											
comfortably, but I can											
get by	41%	39%	50%	42%	48%	49%	26%	43%	39%	43%	39%
I'm not making enough											
money to get by	18%	17%	23%	21%	31%	10%	9%	24%	15%	18%	18%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	15%	7%	3%	5%	6%	8%	8%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(991)	(761)	(101)	(129)	(363)	(291)	(185)	(122)	(190)	(346)	(333)

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7. Presidential Influence

How much of a difference do you think a president can make in expanding the middle class?

	Total	Gender		Age				3 Point Party ID			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
A major difference	32%	32%	32%	24%	32%	38%	29%	33%	32%	31%	
A minor difference	36%	39%	33%	44%	33%	34%	33%	38%	33%	39%	
No difference	17%	19%	15%	15%	17%	17%	21%	14%	20%	17%	
Not sure	15%	10%	20%	16%	17%	11%	17%	16%	15%	13%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
(Unweighted N)	(986)	(479)	(507)	(182)	(286)	(369)	(149)	(346)	(397)	(243)	

	Total	Race			Family Income			Region			
		White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A major difference	32%	31%	40%	31%	33%	34%	28%	37%	35%	27%	34%
A minor difference	36%	38%	31%	30%	30%	41%	51%	28%	33%	41%	36%
No difference	17%	17%	11%	21%	19%	16%	11%	15%	17%	19%	16%
Not sure	15%	14%	18%	18%	18%	9%	10%	20%	16%	13%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(986)	(757)	(100)	(129)	(361)	(290)	(185)	(123)	(188)	(343)	(332)