

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
ATP W59 JANUARY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 6-19, 2020
N=12,638**

Note on trends: Several questions have been asked both on the phone and online. These are labeled throughout the topline: "**phone trend for comparison.**" The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates. See report for more details.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ROTATE WHYPOOR AND WHYRICH BY FORM. ASK WHYPOOR FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK WHYRICH FIRST IF FORM=2.

ASK ALL:

WHYPOOR In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is poor? **[RANDOMIZE]**

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26	They have not worked as hard as most other people
71	They have faced more obstacles in life than most other people
3	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

ASK ALL:

[In your opinion/Next,] which generally has more to do with why a person is poor? **[RANDOMIZE]**

	They have not worked as hard as most other <u>people</u>	They have faced more obstacles in life than most <u>other people</u>	(VOL) <u>Both</u>	(VOL) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 8-13, 2020	23	64	8	5

ADDITIONAL PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In your opinion, which is generally more often to blame if a person is poor? Lack of effort on his or her own part, or circumstances beyond his or her control?

	Lack of <u>effort</u>	Circumstances <u>beyond control</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	34	53	10	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	37	48	11	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	39	50	8	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	35	50	11	4
Apr 4-15, 2012	38	46	11	5
Mar 11-21, 2010	32	49	14	5
October, 1997	39	44	14	3
CBS/NYT: 1995	35	42	18	4
CBS/NYT: 1994	44	34	18	4
LAT: 1992	27	52	18	3
NYT: December, 1990	30	48	20	2
Gallup: May, 1990	35	45	17	3

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...

	Lack of <u>effort</u>	Circumstances <u>beyond control</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup</i> : 1989	38	42	17	3
<i>Gallup</i> : 1988	40	37	17	6
<i>Gallup</i> : 1984	33	34	31	2
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : 1982	37	39	17	7
<i>Gallup</i> : 1967	42	19	36	3
<i>Gallup</i> : 1965	40	29	28	3
<i>Gallup</i> : November, 1964	31	31	34	5
<i>Gallup</i> : September, 1964	34	25	38	3
<i>Gallup</i> : March, 1964	34	29	32	6

ROTATE WHYPOOR AND WHYRICH BY FORM. ASK WHYPOOR FIRST IF FORM=1, ASK WHYRICH FIRST IF FORM=2.**ASK ALL:**WHYRICH In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich? **[RANDOMIZE]**

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33	They have worked harder than most other people
65	They have had more advantages in life than most other people
2	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK ALL:****[In your opinion/Next,] which generally has more to do with why a person is rich? [RANDOMIZE]**

	They have worked harder than most <u>other people</u>	They have had more advantages in life than most <u>other people</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 8-13, 2020	31	55	10	4
Sep 18-24, 2018	43	42	10	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	43	9	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	40	49	8	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	38	51	7	4

ADDITIONAL PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich [READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

	Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because of their hard work, ambition, or <u>education</u>	Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born <u>into wealthy families</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither/Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	43	46	8	*	3
Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT)	42	46	8	*	4

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ASK ALL:

BILLION Do you think the fact that there are some people in this country who have personal fortunes of a billion dollars or more is...

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19	A good thing for the country
23	A bad thing for the country
58	Neither a good thing or a bad thing
1	No answer

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ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...²

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	29	29	13	2	17	22

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends
(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

² Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.