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1. Keep a secret

Can you keep a secret?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 91\% | 91\% | 91\% | 88\% | 91\% | 92\% | 92\% | 91\% | 90\% | 93\% |
| No | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Not sure | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 11\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 7\% | 8\% | 5\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (485) | (513) | (179) | (285) | (373) | (161) | (335) | (414) | (249) |



## 2. Frequency of gossiping - Family

How often do you gossip or talk behind the back of the following people?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  |  | Republican |
| All the time | 5\% | 6\% | 3\% | 6\% | 9\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% |  |  | 3\% |
| Often | 5\% | 3\% | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 3\% | 3\% | 7\% |  |  | 3\% |
| Sometimes | 25\% | 20\% | 30\% | 27\% | 25\% | 25\% | 26\% | 32\% |  |  | 20\% |
| Rarely | 35\% | 36\% | 34\% | 31\% | 30\% | 40\% | 38\% | 33\% |  |  | 41\% |
| Never | 28\% | 32\% | 25\% | 25\% | 29\% | 28\% | 32\% | 23\% |  |  | 31\% |
| Prefer not to say | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 5\% | 2\% | 2\% | - | 1\% |  |  | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  |  | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (999) | (485) | (514) | (180) | (285) | (373) | (161) | (337) |  |  | (248) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| All the time | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 10\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 5\% | 7\% |
| Often | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 7\% | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 7\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% |
| Sometimes | 25\% | 25\% | 30\% | 21\% | 27\% | 25\% | 26\% | 31\% | 33\% | 20\% | 23\% |
| Rarely | 35\% | 37\% | 24\% | 35\% | 30\% | 36\% | 39\% | 28\% | 33\% | 38\% | 37\% |
| Never | 28\% | 29\% | 28\% | 25\% | 32\% | 25\% | 26\% | 26\% | 24\% | 31\% | 30\% |
| Prefer not to say | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | - | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (999) | (747) | (112) | (140) | (364) | (291) | (201) | (190) | (229) | (379) | (201) |

## 3. Frequency of gossiping - Friends

How often do you gossip or talk behind the back of the following people?


## 4. Frequency of gossiping - Coworkers

How often do you gossip or talk behind the back of the following people?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  |  | Republican |
| All the time | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | - | 3\% |  |  | 2\% |
| Often | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 10\% | 5\% | 1\% | 2\% | 6\% |  |  | 5\% |
| Sometimes | 22\% | 25\% | 20\% | 25\% | 29\% | 18\% | 19\% | 21\% |  |  | 23\% |
| Rarely | 29\% | 30\% | 29\% | 25\% | 31\% | 34\% | 26\% | 31\% |  |  | 27\% |
| Never | 39\% | 34\% | 43\% | 32\% | 29\% | 44\% | 50\% | 36\% |  |  | 42\% |
| Prefer not to say | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% |  |  | 1\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  |  | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | $(1,000)$ | (485) | (515) | (180) | (285) | (373) | (162) | (337) |  |  | (249) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| All the time | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% |
| Often | 4\% | 3\% | 4\% | 9\% | 4\% | 6\% | 5\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 7\% |
| Sometimes | 22\% | 24\% | 18\% | 17\% | 21\% | 24\% | 24\% | 30\% | 20\% | 20\% | 24\% |
| Rarely | 29\% | 29\% | 27\% | 35\% | 24\% | 29\% | 40\% | 28\% | 33\% | 27\% | 31\% |
| Never | 39\% | 39\% | 42\% | 33\% | 45\% | 36\% | 29\% | 32\% | 37\% | 45\% | 34\% |
| Prefer not to say | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | - | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 1\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | $(1,000)$ | (748) | (112) | (140) | (364) | (291) | (202) | (190) | (229) | (380) | (201) |

## 5. Frequency of gossiping - Classmates

How often do you gossip or talk behind the back of the following people?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  | Independent | Republican |
| All the time | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% | 4\% | 1\% | - | 4\% |  | 0\% | 3\% |
| Often | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 6\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% |  | 3\% | 1\% |
| Sometimes | 11\% | 12\% | 11\% | 16\% | 14\% | 8\% | 7\% | 13\% |  | 10\% | 11\% |
| Rarely | 23\% | 22\% | 23\% | 23\% | 22\% | 23\% | 23\% | 23\% |  | 21\% | 25\% |
| Never | 57\% | 56\% | 58\% | 42\% | 54\% | 66\% | 64\% | 53\% |  | 59\% | 59\% |
| Prefer not to say | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 9\% | 3\% | 1\% | 5\% | 4\% |  | 6\% | 1\% |
|  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (485) | (513) | (180) | (284) | (372) | (162) | (336) |  | (413) | (249) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  | Region |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | st South | West |
| All the time | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 7\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | - | 2\% | 5\% |
| Often | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% |
| Sometimes | 11\% | 11\% | 15\% | 10\% | 12\% | 10\% | 10\% | 16\% | 11\% | 11\% | 9\% |
| Rarely | 23\% | 23\% | 24\% | 19\% | 22\% | 19\% | 26\% | 22\% | 21\% | 22\% | 26\% |
| Never | 57\% | 58\% | 50\% | 57\% | 58\% | 62\% | 56\% | 50\% | 59\% | 59\% | 56\% |
| Prefer not to say | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% | 1\% |
|  | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (998) | (747) | (112) | (139) | (363) | (291) | (201) | (190) | (229) | (378) | (201) |

## 6. Frequency of gossiping - Bosses/supervisors

How often do you gossip or talk behind the back of the following people?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat |  | Independent | Republican |
| All the time | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 7\% | 2\% | 1\% | 5\% |  | 4\% | 4\% |
| Often | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% |  | 3\% | 5\% |
| Sometimes | 21\% | 24\% | 18\% | 24\% | 25\% | 18\% | 17\% | 21\% |  | 22\% | 18\% |
| Rarely | 29\% | 29\% | 30\% | 22\% | 30\% | 33\% | 29\% | 29\% |  | 29\% | 29\% |
| Never | 39\% | 33\% | 44\% | 37\% | 31\% | 42\% | 49\% | 38\% |  | 38\% | 42\% |
| Prefer not to say | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 7\% | 2\% | 1\% | - | 2\% |  | 4\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |  | $100 \%$ | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (484) | (514) | (179) | (285) | (373) | (161) | (337) |  | (413) | (248) |
|  |  |  | Race |  |  | ily Income |  |  |  | Region |  |
|  | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | st South | West |
| All the time | 4\% | 3\% | 11\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 2\% | 5\% | 1\% | 5\% | 6\% |
| Often | 4\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 6\% | 6\% | 6\% | 2\% | 4\% |
| Sometimes | 21\% | 22\% | 13\% | 20\% | 17\% | 25\% | 25\% | 22\% | 19\% | 19\% | 24\% |
| Rarely | 29\% | 31\% | 23\% | 27\% | 26\% | 26\% | 36\% | 31\% | 33\% | 24\% | 33\% |
| Never | 39\% | 38\% | 45\% | 41\% | 47\% | 37\% | 30\% | 32\% | 38\% | 46\% | 33\% |
| Prefer not to say | 3\% | 2\% | 6\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | - | 3\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% |  |  |  |  |  | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (747) | (112) | (139) | (363) | (291) | (201) | (189) | (229) | (379) | (201) |

## 7. Frequency of gossiping - Strangers

How often do you gossip or talk behind the back of the following people?


## 8. Enjoy hearing gossip

Do you enjoy hearing gossip about other people?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 30\% | 29\% | 30\% | 38\% | 33\% | 26\% | 20\% | 36\% | 27\% | 27\% |
| No | 63\% | 65\% | 61\% | 46\% | 61\% | 70\% | 73\% | 58\% | 64\% | 67\% |
| Prefer not to say | 8\% | 6\% | 9\% | 16\% | 5\% | 4\% | 7\% | 7\% | 9\% | 6\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N ) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (998) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (485) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (513) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (180) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (283) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (373) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (162) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 100 \% \\ & (335) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (414) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (249) \end{aligned}$ |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 30\% | 30\% | 23\% | 31\% | 30\% | 33\% | 33\% | 39\% | 33\% | 24\% | 29\% |
| No | 63\% | 63\% | 70\% | 58\% | 64\% | 61\% | 63\% | 54\% | 64\% | 69\% | 56\% |
| Prefer not to say | 8\% | 7\% | 7\% | 10\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% | 7\% | 3\% | 6\% | 14\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (998) | (747) | (111) | (140) | (364) | (290) | (201) | (190) | (228) | (379) | (201) |

9. Enjoy gossiping

Do you enjoy gossiping or talking about other people behind their backs?


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 10\% | 9\% | 13\% | 15\% | 12\% | 12\% | 10\% | 15\% | 10\% | 8\% | 12\% |
| No | 85\% | 87\% | 83\% | 80\% | 85\% | 85\% | 89\% | 82\% | 88\% | 88\% | 81\% |
| Prefer not to say | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 5\% | 7\% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (993) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (744) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (111) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (138) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (362) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (290) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (200) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (188) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (228) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (378) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \% \\ & (199) \end{aligned}$ |

## 10. Been caught gossiping

Have you ever been caught gossiping or talking about someone else behind their back?

11. Caught someone gossiping

Have you ever caught someone gossiping or talking about YOU behind your back?

|  | Total | Gender |  | Age |  |  |  | 3 Point Party ID |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 57\% | 56\% | 58\% | 58\% | 56\% | 58\% | 55\% | 54\% | 57\% | 60\% |
| No | 40\% | 39\% | 40\% | 33\% | 41\% | 41\% | 44\% | 43\% | 38\% | 38\% |
| Prefer not to say | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 10\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 5\% | 2\% |
| Totals | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ | $100 \%$ |
| (Unweighted N) | (992) | (481) | (511) | (179) | (284) | (370) | (159) | (336) | (413) | (243) |


|  | Total | Race |  |  | Family Income |  |  | Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 57\% | 57\% | 64\% | 49\% | 57\% | 60\% | 57\% | 60\% | 56\% | 57\% | 56\% |
| No | 40\% | 40\% | 32\% | 45\% | 40\% | 38\% | 43\% | 36\% | 43\% | 40\% | 40\% |
| Prefer not to say | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% | 6\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 4\% | 5\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (992) | (741) | (112) | (139) | (361) | (290) | (201) | (190) | (229) | (376) | (197) |

