

GBAO conducted a survey of 1,800 white, Black, and Latino adults in the South via landlines, cellphones, online panel, and text-to-web from October 6-15, 2021. Latino respondents were given the option of taking the survey in English or Spanish. The margin of error for each racial group is +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.

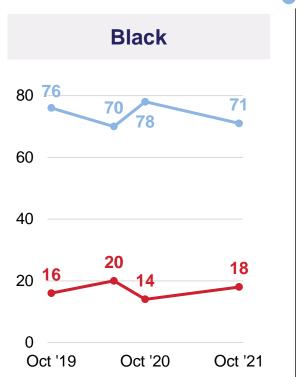
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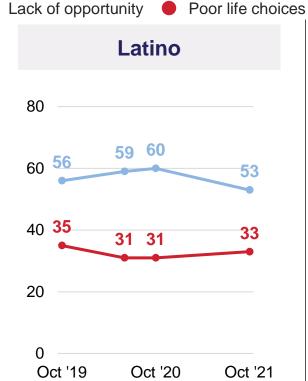


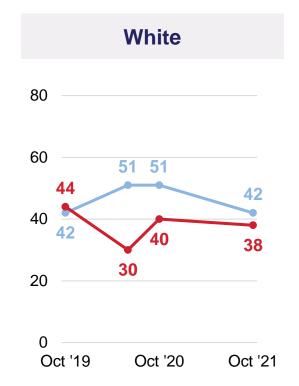
Race And Opportunity – Key Findings

- Majorities of Black and Latino Southerners place blame for poverty on lack of opportunity rather than poor life choices while white Southerners are divided
 - Among white adults, number choosing lack of opportunity has steadily declined from 2020 peak and is now near pre-pandemic levels
 - White women still blame lack of opportunity by almost 2-to-1, only white men blame personal choices
- Growing number of white adults say we're too focused on race in the US
- Expanding majorities of white men and women reject idea that white Americans have more economic opportunity
- Black and Latino adults express increasing concern about systemic racism

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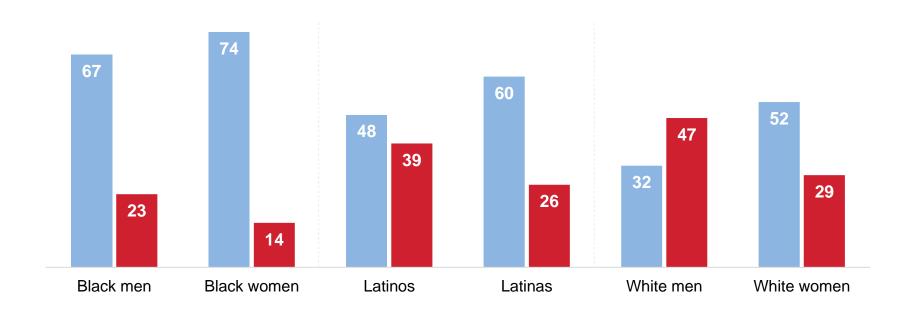


Across Racial Lines, Women More Likely To See Lack Of Opportunity As Cause Of Poverty; White Men Only Group To Blame Life Choices

Economic Situation Causes

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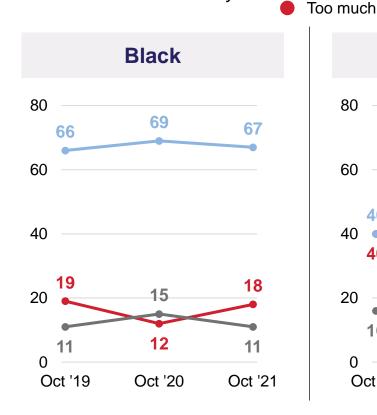
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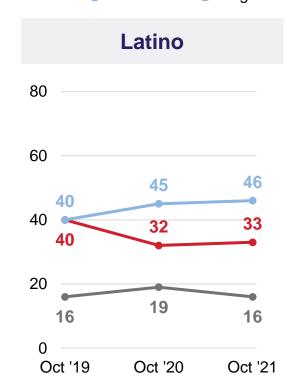


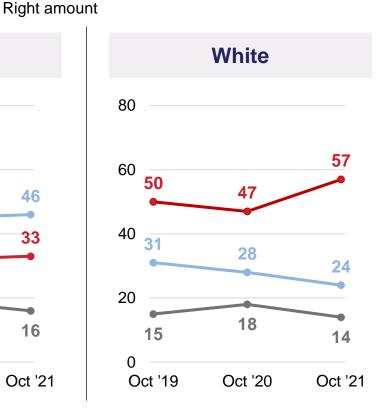
Focus On Race In The US – Black, Latino Numbers Unchanged But Growing Number Of White Adults See Too Much Attention On Race

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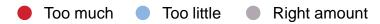


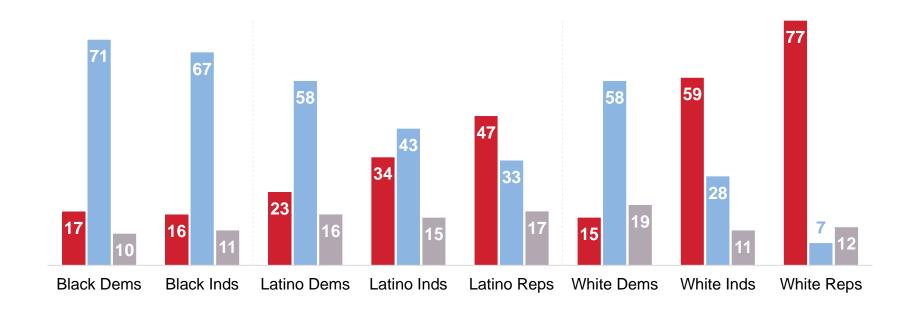




Attention To Race

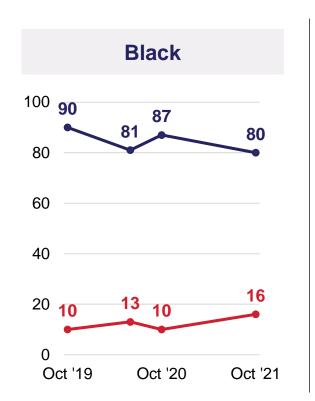
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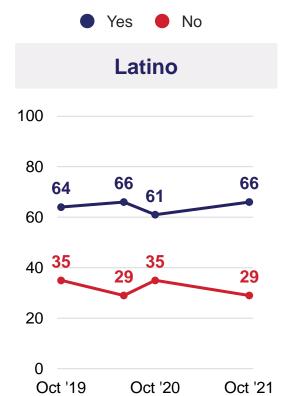


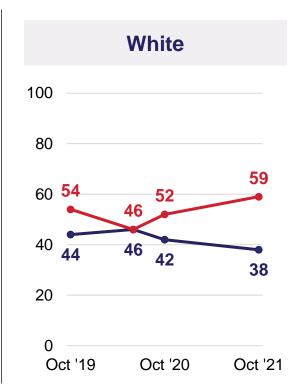


Acknowledgement Of Disproportionate White Opportunity At Lowest Level Yet Among White Adults

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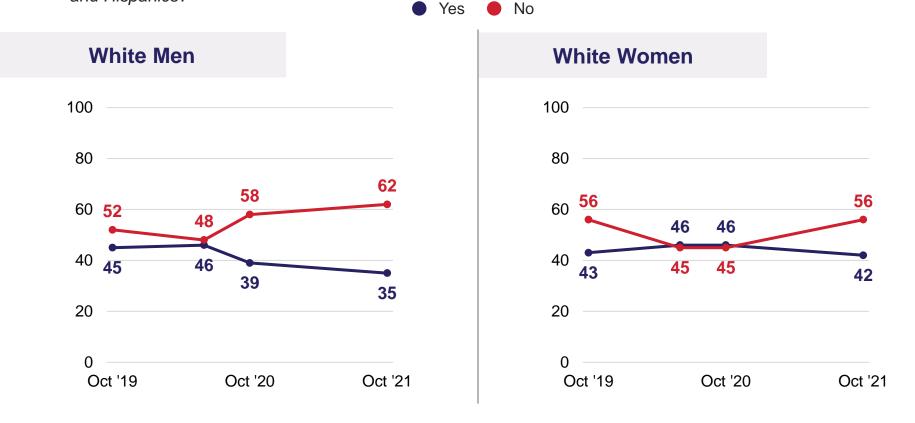






White Men Are Worse, But Both Genders Moving In Wrong Direction On Race And Opportunity

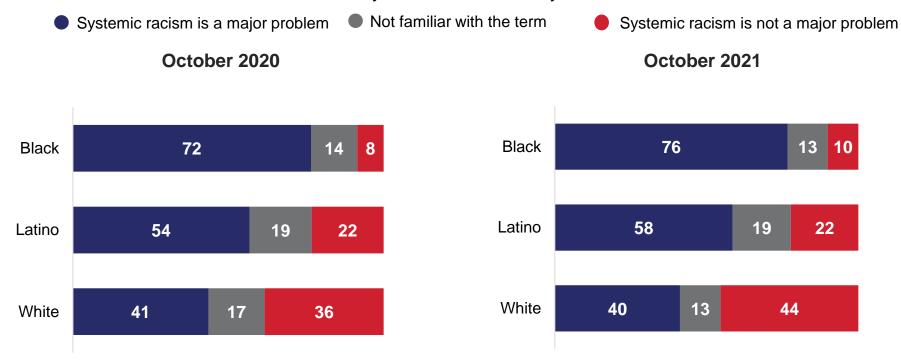
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Increasing Concern About Systemic Racism Among Black And Latino Adults, Increasing Familiarity With Language Among White Adults

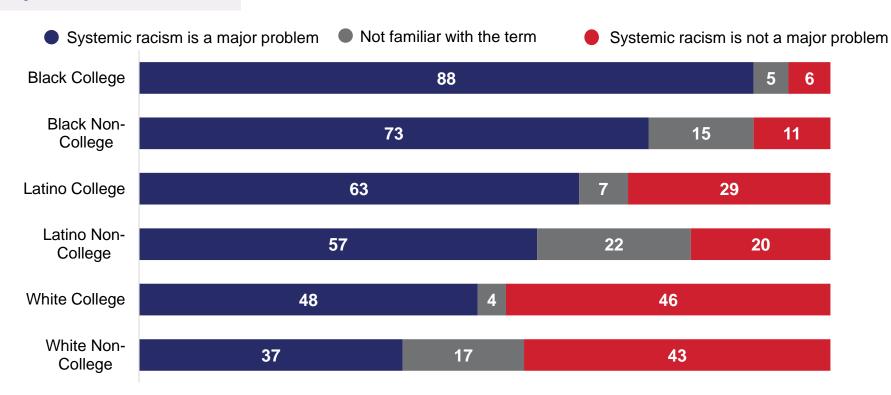
Systemic Racism

Please tell me which one best describes your opinion - I believe systemic or institutional racism is a major problem impacting our country today, I do NOT believe systemic or institutional racism is a major problem impacting our country today, or I am not really familiar with the term "systemic or institutional racism."





Please tell me which one best describes your opinion (Oct '21)

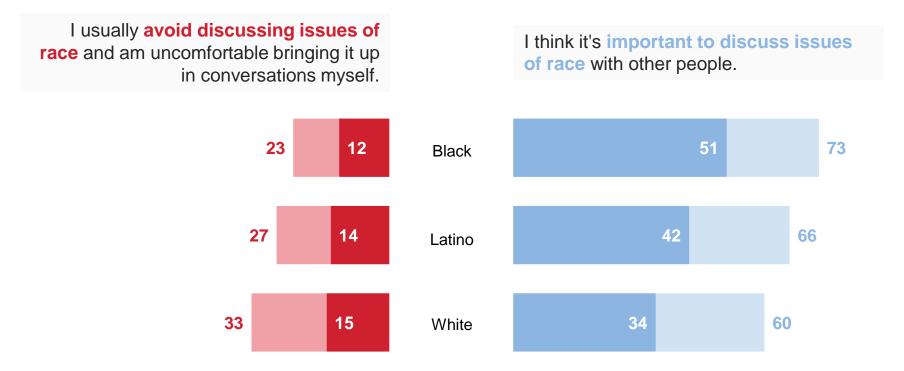




- Majorities across racial lines say it is important to discuss issues of race
 - Despite a clear social desirability bias, it represents a consensus starting point
- Most Southerners see a future where their background, values, and culture will be more common and accepted; only exceptions are white Republicans and Independents
- Large majorities of Black and Latino adults, as well as slim majority of white women, embrace responsibility to others
 - Only white men choose individualism over seeking justice and equality for all

Discussing Issues Of Race

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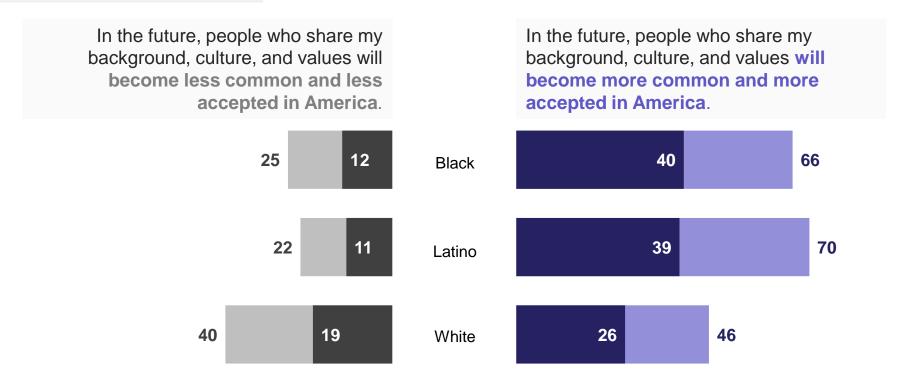


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Black And Latino Southerners See More Accepting Future, White Southerners Split

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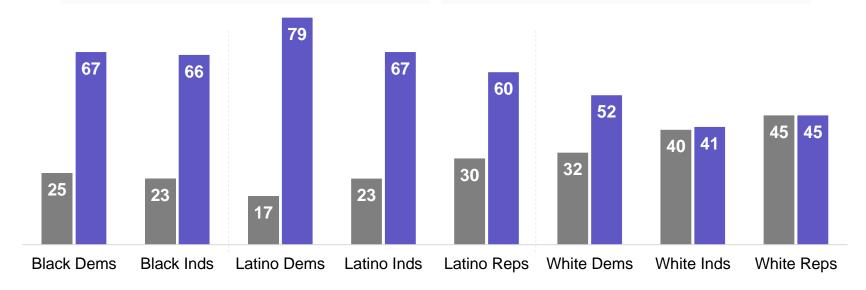
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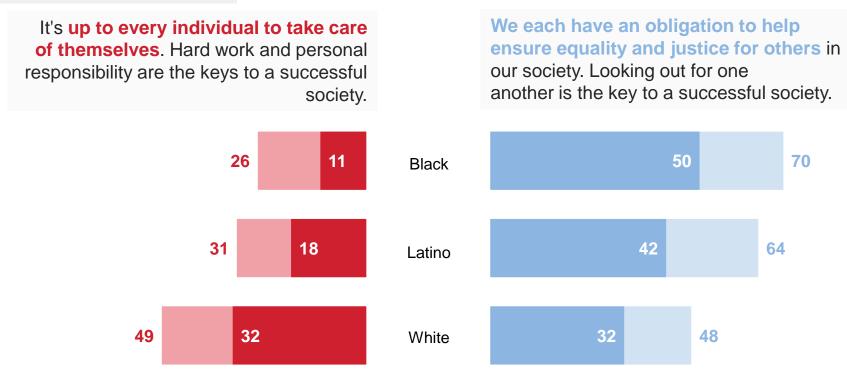
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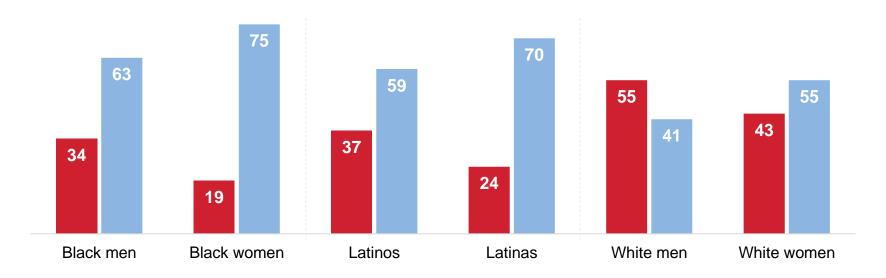
Huge Differences On Social Compact Based On Race, Gender; Only White Men Choose Individualism Over Obligation To Others

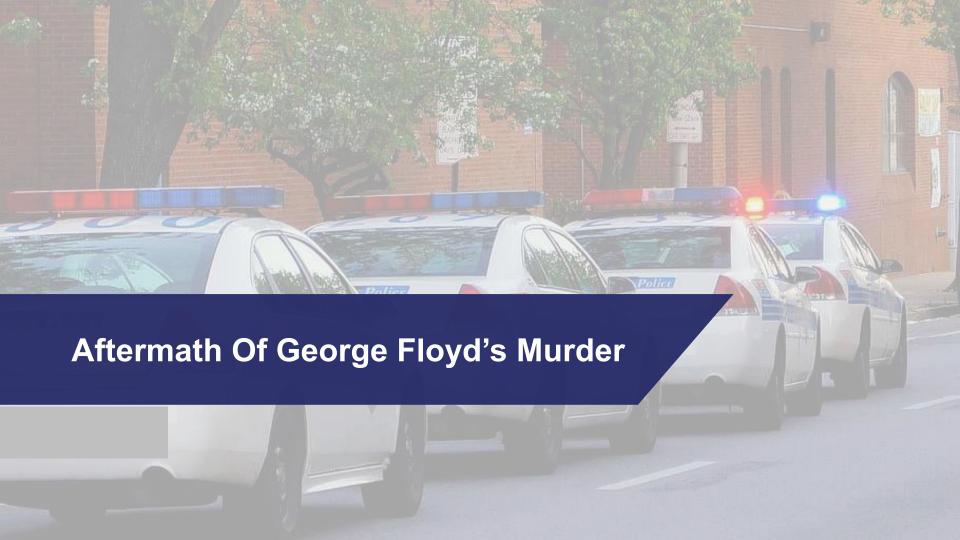
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It's up to every individual to take care of themselves. Hard work and personal responsibility are the keys to a successful society.

We each have an obligation to help ensure equality and justice for others in our society. Looking out for one another is the key to a successful society.

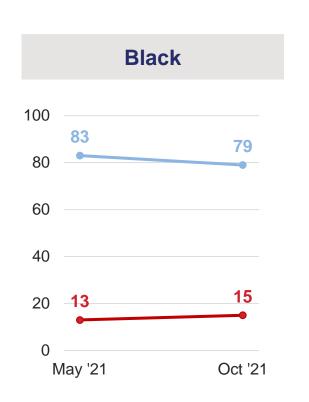


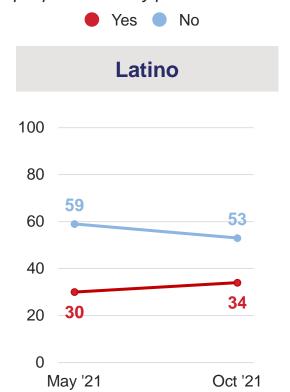


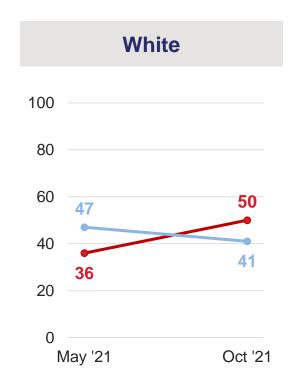
- As time passes, intensity declines and demand for change subsides
- More than 3-in-4 Black Southerners and a majority of Latino Southerners still demand more from lawmakers, but half of white adults are satisfied
 - Younger white adults are divided on lawmakers' response, but white adults ages 50+ say they've done enough by a margin of 22 points (56 to 34 percent)
- When it comes to deaths in police custody, a growing number of Black Southerners blame a racist police system while a growing number of white Southerners blame the actions of those in custody

Small Shifts Among Black And Latino Adults On Lawmaker Response, But Half Of White Adults Now Satisfied That Enough Has Been Done

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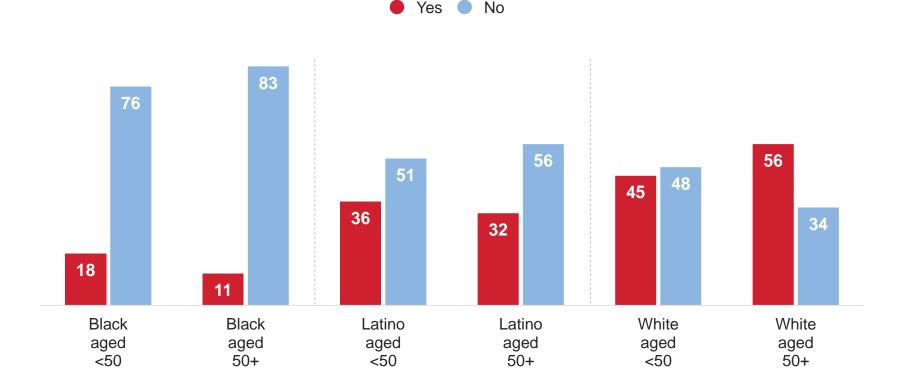






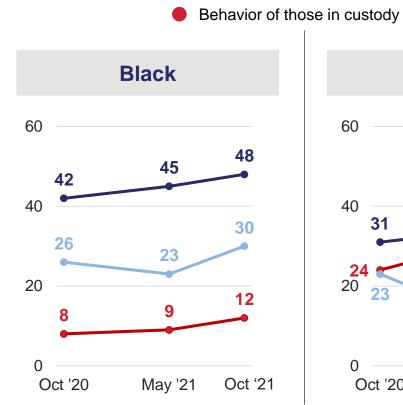
Lawmakers Done Enough

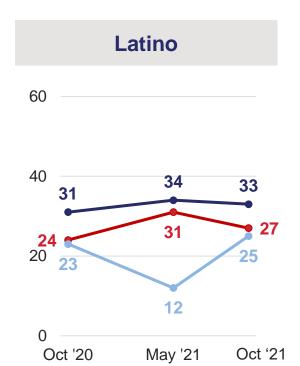
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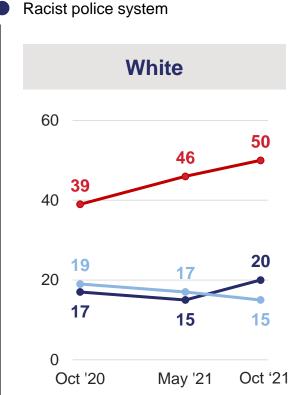


Do you think the deaths of Black people and other people of color in police custody are the result of...

Bad police officers







Confederate Monuments

- Similar to the dynamics around George Floyd's murder, intensity on this subject has led to a softening of opinions on both sides
 - The number of white Southerners who say the removal of Confederate monuments is making things worse has declined five points (but is still a majority at 54 percent)
 - The number of Black Southerners who say it is making things better when it comes to race relations has declined 13 points to just 28 percent
- Black and Latino Southerners are now essentially evenly divided on whether this issue is making things better or worse
 - Two years ago, Black respondents said it was making things better by a margin of nearly 20 points

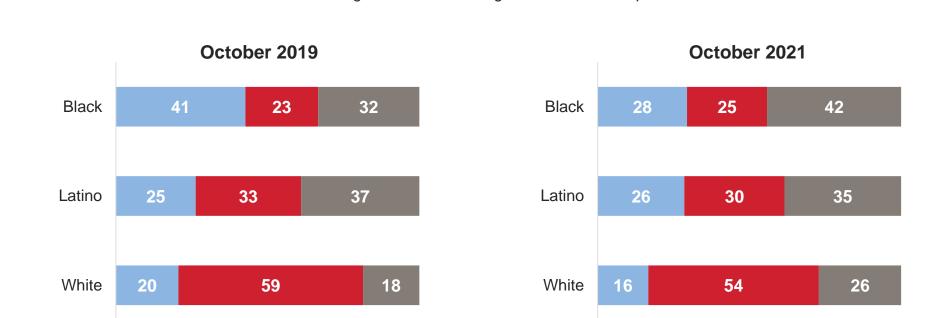
Fewer White People Say Removing Monuments Makes Things Worse, Fewer Black People Say It's Making Things Better

Making better

Confederate Memorials

Do you think recent efforts to remove Confederate memorials and statues from public places are making things better when it comes to race relations, have had no impact on race relations, or are making things worse when it comes to race relations?

No impact

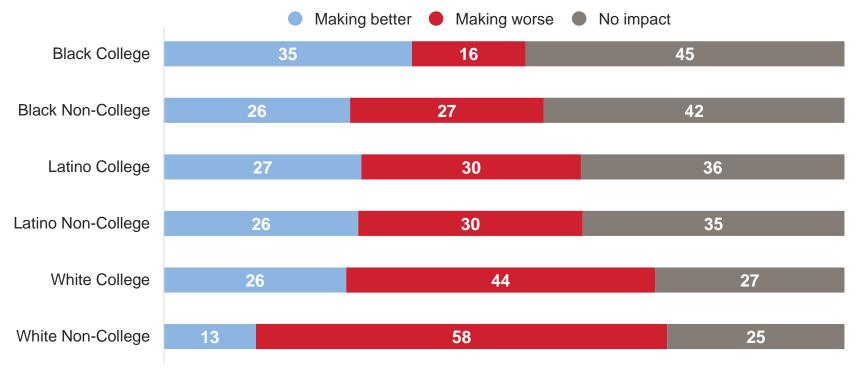


Making worse

Significant Education Divides On Monuments Among Black And White Adults By Education



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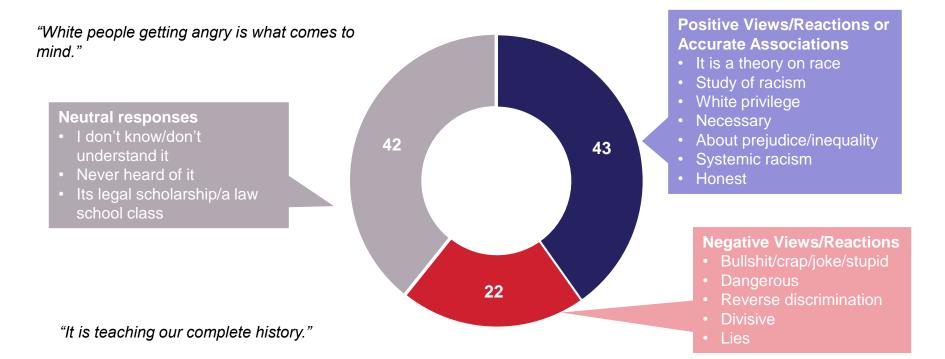




- Open-ended responses show how poorly defined public understanding of CRT is, but along predictable lines – Black responses are more positive than negative, white responses are much more negative than positive, and Latino responses are evenly divided
- Pluralities of white and Latino adults support efforts to ban CRT, with white support driven largely by those over 64
 - 56 percent of Black adults oppose efforts to ban CRT, 40 percent strongly oppose
- Messages on teaching complete, honest history and no censorship by politicians win by large margins across racial lines

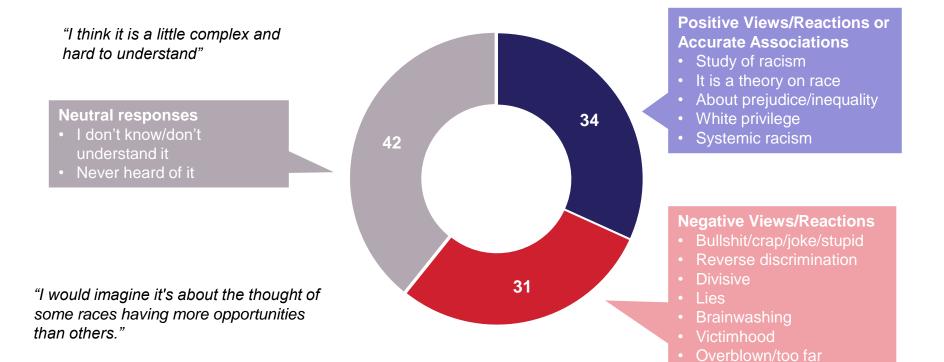
Black Views on CRT

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White Views on CRT

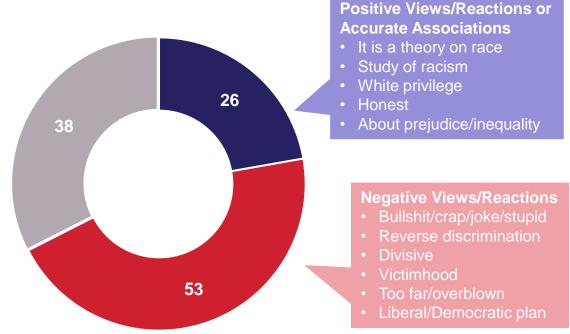
What comes to mind when you hear the term Critical Race Theory?

"Quit playing race card people are sick of it."

Neutral responses

- I don't know/don't understand it
- Never heard of it
- Its legal scholarship/a law school class

"Brainwashing children into thinking everything in their lives and future is based solely on the color of their skin and nothing they can do will change this. This is irresponsible and a dangerous lie being force fed to innocent children."



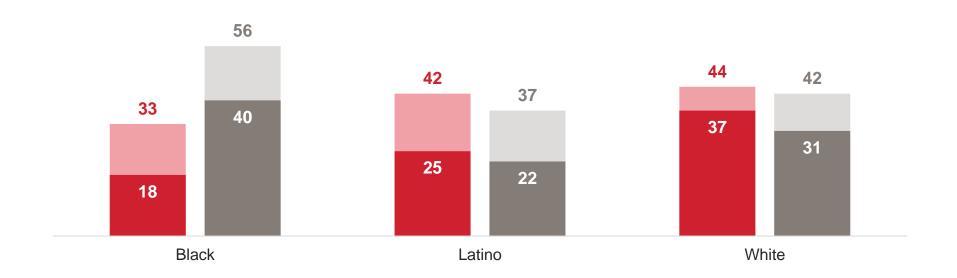


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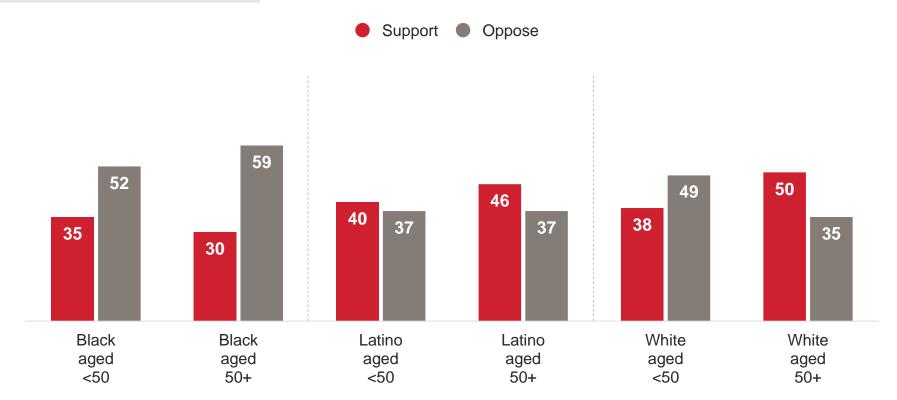
Oppose

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Ban On Teaching CRT

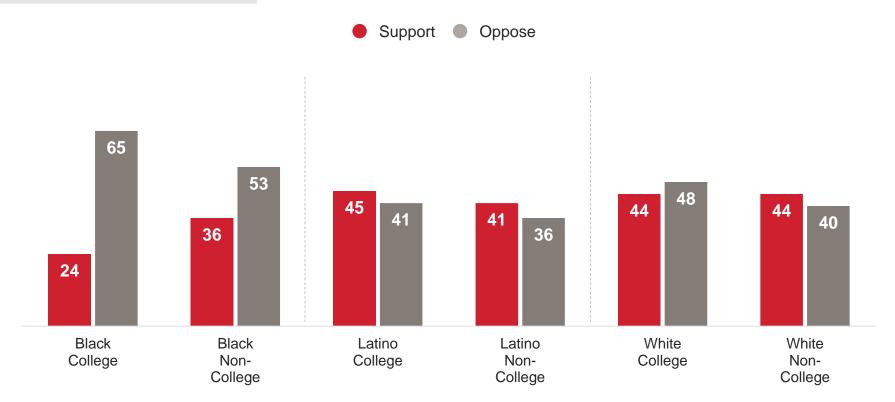
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Big Difference Among Black Adults By Education

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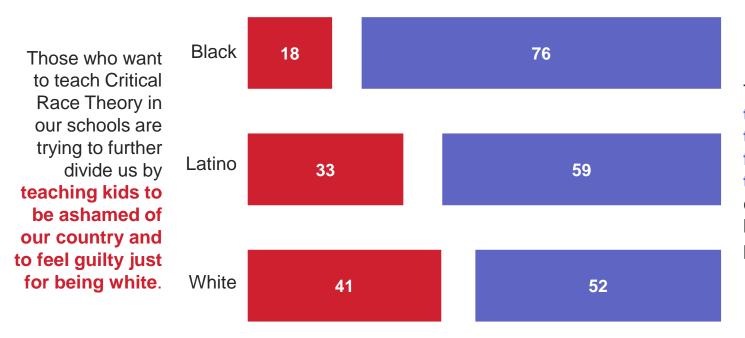
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Majorities Across Racial Lines Choose Message Focused On 'Honest, Complete' History And No Censorship By Politicians

CRT-Teaching Pair

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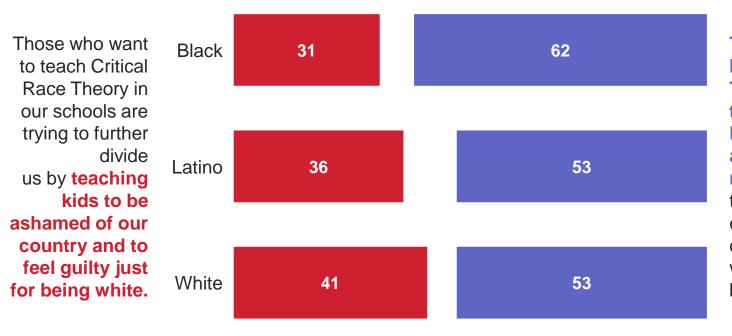


Teachers should have the freedom to teach the honest, complete facts about historical topics like slavery and civil rights without being censored by politicians. (Split)

Similar Message With Southern Focus Performs Same With White Adults But Slightly Weaker With Black And Latino Adults

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The South is the birthplace of both The Confederacy and the Civil Rights Movement. We have a special responsibility to teach the honest. complete facts about our shared history without being censored by politicians. (Split)



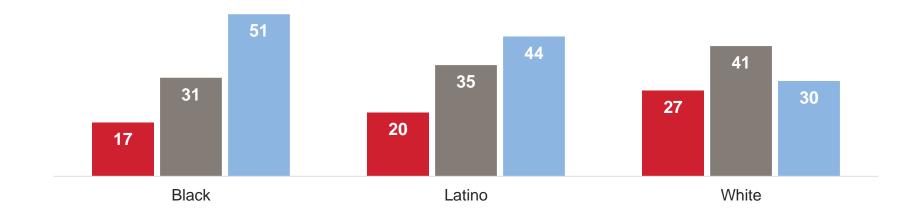
- Black and Latino Southerners demand more from their elected leaders, while
 2-in-3 white adults say they've done enough or gone too far
- Declining numbers of all races recognize disproportionate impact of pandemic on Black and Latino communities
 - 50 percent of Black adults and 59 percent of Latino adults now say their communities have been impacted the same or less
- When it comes to economic recovery, Black adults and Latinas want to prioritize addressing historic inequities, while white adults and Latinos want to return to the way things were as quickly as possible

Black, Latino Adults Want State Leaders To Do More To Fight Virus' Spread

Gov't Efforts On COVID

Thinking about the coronavirus pandemic, how would you describe efforts by the Governor and elected leaders in your state to prevent the spread of the virus?

- They've gone too far in restricting individuals and businesses
- Their efforts have been about right
- They haven't gone far enough in setting rules to prevent its spread

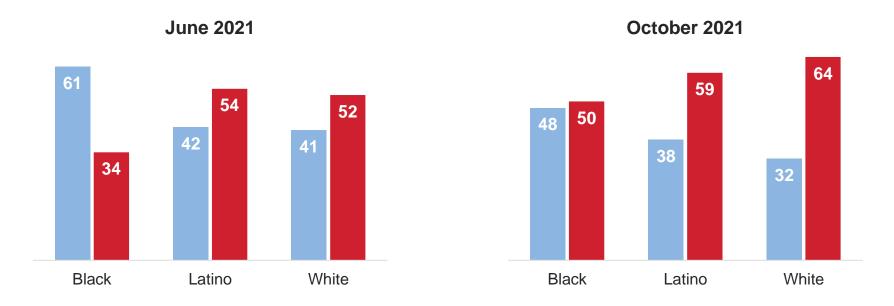


Adults Across Racial Lines Now Less Likely To See Racial Disparities In Pandemic Impact

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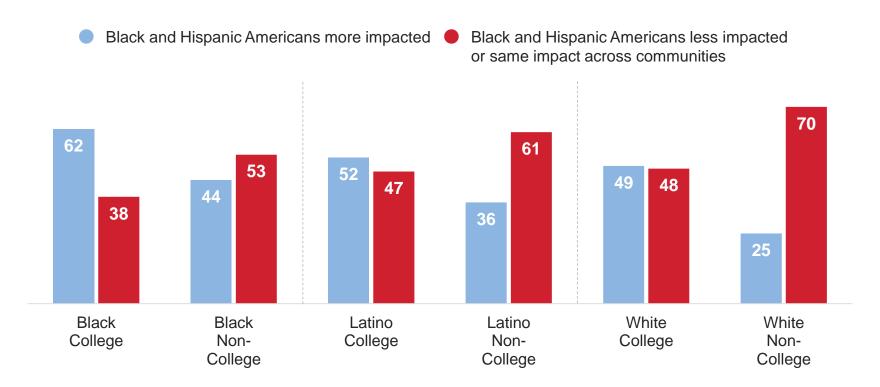
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Majorities Of Non-College-Educated Adults Across Racial Lines Reject Disparate Impact Of The Pandemic

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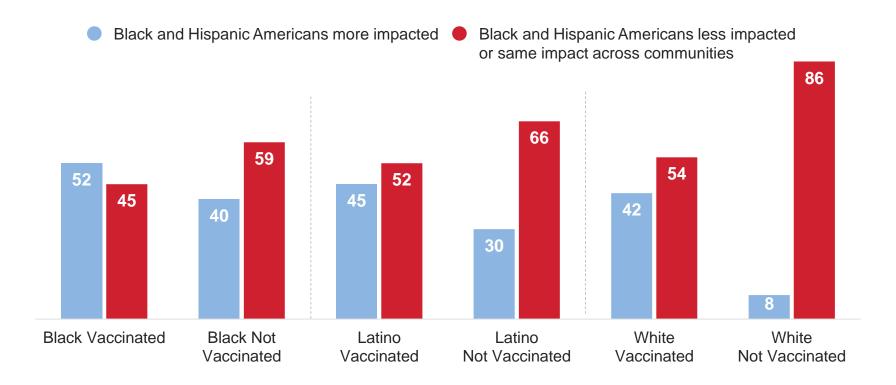
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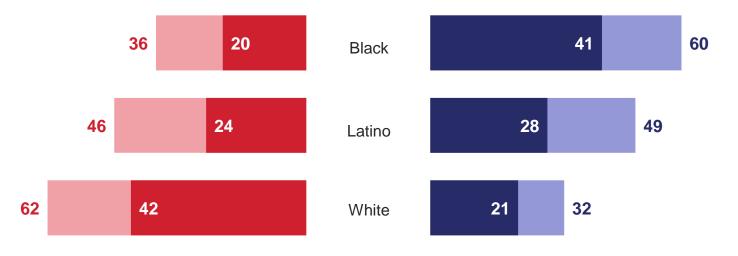
Big Racial Differences On How To Rebuild Post-Pandemic – Return To Normal Vs. Address Inequalities

Disproportionate Impact

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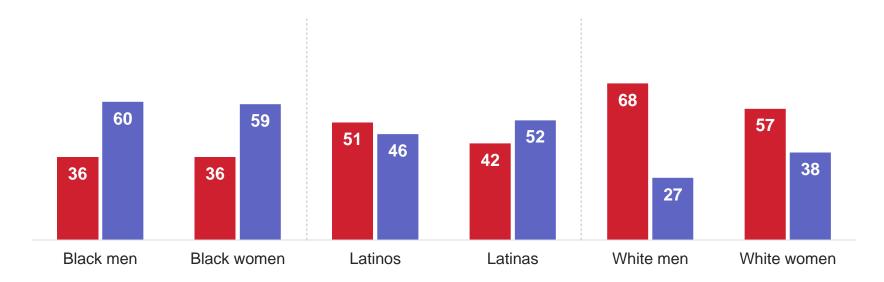
Black Adults Across Gender, Latinas Believe Inequalities In Society Must Be Addressed; White Men Are Once Again The Greatest Obstacle

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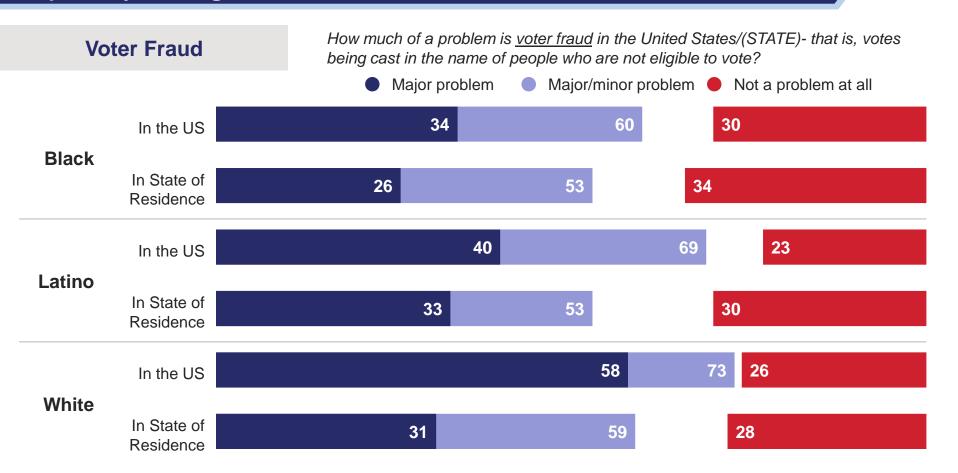
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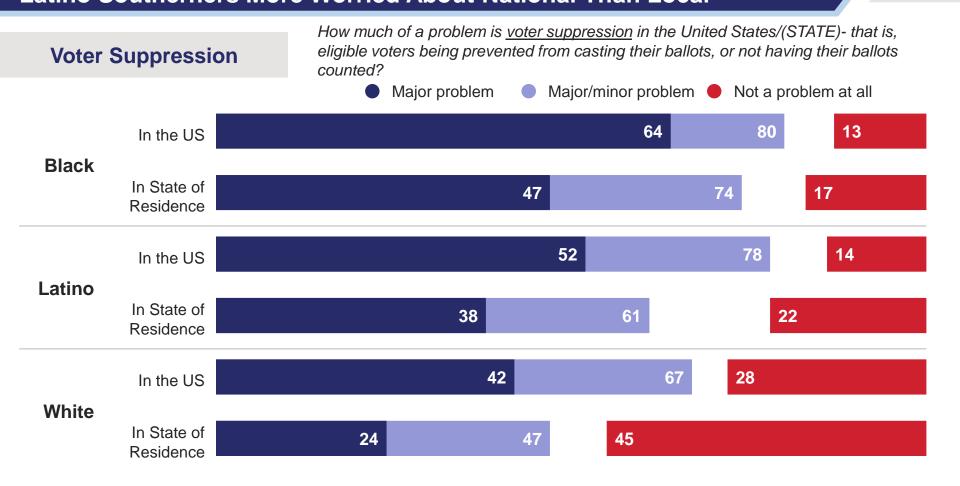


- Black and Latino adults more worried about voter discrimination and voter suppression nationally than locally
 - White adults express great concern about fraud while simultaneously denying voter discrimination is a problem at all
- Despite broad-based concerns about fraud and suppression, about 2-in-3 across racial lines are confident their vote will be counted
 - Confidence lowest among young Latino and Black Southerners
- Broad majorities of Black and Latino adults support easier vote-by-mail, while all races support expanded early voting

Fraud Concerns Greater At National Level Than Within Own State, Especially Among White Southerners



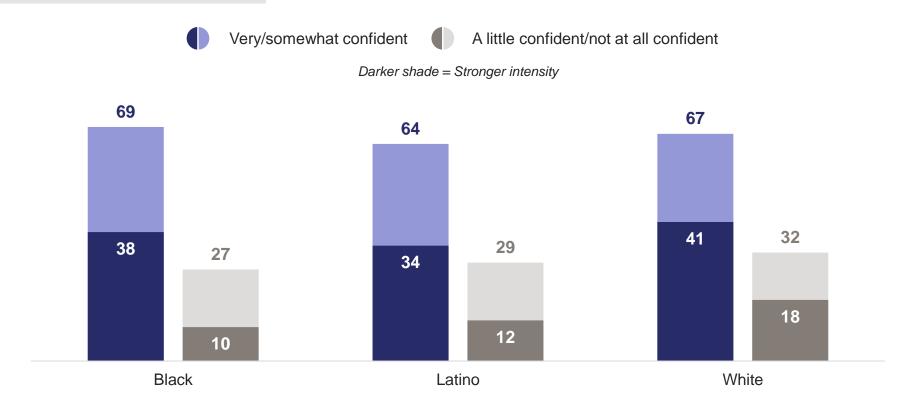
Black Southerners Very Concerned About Suppression At All Levels, Latino Southerners More Worried About National Than Local



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Confident Vote Counted

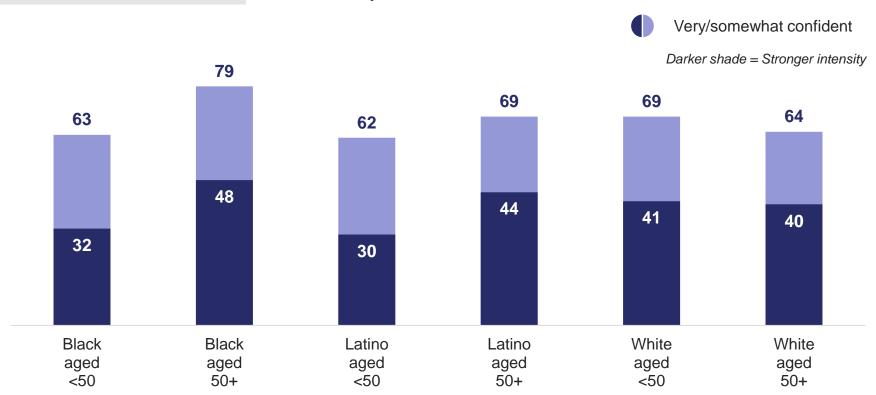
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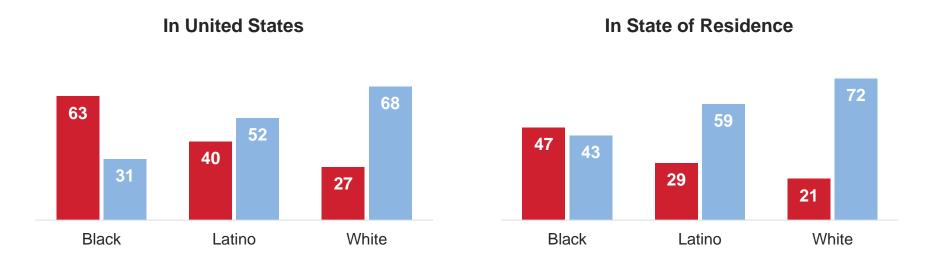
Black, Latino Adults More Likely To See Voter Discrimination Nationwide Than In Their State While White Adults Deny Its Existence At All Levels

Voter Discrimination

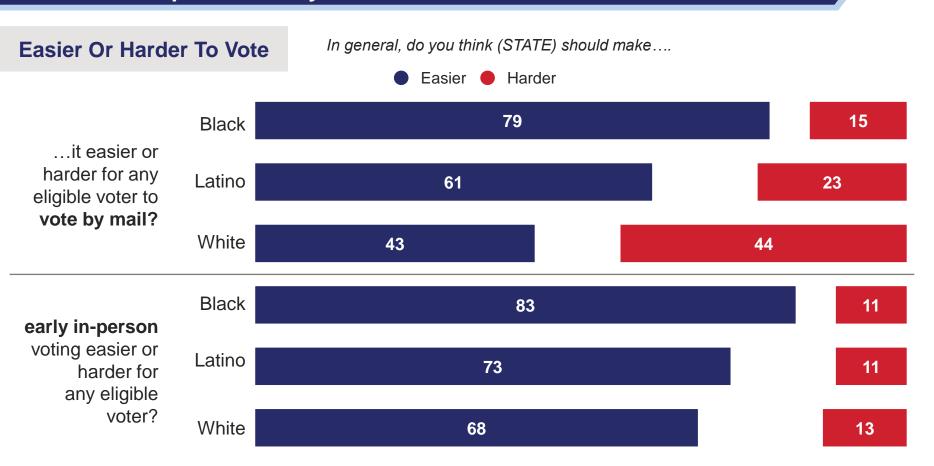
Do you think the system of voting in the US/(STATE) too often discriminates against Black people and other people of color?

OR

Do you think the voting system in the US/(STATE) generally treats all citizens equally, regardless of race or ethnicity?



Vote By Mail Generates Large Racial Divide, But Strong Support Across Races For Expanded Early Vote



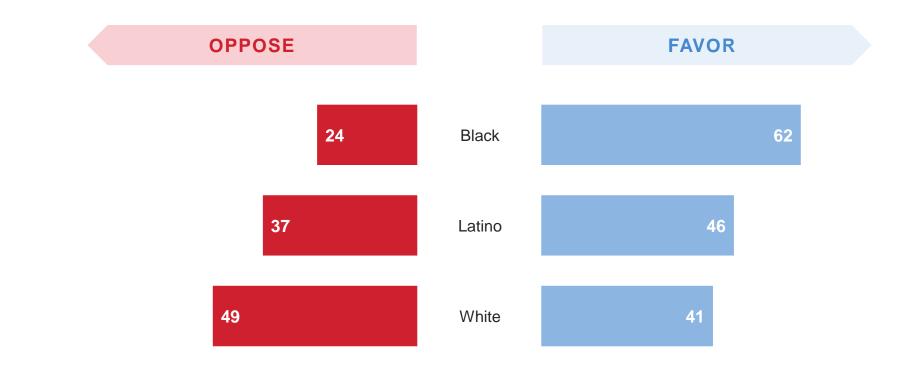


- Latino Southerners' opinions on border issues differ from their views on undocumented immigrants already in the U.S.
- Plurality of Latino adults support asylum for refugees (+9, 46 to 37 percent), but their overall position is closer to white Southerners (-8, 41 to 49 percent) than Black Southerners (+38, 62 to 24 percent)
 - Opposition driven by majorities of white and Latino Republicans, plurality of white Independents
- Broad majorities of Black (72 percent) and Latino (59 percent) adults support path to citizenship for those already in the country
 - Only white Republicans say they should be forced to leave the country

Latino Southerners Closer To White Southerners Than Black Southerners On Asylum For Refugees

Refugees Seeking Asylum

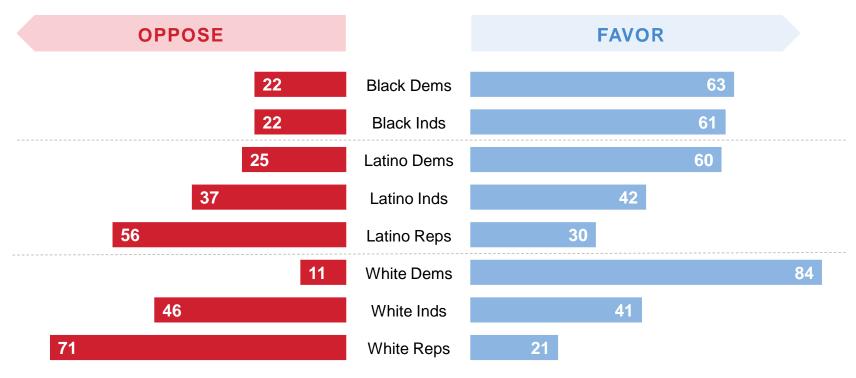
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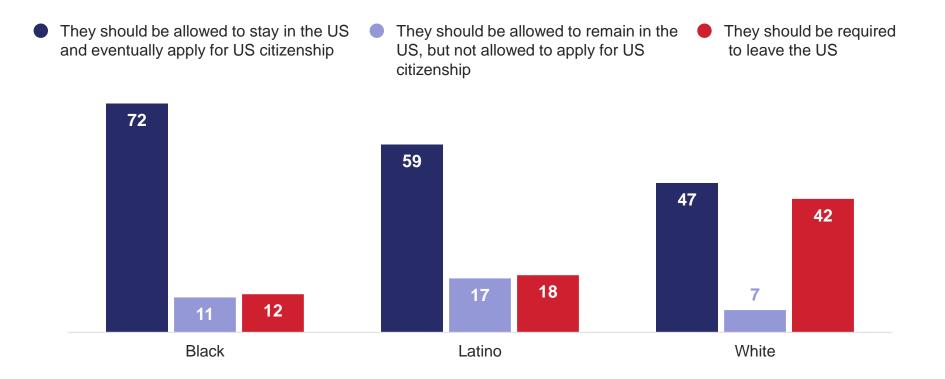
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Large Majorities Of Black And Latino Adults Support Undocumented Staying In Country But White Adults Divided

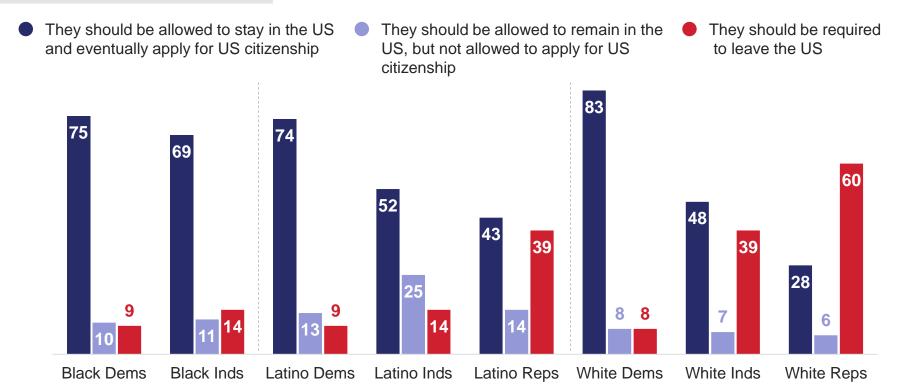
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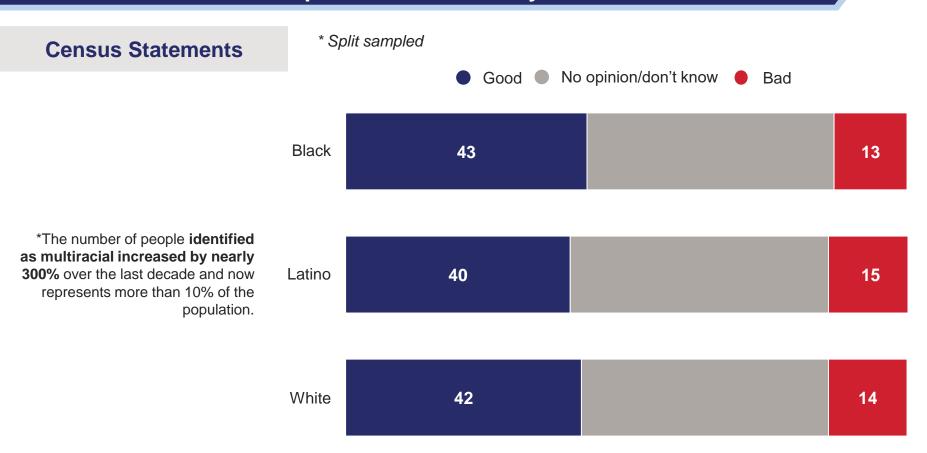




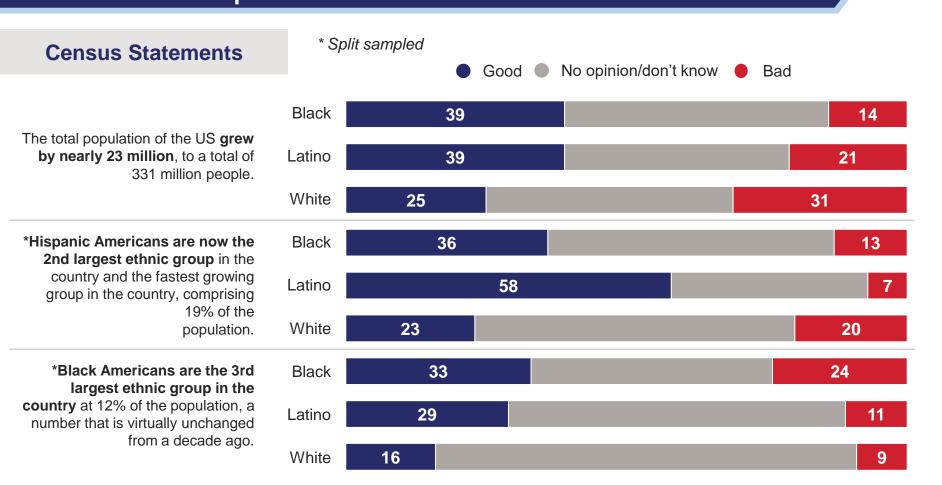
America's Increasing Diversity – Key Findings

- The good agreement across racial lines that increasing number identifying as multiracial is good for the country
- The bad pluralities of all races say decline of rural areas and small towns (while urban and suburban areas grow and thrive) is bad for the country
- The mixed white Southerners are very reticent about statistics on increasing diversity while pluralities of Black and Latino adults say they're good for the country

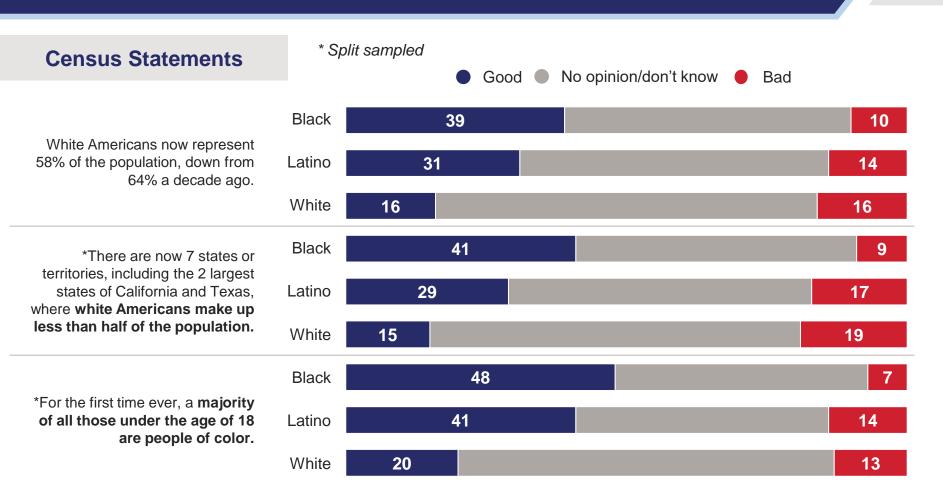
Agreement Across Racial Lines That Growing Multiracial Numbers Are Good Or Have Neutral Impact On The Country



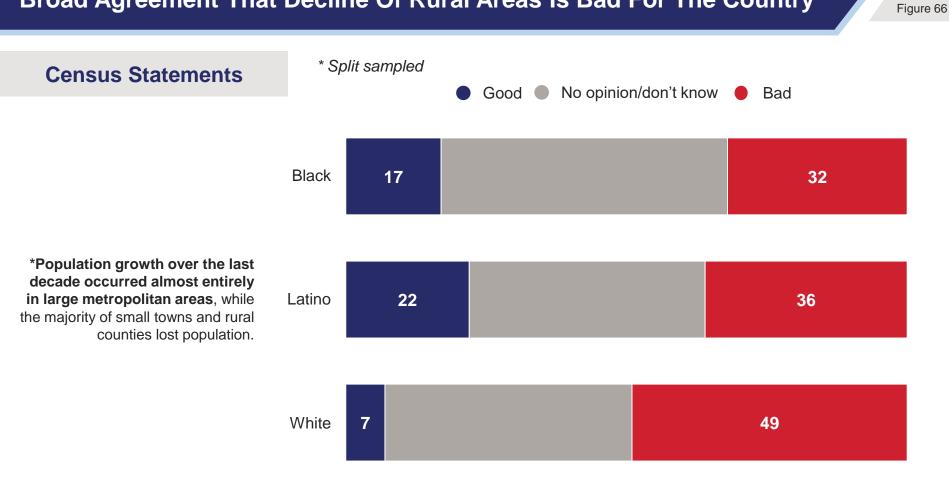
Plurality See Total Pop Growth As 'Good', Majority Of Latino Adults See Their Growth In Population Share As 'Good' But White Adults Less So



Consistent Racial Gaps On Statistics Highlighting Increasing Diversity

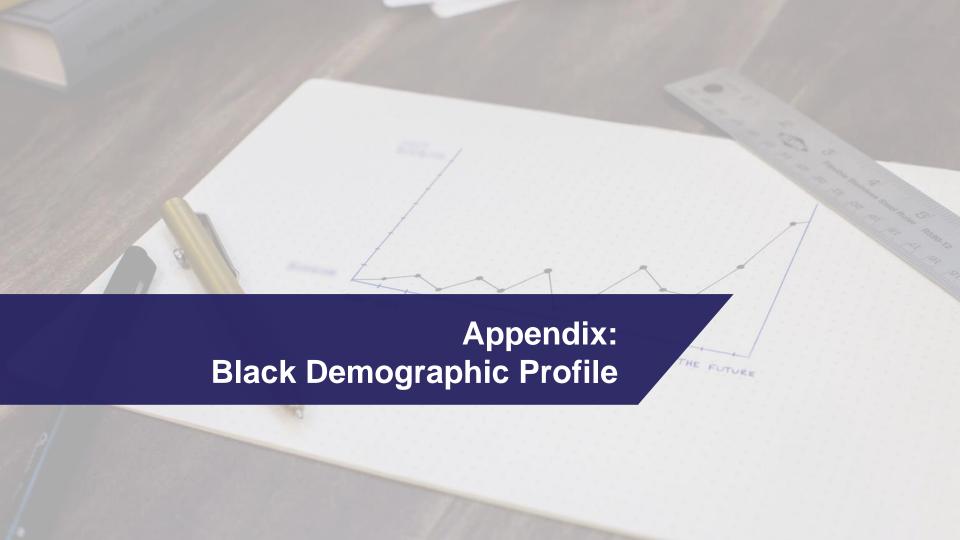


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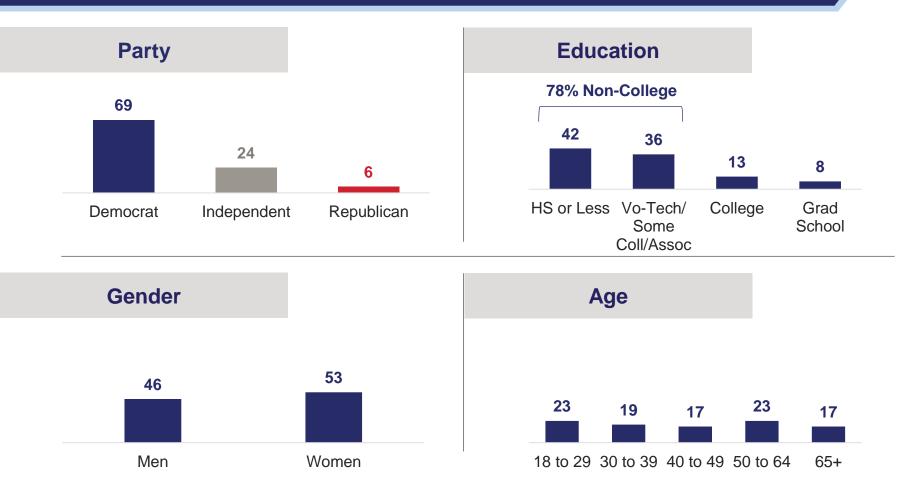


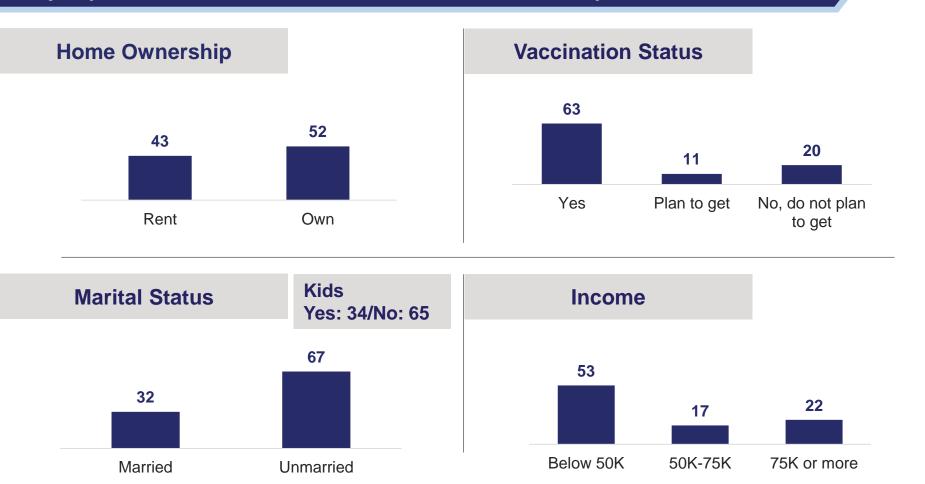
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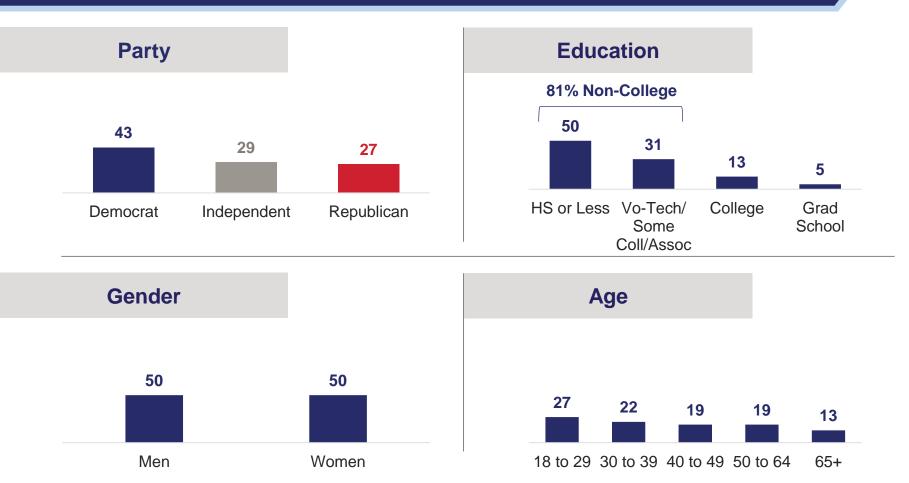
Black Profile: Very Democratic, Non-College Education, More Women Than Men, Mixed Ages



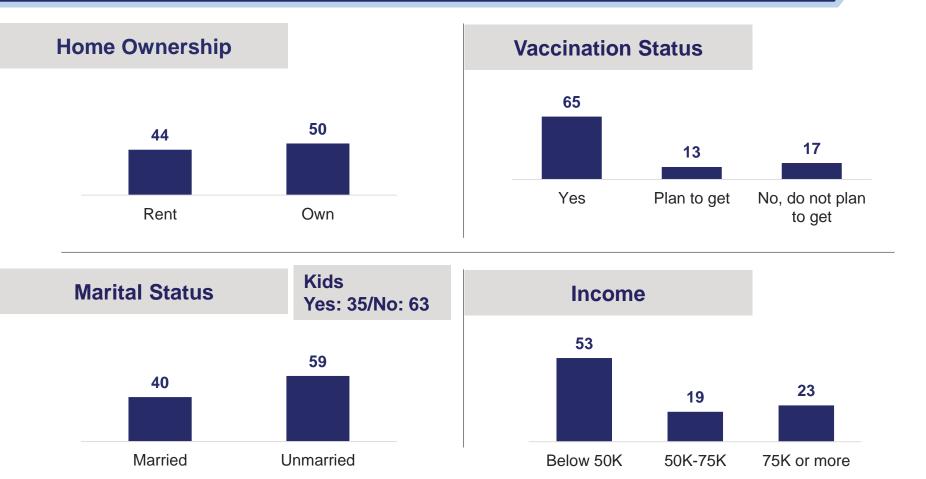


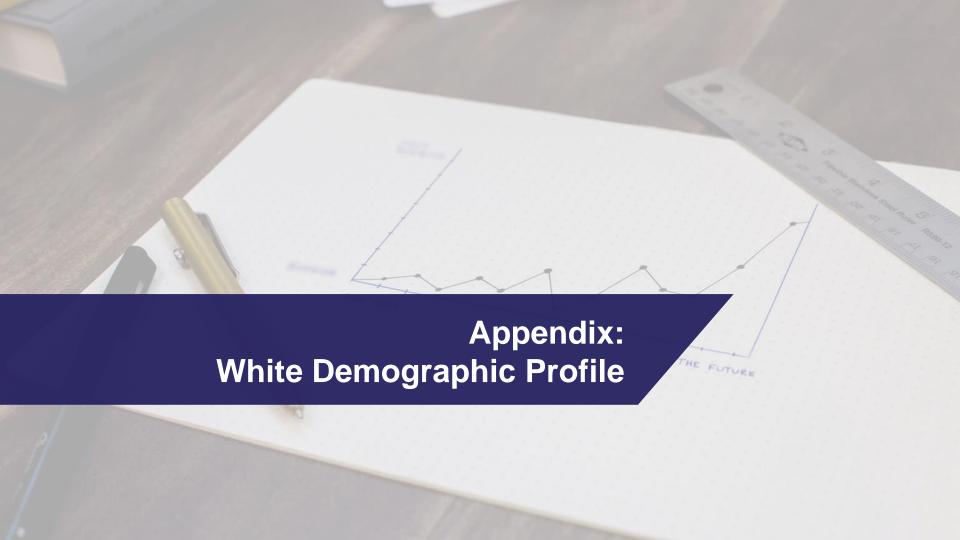


Latino Profile: Democratic, Non-College Education, Even Gender Mix, Very Young



Latino Profile: Majority Vaccinated, Majority Homeowners, Majority Lower Income





White Profile: Republican, Mostly Non-College Education, Even Gender Mix, Older

