Interviews with 1,003 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on May 29-June 1, 2014. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 894 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3.5 percentage points)

The sample includes 702 interviews among landline respondents and 301 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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12. Do you think you are better off financially or worse off financially than your parents were when they were your age?

	May 29-June 1 2014
Better	54%
Worse	41%
Same (vol.)	4%
No opinion	1%

13. Looking to the future, do you think most children in this country will grow up to be better off or worse off than their parents?

	May 29-June 1 2014
Better	34%
Worse	63%
Same (vol.)	2%
No opinion	1%

PEW RESEARCH CENTER TRENDS

	Better off	Worse off	Same (vol.)	No opinion
1999 Apr 6-May 6	67	22	7	4
1996 Nov 22-Dec 1	38	55	3	4

20. Do you agree or disagree: The American dream has become impossible for most people to achieve.

	May 29-June 1 2014	Oct 13-15 2006*
Agree	59%	54%
Disagree	40%	45%
No opinion	1%	2%

*Asked of a half sample.

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion
2003 Jan	50	47	3
1998 Jan	51	45	4
1997 Jan	55	41	4
1996 Jan	63	34	3
1995 Jan	57	40	3

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,003 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage. Among the entire sample, 30% described themselves as Democrats, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 47% described themselves as Independents or members of another party

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

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Question 12
Do you think you are better off financially or worse off financially than your parents were when they were your age?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Better	54%	56%	53%	57%	48%
Worse	41%	37%	44%	38%	49%
Same	4%	5%	3%	5%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Better	54%	51%	47%	53%	73%	49%	61%
Worse	41%	47%	45%	44%	21%	46%	35%
Same	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Better	54%	46%	61%	49%	58%
Worse	41%	48%	36%	44%	39%
Same	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Better	54%	60%	52%	53%	56%	56%	52%
Worse	41%	36%	43%	43%	39%	41%	42%
Same	4%	2%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Better	54%	51%	56%	59%	49%	52%	54%	60%
Worse	41%	44%	37%	37%	47%	45%	41%	34%
Same	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	*	*	*	*	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 13
Looking to the future, do you think most children in this country will grow up to be better off or worse off than their parents?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Better	34%	30%	38%	30%	45%
Worse	63%	66%	60%	68%	53%
Same	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Better	34%	40%	37%	28%	29%	38%	28%
Worse	63%	59%	59%	70%	65%	59%	68%
Same	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Better	34%	38%	33%	31%	36%
Worse	63%	61%	63%	67%	60%
Same	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Better	34%	46%	31%	23%	43%	39%	24%
Worse	63%	52%	64%	76%	55%	58%	74%
Same	2%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	2%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Better	34%	38%	33%	33%	31%	47%	31%	25%
Worse	63%	59%	62%	65%	65%	51%	66%	72%
Same	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	*
No opinion	1%	1%	3%	*	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%

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Question 20
Do you agree or disagree: The American dream has become impossible for most people to achieve.

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Agree	59%	52%	67%	59%	60%
Disagree	40%	47%	33%	41%	39%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Agree	59%	63%	55%	61%	54%	60%	58%
Disagree	40%	37%	43%	37%	45%	40%	40%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Under $50K	$50K or more	No College	Attended College
Agree	59%	68%	52%	67%	53%
Disagree	40%	31%	47%	31%	46%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Agree	59%	60%	58%	61%	59%	57%	60%
Disagree	40%	39%	40%	38%	40%	42%	40%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Agree	59%	59%	59%	59%	59%	60%	54%	67%
Disagree	40%	40%	38%	40%	39%	40%	45%	31%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0

* percentage less than 1%