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Accountability

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

No Child Left Behind

1a. As you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether the standards are being met. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew the No Child Left Behind Act.

What do you think Congress should do? Should they...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Renew the Act as is	31 %	28 %	43 %	42 %	33 %	20 %
Renew with minimal changes	26	29	19	18	26	22
Renew with major changes	25	23	31	23	23	32
Not renew at all	18	20	6	17	17	25

1b. As you may know, federal legislation requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether the standards are being met. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew this federal legislation. What do you think Congress should do? Should they...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Renew the Act as is	37 %	36 %	50 %	31 %	39 %	30 %
Renew with minimal changes	34	37	21	32	34	29
Renew with major changes	18	16	20	21	16	26
Not renew at all	11	11	9	16	11	16

National Standards

2. Under No Child Left Behind, should there be a single national standard and a single national test for all students in the United States? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
One test and standard for all students	73 %	74 %	68 %	73 %	74 %	63 %
Different tests and standards in different states	27	26	32	27	26	37

Student Accountability

3. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	52 %	54 %	49 %	43 %	52 %	53 %
Somewhat support	29	28	33	36	30	26
Neither support nor oppose	9	9	5	9	9	7
Somewhat oppose	6	6	8	5	6	9
Completely oppose	3	3	5	6	3	6

4. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	60 %	61 %	53 %	53 %	61 %	53 %
Somewhat support	25	23	30	29	24	26
Neither support nor oppose	6	7	4	4	6	6
Somewhat oppose	6	5	6	7	5	9
Completely oppose	4	3	8	6	4	7

5. Do you think students who pass an examination at the tenth-grade level should be given the opportunity to transfer immediately to a community college, or do you think all students should be required to complete four years of high school before going on to further education?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Give opportunity to transfer to community college	45 %	45 %	42 %	43 %	46 %	44 %
Require four years of high school	55	55	58	57	54	56

School Accountability under NCLB

6. Do you support or oppose making available to the general public the average test scores of students at each public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	38 %	39 %	33 %	40 %	38 %	40 %
Somewhat support	22	22	18	20	21	23
Neither support nor oppose	20	20	24	21	21	16
Somewhat oppose	9	9	12	9	9	8
Completely oppose	11	10	13	10	10	12

7. Suppose a public school does not meet state-determined standards for five years in a row. Do you support or oppose the following measures?

7.1 replacing teachers

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	33 %	34 %	27 %	36 %	34 %	32 %
Somewhat support	34	33	44	28	34	32
Neither support nor oppose	22	23	18	25	24	14
Somewhat oppose	6	7	5	6	6	12
Completely oppose	4	3	6	6	3	9

7.2 replacing the principal

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	38 %	37 %	39 %	40 %	38 %	40 %
Somewhat support	30	32	28	23	30	29
Neither support nor oppose	23	23	19	28	25	14
Somewhat oppose	6	5	7	5	5	11
Completely oppose	3	2	6	5	3	5

7.3 turning the school into a charter school

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	12 %	12 %	14 %	12 %	11 %	19 %
Somewhat support	17	17	20	14	17	20
Neither support nor oppose	46	46	38	51	48	28
Somewhat oppose	11	11	12	10	10	15
Completely oppose	14	13	16	13	13	19

School Choice

Vouchers

8. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to pay the tuition of low income students who choose to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	21 %	14 %	41 %	35 %	21 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	24	24	27	26	25	22
Neither favor nor oppose	20	22	17	17	21	18
Somewhat oppose	15	17	8	12	15	17
Completely oppose	19	23	7	11	19	25

9. Some people say low-income students participating in these programs should be allowed to attend either religious or nonreligious private schools. Other people say low income students participating in these programs should be allowed to attend only non religious private schools. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Choose both religious and non-religious schools	85 %	84 %	91 %	82 %	85 %	81 %
Choose only non-religious schools	15	16	9	18	15	19

10. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit to low-income parents who send their child to a private school. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	27 %	22 %	42 %	37 %	27 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	26	26	25	23	26	25
Neither favor nor oppose	23	22	21	24	23	22
Somewhat oppose	10	12	6	7	10	13
Completely oppose	15	17	6	8	15	15

Charter Schools

11. Many states allow for the formation of charter schools, which are privately managed under a renewable performance contract that exempts them from many of the regulations of other public schools. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	19 %	18 %	25 %	19 %	19 %	22 %
Somewhat support	25	24	22	29	25	25
Neither support nor oppose	42	44	41	35	43	33
Somewhat oppose	8	8	5	10	8	8
Completely oppose	6	6	7	7	5	13

12. Do you think charter schools should be given more, less, or the same amount of government funding for each child as other public schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
More	7 %	4 %	14 %	9 %	7 %	9 %
Less	25	27	16	22	24	32
Same	68	68	70	69	70	59

13. Based on what you have heard about charter schools, are the following statements true or false?

13.1 Charter schools are free to teach religion

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
True	24 %	24 %	22 %	25 %	24 %	28 %
False	13	13	9	15	12	19
Don't know	63	63	69	60	64	54

13.2 Charter schools may not charge tuition

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
True	16 %	15 %	18 %	16 %	14 %	27 %
False	24	22	21	28	23	28
Don't know	60	62	61	56	63	45

School Choice under NCLB

14. Students attending a public school that fails to meet state-determined standards for two years in a row currently have the option of using government funds to attend another public school in their district, provided that school meets state determined standards for student learning. Do you support or oppose also allowing these students to attend any of the following schools?

14.1 public schools in another district

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	31 %	30 %	32 %	33 %	31 %	35 %
Somewhat support	29	28	35	30	29	26
Neither support nor oppose	26	27	20	23	27	16
Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	10	7	13
Completely oppose	6	7	5	5	6	10

14.2 a private school

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	22 %	22 %	23 %	24 %	22 %	25 %
Somewhat support	25	24	29	30	25	26
Neither support nor oppose	29	29	31	30	31	20
Somewhat oppose	10	11	9	7	10	11
Completely oppose	13	15	8	9	13	18

14.3 public schools in their district that failed to meet state standards

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely support	11 %	11 %	14 %	11 %	11 %	17 %
Somewhat support	14	13	20	14	14	16
Neither support nor oppose	30	31	24	32	32	22
Somewhat oppose	19	18	19	23	19	20
Completely oppose	25	27	24	20	25	25

Home Schooling

15. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you favor or oppose allowing home-schooled children to attend selected classes at local public schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	30 %	31 %	17 %	24 %	30 %	31 %
Somewhat favor	25	24	25	30	26	22
Neither favor nor oppose	28	28	36	27	29	22
Somewhat oppose	9	9	13	12	9	9
Completely oppose	8	8	10	6	6	16

16. Do you favor or oppose allowing home-schooled children to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities at local public schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	34 %	32 %	24 %	37 %	34 %	33 %
Somewhat favor	22	22	22	24	23	18
Neither favor nor oppose	26	27	30	25	26	24
Somewhat oppose	8	8	12	7	8	12
Completely oppose	10	11	12	7	10	14

17. Do you know any family that currently home schools their child?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Yes	40 %	46 %	24 %	24 %	38 %	56 %
No	60	54	76	76	62	44

Teacher Pay and Licensure

Differential Pay

18. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher's salary, in part, on students' academic progress [on state tests]?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	14 %	14 %	11 %	16 %	14 %	13 %
Somewhat favor	31	33	22	29	32	23
Neither favor nor oppose	24	22	32	24	25	19
Somewhat oppose	16	16	19	14	16	17
Completely oppose	15	15	16	16	13	28

19. Do you think it is more important to give a larger salary increase to teachers who work in challenging schools, such as schools in central cities? Or is it better to give a smaller salary increase to all teachers?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Larger increase to teachers in challenging schools	53 %	52 %	61 %	45 %	52 %	56 %
Smaller salary increase to all teachers	47	48	39	55	48	44

20. Some states are considering increasing teacher salaries. Do you think it is more important to give a larger salary increase to teachers in subject areas where there are shortages, such as math and science? Or is it better to give a smaller salary increase to all teachers?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Larger salary increase to teachers in math and science	33 %	32 %	38 %	33 %	33 %	31 %
Smaller salary increase to all teachers	67	68	62	67	67	69

State Licensure

21. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Completely favor	16 %	15 %	17 %	15 %	15 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	32	31	29	39	32	30
Neither favor nor oppose	20	20	19	16	21	11
Somewhat oppose	18	18	16	19	18	17
Completely oppose	15	16	19	12	13	24

School Spending

School Spending

22. Keeping in mind that the money for public education has to be paid by taxes, do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Greatly increase	13 %	12 %	22 %	16 %	12 %	22 %
Increase	38	35	43	44	38	41
Stay about the same	38	42	28	34	39	29
Decrease	8	9	3	5	8	5
Greatly decrease	2	3	4	1	2	3

23. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Very confident	16 %	13 %	34 %	18 %	16 %	20 %
Somewhat confident	43	40	46	52	43	44
Not very confident	29	33	17	22	30	25
Not confident at all	12	14	4	8	12	12

24. Which do you think is a better use of our educational dollars, increasing teacher salaries or decreasing class size?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Increasing teacher salaries	23 %	21 %	25 %	27 %	23 %	19 %
Decreasing class size	77	79	75	73	77	81

Voting in School Board Elections

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25. Many school board elections are held at a time different from other elections. As a result, many people are unable to vote in them. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Voted	40 %	40 %	42 %	34 %	36 %	57 %
Did not vote	36	36	35	34	38	25
Ineligible	4	4	2	9	4	3
Don't know, can't remember	21	20	21	23	22	15

Overall Assessment

Overall Assessment

26. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves, in this community, were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools here?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
A	9 %	10 %	7 %	8 %	9 %	12 %
B	34	38	20	32	34	34
C	38	36	48	41	39	37
D	13	13	18	11	13	11
Fail	5	4	7	9	5	7

27. How about the public schools in the nation as a whole? What grade would you give the public schools nationally?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Employee? (Past or Present)</u>	
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Not Employee</u>	<u>Employee</u>
A	3 %	1 %	7 %	8 %	2 %	5 %
B	19	18	20	17	19	16
C	55	56	52	58	55	54
D	20	22	14	14	20	19
Fail	4	3	6	2	4	6

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Satisfaction with Public Schools

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	2 %	1 %	4 %	2 %	2 %
B	18	18	16	21	32
C	54	57	48	46	51
D	20	18	22	25	13
Fail	6	5	9	7	1

2. How about the public schools in your local community? What grade would you give the public schools here?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	9 %	10 %	6 %	9 %	15 %
B	31	34	18	30	46
C	35	35	44	28	24
D	18	16	20	28	11
Fail	7	6	12	5	5

Comparing Public Schools to Other Local Services

3. How about the post offices in your local community? What grade would you give the post offices here?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	22 %	22 %	24 %	16 %	29 %
B	48	48	48	51	48
C	21	20	19	25	18
D	7	8	6	6	4
Fail	3	2	4	2	1

4. How about the police force in your local community? What grade would you give the police here?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
A	19 %	20 %	16 %	21 %	22 %
B	45	47	39	43	52
C	24	24	31	25	19
D	7	7	8	7	5
Fail	4	3	5	5	1

5. Generally speaking, would you say that the public schools in your community are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Heading in right direction	56 %	57 %	56 %	52 %	64 %
Off on the wrong track	44	43	44	48	36

No Child Left Behind and School Accountability

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

6a. As you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew the No Child Left Behind Act. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Renew the Act as is	21 %	20 %	26 %	21 %	11 %
Renew with minimal changes	29	28	26	36	15
Renew with major changes	27	26	34	23	33
Not renew at all	24	26	14	20	42

6b. As you may know, federal legislation requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew this federal legislation. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Renew the Act as is	23 %	24 %	26 %	19 %	7 %
Renew with minimal changes	34	35	37	25	26
Renew with major changes	27	26	27	40	40
Not renew at all	15	15	11	16	28

Setting National Standards

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

7a. For holding schools accountable, should the federal government establish the same set of educational standards for the whole country and give the same tests in math, science, and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
One test and standard for all students	69 %	69 %	71 %	69 %	54 %
Different tests and standards in different states	19	17	22	21	21
No national or state tests should be given	13	14	7	10	25

7b. For holding schools accountable, should all state governments adopt the same set of educational standards and give the same tests in math, science and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
One test and standard for all students	69 %	70 %	65 %	64 %	56 %
Different tests and standards in different states	19	18	22	26	24
No national or state tests should be given	11	12	12	10	20

Online Education

8. *Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Willing	69 %	71 %	73 %	56 %	68 %
Not willing	31	29	27	44	32

*Asked only of participants with school-age children in their home

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following four questions:

9a. High school students in some rural communities have access to only a limited number of course offerings in their public schools. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	23 %	23 %	20 %	20 %	23 %
Somewhat favor	41	42	45	30	40
Neither favor nor oppose	24	20	32	35	15
Somewhat oppose	10	11	3	11	15
Completely oppose	3	4	0	4	6

9b. Some high schools offer advanced courses for which students may be able to receive college credit. Do you favor or oppose public funding for such courses that students take online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	31 %	27 %	40 %	43 %	42 %
Somewhat favor	37	38	36	40	29
Neither favor nor oppose	18	19	13	9	11
Somewhat oppose	9	11	7	1	13
Completely oppose	5	5	4	7	5

9c. A variety of education programs are currently available to children who drop out of high school. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	11 %	7 %	36 %	13 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	29	29	26	24	22
Neither favor nor oppose	30	32	19	25	23
Somewhat oppose	19	19	10	27	24
Completely oppose	12	13	10	10	15

9d. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their high school children at home. Do you favor or oppose public funding for courses that these students take for credit online over the Internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	8 %	6 %	11 %	11 %	3 %
Somewhat favor	18	17	26	21	20
Neither favor nor oppose	30	32	30	21	18
Somewhat oppose	25	25	15	34	33
Completely oppose	19	20	18	14	27

Home Schooling

10. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	45 %	49 %	25 %	32 %	64 %
No	55	51	75	68	36

Charter Schools and Vouchers

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following three questions:

11a. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely support	16 %	15 %	15 %	14 %	18 %
Somewhat support	26	27	27	23	29
Neither support nor oppose	41	41	48	46	20
Somewhat oppose	10	10	9	11	16
Completely oppose	6	7	1	6	17

11b. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. However, these schools cannot charge tuition and they cannot provide religious instruction. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely support	14 %	12 %	9 %	22 %	11 %
Somewhat support	29	30	22	32	33
Neither support nor oppose	39	41	41	31	24
Somewhat oppose	11	11	24	5	23
Completely oppose	6	6	4	11	9

11c. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. However, these schools cannot choose among students who apply, they cannot charge tuition, and they cannot provide religious instruction. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely support	14 %	14 %	19 %	6 %	11 %
Somewhat support	26	26	27	24	30
Neither support nor oppose	43	43	41	47	24
Somewhat oppose	10	10	8	13	17
Completely oppose	7	7	5	9	18

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following four questions:

12a. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	14 %	10 %	32 %	19 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	26	19	33	44	24
Neither favor nor oppose	20	20	20	21	12
Somewhat oppose	18	23	5	9	22
Completely oppose	22	28	9	7	33

12b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of all students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	14 %	14 %	26 %	8 %	12 %
Somewhat favor	23	22	24	29	18
Neither favor nor oppose	18	18	24	15	4
Somewhat oppose	22	22	23	22	21
Completely oppose	22	24	3	26	45

12c. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of all students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Some people say that such a program would introduce much needed competition to the public school system. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	17 %	19 %	4 %	17 %	14 %
Somewhat favor	26	20	46	38	20
Neither favor nor oppose	25	22	26	28	21
Somewhat oppose	17	19	16	3	15
Completely oppose	16	19	7	14	30

12d. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Some people say that such a program would improve the educational opportunities available to the poor. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Completely favor	16 %	12 %	28 %	18 %	15 %
Somewhat favor	27	26	27	29	21
Neither favor nor oppose	27	25	35	29	12
Somewhat oppose	15	19	3	8	25
Completely oppose	15	17	7	15	26

Tax Credits

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

13a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low and moderate-income parents who send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	22 %	20 %	26 %	27 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	32	32	37	27	28
Neither favor nor oppose	19	20	18	16	12
Somewhat oppose	15	15	17	13	15
Completely oppose	13	14	2	16	26

13b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely favor	25 %	22 %	31 %	29 %	27 %
Somewhat favor	39	39	42	46	38
Neither favor nor oppose	21	22	24	17	18
Somewhat oppose	8	10	2	4	8
Completely oppose	7	8	1	4	9

School Integration

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

14a. In order to promote school diversity, should public school districts be allowed to take the racial background of students into account when assigning students to schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Definitely	5 %	4 %	7 %	4 %	4 %
Probably	11	10	23	10	15
Not sure	21	21	12	26	20
Probably not	21	23	15	19	27
Definitely not	42	42	43	40	34

14b. In order to promote school diversity, should school districts be allowed to take the family income of students into account when assigning students to schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Definitely	4 %	3 %	9 %	5 %	5 %
Probably	9	8	8	12	12
Not sure	25	23	31	24	20
Probably not	23	24	21	23	24
Definitely not	39	41	31	36	38

Mainstreaming the Disabled

15. Some people say that students who have been diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities should be taught in regular classrooms with other students. Other people say that these students should be taught in separate settings at the school. What do you think should be done with students with emotional and behavioral disabilities?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Should be taught in regular classrooms	28 %	27 %	28 %	30 %	25 %
Should be taught in separate settings	72	73	72	70	75

Single-Sex Public Schools

16. Some people have proposed that public school districts offer parents the option of sending their child to an all-boys or all-girls school. What do you think about this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Completely support	13 %	11 %	14 %	17 %	15 %
Somewhat support	24	24	29	23	32
Neither support nor oppose	37	38	36	37	28
Somewhat oppose	14	16	10	14	12
Completely oppose	11	11	10	9	13

17. *Would you consider sending your own child to an all-boys or all-girls school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Definitely would consider	14 %	12 %	21 %	13 %	12 %
Probably would consider	28	27	32	31	36
Probably would not consider	37	38	28	40	30
Definitely would not consider	21	23	20	16	22

*Asked only of participants with school-age children in their home

The 2008 Presidential Election

18. All things considered, which party do you think has the better record on education issues?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Democrat	61 %	54 %	91 %	74 %	68 %
Republican	39	46	9	26	32

19. All things considered, which party do you think is more likely to improve the nation's schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Democrat	62 %	55 %	89 %	75 %	68 %
Republican	38	45	11	25	32

Spending

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following two questions:

20a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Greatly increase	18 %	13 %	41 %	31 %	35 %
Increase	43	44	35	43	43
Stay about the same	32	36	17	22	20
Decrease	5	5	6	3	1
Greatly decrease	2	2	2	1	1

20b. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Greatly increase	10 %	8 %	22 %	16 %	21 %
Increase	40	39	45	47	46
Stay about the same	39	41	30	31	28
Decrease	8	9	4	5	4
Greatly decrease	2	3	0	1	1

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the name of the test used for accountability purposes in his or her state.

21. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Very confident	14 %	10 %	33 %	20 %	25 %
Somewhat confident	43	43	42	48	47
Not very confident	30	32	18	24	21
Not confident at all	13	15	6	7	7

School Discipline

22. To the best of your knowledge, how serious are problems like fighting and property destruction at your local public schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Serious problem	15 %	12 %	26 %	21 %	12 %
Somewhat of a problem	39	40	36	45	40
Not much of a problem	40	42	33	32	38
Not a problem	6	7	6	2	9

23. Some people say that principals should be the final authority on disciplinary matters. Other people say that students who have been suspended from school have a right to appeal their punishment to the local school board. Which do you think is preferable?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Principals should be the final authority	41 %	40 %	42 %	43 %	57 %
Students should have a right to appeal their punishment	59	60	58	57	43

Religion*

*Note: For questions in this category responses of those who identified themselves as “Born Again” are indicated.

24. Do you think the public schools in your community generally promote the values that you think are most important, or do you think that the values emphasized at school often come into conflict with your own?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>						
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>		<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Always promote my values	4 %	2 %	9 %	5 %		6 %	4 %
Sometimes promote my values	51	51	51	50		59	43
School values sometimes come into conflict with mine	36	36	31	41		28	38
School values often come into conflict with mine	10	11	9	4		7	14

25. In some public school districts, parents have requested that some time in each day be set aside for silent prayer and reflection. What do you think about this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>						
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>		<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely support	34 %	33 %	49 %	33 %		28 %	56 %
Somewhat support	16	16	15	11		16	17
Neither support nor oppose	28	27	25	33		25	20
Somewhat oppose	8	9	2	10		11	3
Completely oppose	14	16	8	13		21	3

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following five questions:

26A. How would you feel about a group of religious students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	42 %	40 %	52 %	56 %	53 %	68 %
Somewhat favor	16	17	27	6	10	17
Neither favor nor oppose	31	33	15	28	26	13
Somewhat oppose	6	6	0	4	3	2
Completely oppose	4	4	6	6	8	0

26B. How would you feel about a group of Mormon students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	28 %	30 %	21 %	24 %	31 %	30 %
Somewhat favor	15	16	12	10	16	14
Neither favor nor oppose	43	42	48	36	43	43
Somewhat oppose	4	3	11	9	6	5
Completely oppose	10	9	8	21	4	7

26C. How would you feel about a group of Muslim students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	16 %	15 %	15 %	22 %	27 %	13 %
Somewhat favor	11	11	13	2	19	12
Neither favor nor oppose	50	50	47	55	34	44
Somewhat oppose	8	10	0	8	6	7
Completely oppose	15	15	25	13	13	23

26D. How would you feel about a group of atheist students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	11 %	10 %	14 %	8 %	22 %	11 %
Somewhat favor	7	9	1	3	7	7
Neither favor nor oppose	53	49	53	70	41	47
Somewhat oppose	11	12	14	3	7	12
Completely oppose	18	20	18	17	23	23

26E. How would you feel about a group of Evangelical students organizing an after-school club at your local public school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>					
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>	<u>Born Again</u>
Completely favor	31 %	32 %	35 %	23 %	34 %	51 %
Somewhat favor	17	16	13	19	18	16
Neither favor nor oppose	41	42	43	40	28	29
Somewhat oppose	4	5	2	3	8	3
Completely oppose	7	6	7	15	11	2

School Board Politics

27. To the best of your knowledge, are members of your local school board elected or appointed by another public official such as a mayor?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Elected	82 %	85 %	72 %	77 %	90 %
Appointed	18	15	28	23	10

If respondents answered “Elected” to the preceding question they were asked the following:

27.1. Many school board elections are held at a time different from other elections; and very little information is easily available about the candidates in most school board elections. As a result, only a small fraction of the American public tends to vote in these elections. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Voted	34 %	36 %	29 %	26 %	55 %
Did not vote	42	41	47	43	30
Ineligible	5	4	4	7	3
Don't know, can't remember	19	18	20	24	12

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following four questions:

28A. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	63 %	63 %	54 %	69 %	67 %
No	37	37	46	31	33

28B. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. This candidate is supported by the local teachers union. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	66 %	65 %	59 %	67 %	65 %
No	34	35	41	33	35

28C. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. This candidate is supported by the local Parent Teacher Association. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	61 %	60 %	50 %	69 %	70 %
No	39	40	50	31	30

28D. Imagine a school board candidate who proposes shifting funds from after-school sports programs to after-school academic programs. This candidate is supported by local business leaders. Would you vote for such a candidate?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Yes	64 %	64 %	52 %	70 %	59 %
No	36	36	48	30	41

Presidential Election

29. In the upcoming presidential election, do you expect to vote for the Democratic candidate, the Republican candidate, or someone from a different party?

	<u>National</u>	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>			<u>Public School Teachers</u>
		<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Democrat	52 %	45 %	88 %	64 %	60 %
Republican	37	45	5	23	36
Someone from different party	11	10	7	12	5

30. How strong is your support for a candidate from this party?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Very strong	31 %	27 %	57 %	35 %	37 %
Strong	22	22	21	21	27
Somewhat strong	27	28	16	29	21
Not strong at all	20	23	6	14	14

Additional Information

31. Do you know any students who have taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	12 %	12 %	6 %	14 %	31 %
No	88	88	94	86	69

If respondents answered “Yes” to the preceding question they were asked the following:

31.1. Have any of your own children ever taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
Yes	16 %	14 %	16 %	14 %	64 %
No	84	86	84	86	36

Education Next – PEPG Survey – 2009

Public School Performance

Knowledge of Student Performance

1. A 2006 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 29 industrialized countries. What is your best guess of where American 15-year-olds ranked on this test?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) 1-5 (best)	3 %	2 %	4 %	7 %	0 %
b) 6-10	8	6	5	18	8
c) 11-15	22	21	24	27	13
d) 16-20	31	30	37	30	25
e) 21-25	21	24	15	11	33
f) 26-29 (worst)	16	17	14	6	21

2. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students in U.S. public school who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
Mean	66 %	69 %	56 %	59 %	66 %

Grading the Public Schools (Experiment with 3 conditions)

3a. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A	1 %	1 %	1 %	1 %	1 %
b) B	17	17	11	28	26
c) C	57	59	55	49	56
d) D	19	20	23	13	13
e) Fail	6	3	10	8	4

3b. A 2006 government survey ranked the math skills of 15-year-olds in 29 industrialized countries. In this survey, the United States ranked 24th. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A	2 %	1 %	10 %	* %	2 %
b) B	11	10	4	20	30
c) C	52	50	59	56	45
d) D	25	28	20	15	21
e) Fail	10	11	8	9	2

3c. According to the most recent available data, roughly 75 percent of 9th graders in U.S. public schools graduate from high school within four years. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) A	2 %	1 %	3 %	4 %	2 %
b) B	18	19	24	10	36
c) C	56	56	57	62	46
d) D	19	21	9	15	12
e) Fail	5	4	7	9	4

No Child Left Behind and School Accountability

No Child Left Behind (Experiment with 2 conditions)

4a. As you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew the No Child Left Behind Act. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Renew the legislation as is	21 %	18 %	23 %	32 %	8 %
b) Renew with minimal changes	28	28	27	26	15
c) Renew with major changes	30	29	34	26	38
d) Not renew at all	22	25	16	16	38

4b. As you may know, federal legislation requires states to set standards in math and reading and to test students each year to determine whether schools are making adequate progress, and to intervene when they are not. This year, Congress is deciding whether to renew this federal legislation. What do you think Congress should do? Should it...

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Renew the legislation as is	25 %	23 %	37 %	31 %	8 %
b) Renew with minimal changes	35	32	42	45	17
c) Renew with major changes	28	31	19	17	47
d) Not renew at all	12	15	2	6	27

Common Standards

5. For holding schools accountable, should all state governments adopt the same set of educational standards and give the same tests in math, science and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) One test and standard for all students	72 %	75 %	71 %	65 %	62 %
b) Different tests and standards in different states	19	16	25	28	23
c) No national or state tests should be given	9	10	4	7	15

State Tests

6*. In your state, students in public schools regularly take the [state test]. Do you think the results from these tests provide good information about the quality of the school in your community?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Excellent information	6 %	5 %	12 %	8 %	2 %
b) Good information	31	31	32	31	23
c) Fair information	34	34	26	39	37
d) Poor information	15	15	11	12	30
e) No opinion	14	14	19	10	8

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the name of the test used for accountability purposes in his or her state.

Charter Schools, Vouchers and Tax Credits

Charter School (Experiment with 3 conditions)

7a. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	14 %	14 %	14 %	17 %	14 %
b) Somewhat support	25	23	35	23	23
c) Neither support nor oppose	44	43	42	52	32
d) Somewhat oppose	10	11	7	5	21
e) Completely oppose	7	9	2	3	10

7b. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. President Barack Obama has expressed support for charter schools. What do you think? Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely support	13 %	10 %	23 %	20 %	11 %
b) Somewhat support	37	38	30	36	32
c) Neither support nor oppose	37	39	32	34	28
d) Somewhat oppose	8	9	5	6	19
e) Completely oppose	6	4	10	5	10

7c. Many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. A recent study presents evidence that students learn more in charter schools than in public schools. What do you think? Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely support	24 %	23 %	37 %	20 %	22 %
b) Somewhat support	29	31	16	25	30
c) Neither support nor oppose	37	35	36	50	21
d) Somewhat oppose	6	6	10	2	14
e) Completely oppose	5	5	1	4	12

Vouchers (Experiment with 4 conditions)

8a. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely support	14 %	7 %	34 %	32 %	12 %
b) Somewhat support	21	21	23	20	18
c) Neither support nor oppose	24	24	24	17	13
d) Somewhat oppose	21	23	12	20	24
e) Completely oppose	21	26	7	11	34

8b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. President Barack Obama has expressed opposition to such a proposal. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely support	12 %	8 %	26 %	21 %	6 %
b) Somewhat support	12	11	19	14	13
c) Neither support nor oppose	23	20	22	43	11
d) Somewhat oppose	21	24	17	6	27
e) Completely oppose	31	37	16	16	42

8c. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. A recent study presents evidence that students learn no more in private schools than in public schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	6 %	3 %	17 %	13 %	12 %
b) Somewhat support	19	18	32	21	10
c) Neither support nor oppose	27	26	32	27	15
d) Somewhat oppose	22	23	8	28	23
e) Completely oppose	26	31	11	11	40

8d. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely support	14 %	10 %	21 %	23 %	4 %
b) Somewhat support	26	22	44	24	22
c) Neither support nor oppose	27	27	24	22	9
d) Somewhat oppose	15	18	4	11	28
e) Completely oppose	19	23	7	20	37

Tax Credits (Experiment with 2 conditions)

9a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	22 %	18 %	33 %	32 %	19 %
b) Somewhat favor	38	39	36	32	38
c) Neither favor nor oppose	24	26	21	21	18
d) Somewhat oppose	9	9	7	8	15
e) Completely oppose	6	7	2	7	10

9b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help low-income parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	15 %	9 %	35 %	22 %	18 %
b) Somewhat favor	31	33	32	25	30
c) Neither favor nor oppose	27	24	30	34	17
d) Somewhat oppose	11	13	1	13	14
e) Completely oppose	16	21	3	7	21

School Spending

School Spending (Experiment with 2 conditions)

10a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Greatly increase	9 %	5 %	21 %	15 %	16 %
b) Increase	37	34	61	41	39
c) Stay about the same	46	52	17	39	40
d) Decrease	7	8	1	5	3
e) Greatly decrease	2	1	0	*	1

10b*. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Greatly increase	7 %	6 %	14 %	7 %	16 %
b) Increase	31	28	34	36	36
c) Stay about the same	53	55	50	45	40
d) Decrease	8	9	2	9	7
e) Greatly decrease	2	3	0	2	2

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on per pupil spending in his or her school district.

11. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Very confident	12 %	8 %	30 %	19 %	18 %
b) Somewhat confident	41	39	47	47	49
c) Not very confident	33	37	19	28	23
d) Not confident at all	13	16	3	6	10

12*. Given the current economic climate, many budgets analysts expect that state and local governments will have to cut spending. As a percentage of their current budgets, in what two areas should the largest cuts should be made?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Medical services	10 %	8 %	8 %	17 %	11 %
b) Elementary and secondary education	10	10	9	7	4
c) Colleges and universities	53	59	35	38	48
d) Police and prisons	30	23	46	46	27
e) Transportation	77	76	83	75	78
f) Aid to the poor	23	24	19	17	31

*Note: Results sum to 200% because respondents selected two areas.

Teacher Pay and Tenure

Teacher Salaries (Experiment with 2 conditions)

13. Do you think that teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Greatly increase	11 %	9 %	20 %	15 %	29 %
b) Increase	45	42	55	56	48
c) Stay about the same	40	45	25	26	19
d) Decrease	4	5	1	3	2
e) Greatly decrease	0	0	*	*	2

14*. In your state, teachers are paid an average annual salary of [amount]. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Greatly increase	8 %	5 %	21 %	13 %	26 %
b) Increase	32	32	36	37	45
c) Stay about the same	53	56	39	45	26
d) Decrease	5	7	1	2	1
e) Greatly decrease	1	1	2	3	2

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the latest available information on average teacher salaries in his or her state.

Merit Pay (Experiment with 3 conditions)

15a. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher’s salary, in part, on his or her students’ academic progress on state tests?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	13 %	14 %	12 %	12 %	0 %
b) Somewhat favor	30	31	20	39	12
c) Neither favor nor oppose	30	26	44	33	18
d) Somewhat oppose	15	15	15	10	27
e) Completely oppose	12	15	9	6	43

15b. President Barack Obama has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers’ salaries, in part, on their students’ academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	16 %	13 %	26 %	26 %	6 %
b) Somewhat favor	40	43	29	29	25
c) Neither favor nor oppose	22	21	29	31	8
d) Somewhat oppose	13	13	16	12	21
e) Completely oppose	8	11	1	2	40

15c. A recent study presents evidence that students learn more when their teachers are paid, in part, according to their academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	14 %	10 %	34 %	14 %	4 %
b) Somewhat favor	35	40	26	24	14
c) Neither favor nor oppose	28	25	33	35	13
d) Somewhat oppose	11	12	4	13	29
e) Completely oppose	12	13	3	14	40

Teacher Tenure

16. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	6 %	4 %	15 %	10 %	20 %
b) Somewhat favor	19	19	24	18	33
c) Neither favor nor oppose	30	26	41	44	16
d) Somewhat oppose	30	35	16	21	23
e) Completely oppose	15	17	4	8	8

17. Some have proposed offering teachers a higher salary in exchange for giving up tenure. What do you think of this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	6 %	4 %	7 %	12 %	9 %
b) Somewhat favor	24	25	29	17	24
c) Neither favor nor oppose	47	46	53	52	32
d) Somewhat oppose	12	14	7	11	19
e) Completely oppose	11	12	4	8	17

18. Another proposal has been made that would require teachers to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	13 %	11 %	15 %	20 %	5 %
b) Somewhat favor	38	39	39	34	19
c) Neither favor nor oppose	29	28	33	35	18
d) Somewhat oppose	12	13	11	6	24
e) Completely oppose	8	10	2	4	34

Virtual, Home, and Single-Sex Schooling

Virtual Schooling (Experiment with 2 conditions)

19a. A proposal has been made to allow middle school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken entirely over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	8 %	6 %	13 %	20 %	6 %
b) Somewhat favor	27	29	27	20	22
c) Neither favor nor oppose	30	27	37	33	23
d) Somewhat oppose	21	24	16	14	27
e) Completely oppose	13	15	7	12	22

19b. A proposal has been made to allow high school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken entirely over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely favor	14 %	12 %	25 %	16 %	14 %
b) Somewhat favor	28	29	19	29	31
c) Neither favor nor oppose	28	26	37	33	19
d) Somewhat oppose	19	22	14	11	21
e) Completely oppose	10	11	5	10	17

Virtual Schooling (Experiment with 3 conditions)

20a. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Very willing	17 %	17 %	18 %	18 %	15 %
b) Somewhat willing	34	36	33	32	38
c) Neither willing nor unwilling	22	22	18	27	8
d) Somewhat unwilling	16	16	14	16	20
e) Very unwilling	11	9	17	7	20

20b. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking most academic courses over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Very willing	7 %	5 %	6 %	14 %	8 %
b) Somewhat willing	21	21	16	27	20
c) Neither willing nor unwilling	19	16	28	26	9
d) Somewhat unwilling	26	29	26	13	19
e) Very unwilling	27	29	24	20	44

20c. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some elective courses over the internet?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Very willing	19 %	17 %	24 %	15 %	17 %
b) Somewhat willing	33	35	28	25	48
c) Neither willing nor unwilling	21	20	24	31	12
d) Somewhat unwilling	14	15	18	11	16
e) Very unwilling	12	13	6	18	8

21. Do you know any students who have taken a course entirely over the internet for middle or high school credit?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Yes	8 %	8 %	8 %	9 %	26 %
b) No	92	92	92	91	74

Home Schooling

22. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Yes	38 %	44 %	19 %	26 %	61 %
b) No	62	56	81	74	39

Single-Sex Schooling

23. Some people have proposed that public school districts offer parents the option of sending their child to an all-boys or all-girls school? What do you think about this proposal?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely support	12 %	12 %	16 %	12 %	17 %
b) Somewhat support	22	22	20	27	28
c) Neither support nor oppose	36	36	43	35	28
d) Somewhat oppose	15	16	12	14	16
e) Completely oppose	14	15	10	13	12

24. Would you consider sending your own child to an all-boys or all-girls school?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Definitely would consider	15 %	14 %	15 %	17 %	19 %
b) Probably would consider	30	29	34	32	32
c) Probably would not consider	35	36	34	26	29
d) Definitely would not consider	21	21	18	25	21

School Governance

Mayoral Control (Experiment with 2 conditions)

25a. In some communities that have a large percentage of low-performing public school students, the mayors have taken control over the entire public school system to attempt to correct the situation. If the public schools in your community had a large percentage of low-performing students, would you favor or oppose having the mayor take control over the schools?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	10 %	7 %	11 %	17 %	6 %
b) Somewhat favor	22	23	23	16	11
c) Neither favor nor oppose	32	30	38	32	22
d) Somewhat oppose	20	21	18	15	21
e) Completely oppose	16	18	10	19	40

25b. Would you favor or oppose having the mayor take control over the public schools in your community?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				<u>Public School Teachers</u>
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	
a) Completely favor	3 %	2 %	5 %	6 %	0 %
b) Somewhat favor	7	7	9	9	4
c) Neither favor nor oppose	34	30	43	48	21
d) Somewhat oppose	22	23	19	16	27
e) Completely oppose	34	38	23	21	48

School Board Elections

26. To the best of your knowledge, are members of your local school board elected or appointed by another public official such as a mayor?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Elected	81 %	85 %	71 %	75 %	90 %
b) Appointed	19	15	29	25	10

27*. Many school board elections are held at a time different from other elections; and very little information is easily available about the candidates in most school board elections. As a result, only a small fraction of the American public tends to vote in these elections. Do you remember for sure whether you voted in the last school board election?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Voted	38 %	41 %	31 %	28 %	59 %
b) Did not vote	35	33	39	38	26
c) Ineligible	3	2	1	5	2
d) Don't know, can't remember	24	23	29	28	12

*Note: Limited to respondents who answered "Elected" to question 27.

Teacher Unions

28. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform? Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on the schools in your community, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) Completely positive	7 %	6 %	13 %	10 %	17 %
b) Somewhat positive	21	19	29	20	31
c) Neither positive nor negative	42	38	49	53	28
d) Somewhat negative	20	23	8	12	17
e) Completely negative	11	14	1	5	7

Attention to Education

29. How much attention do you pay to issues involving education?

	<u>Racial/Ethnic Identity</u>				
	<u>National</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Public School Teachers</u>
a) A great deal	14 %	11 %	29 %	16 %	59 %
b) Quite a bit	24	24	22	26	26
c) Some	42	45	30	37	10
d) Very little	16	16	14	17	4
e) None	5	4	4	5	1

Education Next – PEPG Survey – 2010

1. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	1 %	2 %	3 %	3 %	1 %	1 %	* %
B	17	20	20	25	17	16	16
C	55	53	53	55	57	53	54
D	21	19	20	13	20	23	22
Fail	6	5	4	4	5	7	7

Respondents identified their local elementary school from a list of the five closest schools to their home address and were asked the following question.

2. How would you rate this elementary school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	18 %	16 %	20 %	25 %	24 %	14 %	18 %
B	47	48	47	45	44	43	43
C	28	32	31	23	25	34	28
D	5	3	1	5	5	6	4
Fail	2	2	1	2	3	4	6

Respondents identified their local middle school from a list of the five closest schools to their home address and were asked the following question.

3. How would you rate this middle school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
A	16 %	22 %	18 %	17 %	19 %	11 %	13 %
B	39	37	42	43	39	38	30
C	33	31	29	30	29	36	41
D	9	8	9	6	10	12	10
Fail	3	2	2	3	3	4	6

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

4a. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	15 %	34 %	23 %	31 %	18 %	17 %	24 %
Increase	48	42	50	41	54	51	47
Stay about the same	33	22	22	22	22	24	15
Decrease	4	2	5	4	4	6	10
Greatly decrease	1	*	*	2	2	2	3

4b. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	5 %	7 %	4 %	5 %	5 %	8 %	9 %
Increase	24	25	39	40	27	26	25
Stay about the same	56	54	46	47	55	52	55
Decrease	12	12	10	5	11	11	8
Greatly decrease	3	2	1	2	2	3	2

4c. According to the most recent information available, in your district [amount] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	5 %	15 %	16 %	8 %	8 %	7 %	12 %
Increase	24	38	27	35	28	22	25
Stay about the same	54	34	40	44	51	56	54
Decrease	14	11	15	11	12	10	6
Greatly decrease	3	3	3	2	2	5	4

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on per pupil spending in his or her district.

5. If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	13 %	24 %	29 %	19 %	20 %	17 %	27 %
Somewhat confident	39	50	38	43	41	44	46
Not very confident	34	22	23	28	27	27	19
Not confident at all	14	4	10	11	12	12	8

Question 5 responses for respondents asked each version of question 4:

If asked question 4a...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	21 %	34 %	41 %	27 %	30 %	23 %	33 %
Somewhat confident	46	55	37	45	43	51	46
Not very confident	23	9	20	20	18	18	18
Not confident at all	10	3	1	7	9	8	4

If asked question 4b...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	11 %	20 %	25 %	13 %	18 %	13 %	23 %
Somewhat confident	39	55	54	42	45	45	49
Not very confident	35	18	12	30	28	28	19
Not confident at all	16	7	9	15	9	14	9

If asked question 4c...

If more money were spent on public schools in your district, how confident are you that students would learn more?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very confident	8 %	20 %	24 %	15 %	13 %	15 %	25 %
Somewhat confident	31	42	21	40	34	37	42
Not very confident	43	36	37	35	36	34	21
Not confident at all	17	2	18	10	17	15	13

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

6a. As you may know, this year Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. Some people have proposed to maintain the current requirement that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	27 %	30 %	37 %	14 %	27 %	34 %	35 %
Somewhat support	35	47	27	36	33	32	33
Neither support nor oppose	26	13	20	16	26	23	21
Somewhat oppose	8	6	10	24	9	8	6
Completely oppose	4	3	6	9	5	3	5

6b. As you may know, this year Congress is expected to take action on the federal school accountability law. President Barack Obama has proposed to maintain the current requirement that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	33 %	38 %	47 %	23 %	34 %	34 %	38 %
Somewhat support	33	33	23	36	34	36	39
Neither support nor oppose	24	23	20	16	21	22	14
Somewhat oppose	6	5	6	16	8	4	5
Completely oppose	3	1	5	9	3	4	4

Respondents asked question 6a were asked question 7a; respondents asked question 6b were asked question 7b.

7a. Some people have proposed that states be required to toughen the standards and tests used to evaluate student performance. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	20 %	24 %	25 %	9 %	19 %	24 %	20 %
Somewhat support	38	29	38	24	35	38	38
Neither support nor oppose	26	24	18	22	22	23	21
Somewhat oppose	11	17	18	32	17	11	13
Completely oppose	4	7	1	14	6	4	7

7b. President Obama has proposed that states be required to toughen the standards and tests used to evaluate student performance. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	27 %	36 %	45 %	19 %	26 %	29 %	31 %
Somewhat support	38	25	28	30	36	37	36
Neither support nor oppose	23	28	19	18	24	21	20
Somewhat oppose	7	10	5	24	10	7	6
Completely oppose	4	2	3	10	4	5	6

8a. President Barack Obama's "Race to the Top" program asks states to compete for additional federal funds for their schools by adopting various education reforms. Some say the competition is unwarranted intrusion into state and local government, while others say it is needed to improve school quality. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Race to the Top is unwarranted intru...	22 %	12 %	12 %	46 %	16 %	17 %	14 %
Race to the Top is necessary to improve...	32	48	48	22	35	39	43
I don't have an opinion either way...	46	40	41	32	49	44	43

8b. The U.S. Department of Education's "Race to the Top" program asks states to compete for additional federal funds for their schools by adopting various education reforms. Some say the competition is unwarranted intrusion into state and local government, while others say it is needed to improve school quality. Which comes closer to your view?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Race to the Top is unwarranted intru...	21 %	16 %	17 %	45 %	17 %	19 %	15 %
Race to the Top is necessary to improve...	34	39	36	22	40	38	41
I don't have an opinion either way...	45	45	48	33	43	44	44

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

9a. If a teacher has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the teacher with additional training and counseling	48 %	73 %	60 %	66 %	49 %	54 %	55 %
Reduce the teacher's salary	7	3	2	3	7	6	5
Fire the teacher	45	25	39	31	44	40	40

9b. If a postal worker has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the postal worker with additional training and counseling	48 %	59 %	57 %	56 %	46 %	51 %	49 %
Reduce the postal worker's salary	8	10	10	6	8	9	10
Fire the postal worker	44	31	33	38	47	40	41

9c. If a police officer has been performing poorly for several years, what action should be taken by those in charge?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Provide the police officer with additional training and counseling	51 %	55 %	48 %	64 %	52 %	47 %	53 %
Reduce the police officer's salary	7	15	7	1	10	11	20
Fire the police officer	42	30	45	35	38	42	27

10. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	38 %	43 %	46 %	23 %	34 %	41 %	36 %
Somewhat support	38	30	32	40	38	37	37
Neither support nor oppose	14	15	13	12	13	13	15
Somewhat oppose	8	8	7	19	10	6	8
Completely oppose	3	4	2	6	4	3	3

11. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	46 %	47 %	52 %	32 %	44 %	50 %	46 %
Somewhat support	33	26	27	42	31	30	31
Neither support nor oppose	12	12	12	8	14	12	13
Somewhat oppose	6	11	6	12	8	5	6
Completely oppose	3	4	3	6	4	3	4

12. Do you support or oppose making available to the general public the average test scores of students at each public school?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	30 %	32 %	32 %	34 %	31 %	32 %	30 %
Somewhat support	27	28	27	31	26	27	30
Neither support nor oppose	22	17	18	14	21	21	20
Somewhat oppose	11	11	18	11	12	10	9
Completely oppose	9	12	4	10	10	10	10

Teacher Licensure, Salaries, and Retention

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

13a. Do you think that teacher salaries in your state should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	11 %	25 %	16 %	23 %	14 %	13 %	15 %
Increase	48	47	51	52	46	52	56
Stay about the same	37	23	32	23	38	32	26
Decrease	3	4	1	2	2	3	2
Greatly decrease	1	*	*	*	*	*	*

13b. In your state, teachers are paid an average annual salary of [amount]. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Greatly increase	7 %	7 %	12 %	29 %	6 %	9 %	10 %
Increase	35	43	47	46	38	38	44
Stay about the same	52	49	32	23	49	46	42
Decrease	5	1	8	*	7	6	3
Greatly decrease	1	*	1	1	1	1	*

*Note: Each respondent was provided with the most recent available information on average annual teacher salaries in his or her state.

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

14a. Do you favor or oppose basing a teacher's salary, in part, on his or her students' academic progress on state tests?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	19 %	26 %	3 %	17 %	14 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	34	35	27	21	31	33	34
Neither favor nor oppose	25	25	20	12	25	26	23
Somewhat oppose	15	14	12	24	14	15	14
Completely oppose	11	8	15	39	13	12	13

14b. President Barack Obama has expressed support for the policy of basing teachers' salaries, in part, on their students' academic progress on tests? What do you think of this policy?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	14 %	22 %	17 %	5 %	16 %	16 %	19 %
Somewhat favor	34	32	41	15	31	35	35
Neither favor nor oppose	25	22	26	10	31	22	23
Somewhat oppose	16	16	12	26	14	17	15
Completely oppose	10	8	4	44	8	10	9

15. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	7 %	10 %	14 %	20 %	8 %	8 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	18	34	17	28	17	22	20
Neither favor nor oppose	29	31	35	18	30	29	34
Somewhat oppose	31	17	25	24	32	25	25
Completely oppose	16	8	9	10	14	15	12

16. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform? Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect on the schools in your community, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely positive effect	7 %	13 %	12 %	15 %	7 %	6 %	6 %
Somewhat positive effect	21	32	29	36	24	25	27
Neither positive nor negative effect	39	40	37	23	39	37	41
Somewhat negative effect	22	11	16	17	20	21	18
Completely negative effect	11	3	7	8	10	11	8

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

17a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	12 %	17 %	14 %	10 %	14 %	15 %	17 %
Somewhat support	32	47	33	29	37	33	40
Neither support nor oppose	36	23	33	25	34	32	27
Somewhat oppose	13	9	16	21	11	14	12
Completely oppose	6	5	5	15	4	6	4

17b. As may know, many states allow publicly authorized charter schools. These schools receive most of their funding from the government but they are privately managed. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	15 %	15 %	15 %	19 %	18 %	18 %	16 %
Somewhat support	29	28	30	30	28	28	29
Neither support nor oppose	35	39	37	24	32	34	35
Somewhat oppose	16	16	16	17	18	16	18
Completely oppose	6	1	2	10	5	5	2

18. Now we'd like to ask you some questions about charter schools. We are interested in what you have heard about how these charter schools operate. To the best of your knowledge, are there any charter schools in your district?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	27 %	49 %	26 %	42 %	28 %	48 %	50 %
No	24	9	15	38	29	8	10
Don't know	49	51	58	20	43	44	41

19. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools hold religious services?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	15 %	16 %	19 %	18 %	16 %	11 %	10 %
No	18	11	22	35	20	22	23
Don't know	67	72	59	48	64	66	67

20. To the best of your knowledge, can charter schools charge tuition?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	25 %	19 %	31 %	24 %	24 %	26 %	23 %
No	19	22	18	43	22	24	30
Don't know	56	59	51	33	54	50	47

21. In general, do charter schools receive more, less, or the same amount of government funds for each student enrolled than do traditional public schools?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Charters receive more government funds	11 %	14 %	14 %	11 %	12 %	11 %	14 %
Charters receive less government funds	12	14	12	19	15	14	15
Charters receive the same amount of government funds	15	10	13	37	15	17	16
Don't know	62	62	61	34	58	59	55

22. To the best of your knowledge, when more students apply to a charter school than there are spaces available, can the school pick the students they want or must they hold a lottery?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Pick students they want	16 %	13 %	16 %	22 %	18 %	17 %	18 %
Must hold lottery	15	24	21	32	19	21	28
Don't know	68	63	63	46	64	62	55

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 3 questions:

23a. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	9 %	17 %	16 %	9 %	15 %	13 %	21 %
Somewhat support	22	34	31	17	21	27	25
Neither support nor oppose	27	27	23	20	27	25	25
Somewhat oppose	20	16	14	25	20	17	16
Completely oppose	23	7	16	29	17	19	13

23b. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. President Barack Obama has expressed opposition to such a proposal. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	8 %	18 %	11 %	7 %	11 %	10 %	16 %
Somewhat support	19	35	24	18	21	21	28
Neither support nor oppose	25	25	21	13	22	26	29
Somewhat oppose	21	14	23	20	18	20	15
Completely oppose	26	8	21	42	28	22	12

23c. Now we would like to ask about other schooling opportunities. A proposal has been made that would give low-income families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely support	16 %	37 %	40 %	8 %	27 %	20 %	32 %
Somewhat support	23	46	22	17	23	22	22
Neither support nor oppose	29	11	25	17	26	25	20
Somewhat oppose	13	4	5	21	9	14	9
Completely oppose	19	2	9	36	16	19	17

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

24a. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	19 %	30 %	28 %	19 %	30 %	23 %	34 %
Somewhat favor	36	41	37	32	37	36	32
Neither favor nor oppose	25	20	27	20	21	23	19
Somewhat oppose	11	5	7	14	5	9	8
Completely oppose	9	4	2	15	7	9	7

24b. A proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	27 %	24 %	19 %	17 %	22 %	27 %
Somewhat favor	35	37	32	25	38	34	42
Neither favor nor oppose	28	29	35	24	26	25	22
Somewhat oppose	10	4	5	13	9	10	5
Completely oppose	12	4	5	19	10	9	5

Online Education

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

25a. A proposal has been made to allow middle school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	8 %	18 %	13 %	10 %	9 %	10 %	16 %
Somewhat favor	35	38	35	33	40	33	35
Neither favor nor oppose	29	27	23	18	25	26	18
Somewhat oppose	18	10	22	21	19	20	21
Completely oppose	10	8	7	18	7	10	10

25b. A proposal has been made to allow high school students to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Completely favor	15 %	21 %	27 %	20 %	19 %	17 %	25 %
Somewhat favor	37	40	38	35	43	39	43
Neither favor nor oppose	25	23	23	17	20	21	20
Somewhat oppose	15	11	8	21	13	13	7
Completely oppose	8	5	4	7	5	10	5

26. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Very willing	16 %	14 %	25 %	22 %	19 %	17 %	21 %
Somewhat willing	38	35	32	39	40	36	37
Neither willing nor unwilling	21	21	24	12	19	22	21
Somewhat unwilling	13	17	10	17	12	12	12
Very unwilling	11	13	9	10	10	13	10

Additional Background Information

27. Do you know any students who have taken a course entirely over the internet for middle or high school credit?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	9 %	7 %	11 %	29 %	9 %	10 %	11 %
No	91	93	89	71	91	90	89

The following question was asked only of those who answered yes to question 40 and were a parent of a school-aged child.

28. Have any of your own children ever taken a course for middle or high school credit over the internet?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	22 %	29 %	32 %	15 %	29 %	29 %	39 %
No	78	71	68	85	71	71	61

29. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools its child?

	<u>National</u>	<u>African-American</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Charter Sample</u>	<u>Charter Parents</u>
Yes	36 %	17 %	28 %	62 %	42 %	31 %	35 %
No	64	83	72	38	58	69	65

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1. How much attention do you pay to issues involving education?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A great deal	13 %	24 %	60 %	16 %	22 %	28 %	21 %	26 %
Quite a bit	24	30	24	24	35	31	23	29
Some	41	38	14	39	33	31	38	31
Very little	16	7	2	15	7	8	10	10
None	6	1	1	5	3	3	7	4

EVALUATING SCHOOLS

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

2a. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the public schools in the nation as a whole?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	3 %	1 %	3 %	5 %	4 %	7 %	3 %	7 %
B	19	14	34	19	22	21	14	29
C	54	58	46	50	52	42	55	47
D	19	23	14	21	15	24	16	12
Fail	6	3	3	6	7	6	11	6

2b. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, and Fail to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools themselves were graded in the same way. What grade would give the public schools in your community?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
A	10 %	13 %	16 %	7 %	14 %	13 %	8 %	17 %
B	36	41	48	33	43	38	30	41
C	36	33	27	37	29	28	44	29
D	13	10	8	17	9	13	10	8
Fail	5	2	2	6	5	8	8	5

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SCHOOL SPENDING

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

3a. According to the most recent information available, in your district \$[CURRENT SPENDING LEVEL] is being spent each year per child attending public schools. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	10 %	7 %	20 %	12 %	16 %	20 %	22 %	11 %
Increase	36	29	33	39	40	39	45	34
Stay about the same	45	53	38	40	34	33	30	47
Decrease	8	8	6	6	8	5	2	5
Greatly decrease	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2

3b. Do you think that government funding for public schools in your district should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	16 %	12 %	27 %	17 %	26 %	25 %	26 %	25 %
Increase	43	40	44	45	47	50	48	46
Stay about the same	33	40	24	29	22	21	22	22
Decrease	5	7	5	7	3	4	2	6
Greatly decrease	3	1		2	2	*	2	2

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SCHOOL CHOICE POLICIES

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

4a. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	16 %	27 %	13 %	18 %	14 %	18 %	11 %	18 %
Somewhat support	27	37	32	31	29	26	27	20
Neither support nor oppose	39	18	18	36	44	48	49	45
Somewhat oppose	11	15	16	9	10	5	9	8
Completely oppose	7	4	21	5	4	4	4	9

4b. As you may know, many states permit the formation of charter schools, which are publicly funded but are not managed by the local school board. These schools are expected to meet promised objectives, but are exempt from many state regulations. Do you support or oppose the formation of charter schools?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Support	42 %	55 %	42 %	49 %	42 %	47 %	42 %	38 %
Oppose	23	20	39	20	22	20	16	24
Don't know	35	25	19	32	36	33	42	38

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Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

5a. A proposal has been made that would give families with children in public schools a wider choice, by allowing them to enroll their children in private schools instead, with government helping to pay the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	19 %	25 %	15 %	21 %	27 %	36 %	21 %	28 %
Somewhat support	28	22	20	32	33	33	32	32
Neither support nor oppose	26	14	14	21	23	16	23	25
Somewhat oppose	16	20	16	15	8	6	15	8
Completely oppose	11	19	36	10	10	9	8	7

5b. A proposal has been made that would use government funds to help pay the tuition of low-income students whose families would like them to attend private schools. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	15 %	12 %	15 %	16 %	18 %	17 %	22 %	26 %
Somewhat support	24	31	17	28	22	25	28	28
Neither support nor oppose	22	15	13	22	20	19	29	21
Somewhat oppose	18	14	19	16	18	16	8	15
Completely oppose	20	28	37	17	22	22	12	10

6. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for educational expenses (fees, supplies, computers, and tuition) to low- and moderate-income parents who send their children to public and private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	21 %	21 %	20 %	25 %	28 %	32 %	28 %	32 %
Somewhat favor	34	35	32	33	34	35	38	32
Neither favor nor oppose	26	17	20	24	21	19	26	20
Somewhat oppose	11	12	15	10	10	8	5	8
Completely oppose	8	15	12	9	7	7	5	8

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7. Another proposal has been made to offer a tax credit for individual and corporate donations that pay for scholarships to help parents send their children to private schools. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	19 %	19 %	19 %	23 %	24 %	28 %	25 %	33 %
Somewhat favor	31	38	28	32	36	38	32	27
Neither favor nor oppose	29	19	15	26	25	20	30	26
Somewhat oppose	13	11	16	12	8	7	6	8
Completely oppose	8	14	23	7	7	7	6	7

8. Another proposal has been made to allow high school students *across the country* to receive credit for state-approved courses taken over the internet. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	14 %	10 %	11 %	17 %	20 %	24 %	20 %	23 %
Somewhat favor	33	32	38	32	39	36	37	34
Neither favor nor oppose	26	15	16	25	18	16	25	25
Somewhat oppose	18	26	21	19	17	19	14	13
Completely oppose	8	17	14	8	7	6	5	6

9. Some people have proposed that school districts *around the nation* offer parents the option of sending their child to an all-boys or all-girls school? What do you think about this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	12 %	14 %	17 %	13 %	11 %	13 %	13 %	11 %
Somewhat support	22	33	29	22	23	19	22	22
Neither support nor oppose	42	32	35	41	40	39	46	44
Somewhat oppose	14	12	11	13	15	14	12	11
Completely oppose	9	9	8	10	11	15	6	12

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PERSONNEL POLICIES

Each respondent was randomly assigned to one of the following 2 questions:

10a. According to the most recent information available, teachers *in the United States* are paid an average annual salary of \$ 54,819. Do you think that these teacher salaries should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	9 %	17 %	34 %	11 %	10 %	9 %	15 %	9 %
Increase	34	35	42	39	37	42	47	42
Stay about the same	48	43	17	42	44	41	34	43
Decrease	7	4	4	6	7	5	3	5
Greatly decrease	2	1	2	1	1	3	*	1

10b. Do you think that teacher salaries *in the United States* should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	14 %	15 %	36 %	13 %	18 %	19 %	27 %	12 %
Increase	41	44	46	45	41	45	53	52
Stay about the same	39	33	16	38	37	34	16	34
Decrease	5	5	1	2	3	2	1	1
Greatly decrease	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	*

11. Some argue that teachers *around the nation* should be required to pay from their salaries 20 percent of the cost of their health care and pension benefits, with the government covering the remainder. What do you think of this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	15 %	24 %	8 %	13 %	13 %	10 %	7 %	11 %
Somewhat favor	28	31	15	28	26	24	22	27
Neither favor nor oppose	33	20	22	33	34	38	43	43
Somewhat oppose	14	15	22	16	18	16	17	12
Completely oppose	9	10	34	10	9	12	10	8

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12. Reducing average class sizes by 3 students would cost roughly the same amount as increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000. Which do you think is the best use of funds for schools *across the country*, increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000 or reducing class size by 3 students?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Strongly favor increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000	10 %	16 %	26 %	12 %	11 %	14 %	13 %	11 %
Somewhat favor increasing teacher salaries by \$10,000	18	19	16	18	16	11	21	16
No opinion either way	29	19	11	29	26	29	31	39
Somewhat favor reducing class sizes by 3 students	26	28	28	22	29	30	18	22
Strongly favor reducing class sizes by 3 students	18	18	19	18	19	17	17	13

13. Do you favor or oppose basing the salaries of teachers *around the nation*, in part, on their students' academic progress on state tests?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	14 %	17 %	6 %	13 %	13 %	16 %	12 %	18 %
Somewhat favor	33	35	12	30	37	37	35	33
Neither favor nor oppose	26	13	10	26	24	24	27	29
Somewhat oppose	18	26	24	21	16	16	17	12
Completely oppose	9	10	48	9	10	8	8	8

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14. A proposal has been made that would require teachers *across the country* to demonstrate that their students are making adequate progress on state tests in order to receive tenure. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	21 %	21 %	11 %	21 %	24 %	27 %	15 %	29 %
Somewhat favor	34	40	19	34	36	40	43	33
Neither favor nor oppose	25	14	9	25	20	19	27	25
Somewhat oppose	13	17	23	14	11	8	11	8
Completely oppose	7	9	37	5	9	6	4	5

15. Do you favor or oppose allowing principals *around the nation* to hire college graduates who they believe will be effective in the classroom even if they do not have formal teaching credentials?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	11 %	23 %	7 %	13 %	9 %	10 %	9 %	14 %
Somewhat favor	31	39	21	29	32	34	34	29
Neither favor nor oppose	26	12	11	27	24	22	27	24
Somewhat oppose	19	15	19	18	20	16	18	19
Completely oppose	12	11	41	14	15	18	12	15

16. Teachers with tenure cannot be dismissed unless a school district follows detailed procedures. Some say that tenure protects teachers from being fired for arbitrary reasons. Others say that it makes it too difficult to replace ineffective teachers. We want to know what you think of tenure. Do you favor or oppose offering tenure to teachers *across the country*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely favor	5 %	5 %	26 %	7 %	5 %	7 %	4 %	9 %
Somewhat favor	15	15	27	18	15	19	24	19
Neither favor nor oppose	31	13	14	35	29	39	47	39
Somewhat oppose	30	31	18	23	29	22	18	23
Completely oppose	19	36	14	18	22	13	6	11

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17. Some people say that teacher unions are a stumbling block to school reform. Others say that unions fight for better schools and better teachers. What do you think? Do you think teacher unions have a generally positive effect *on your local schools*, or do you think they have a generally negative effect?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Very positive effect	8 %	7 %	26 %	9 %	9 %	10 %	16 %	11 %
Somewhat positive effect	21	17	32	21	22	30	32	25
Neither positive nor negative effect	38	20	25	39	38	35	40	43
Somewhat negative effect	21	25	10	18	19	14	10	15
Very negative effect	12	31	7	12	13	11	3	6

ACCOUNTABILITY

18. Some have proposed that the federal government continue to require that all students be tested in math and reading each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	35 %	40 %	19 %	39 %	39 %	44 %	36 %	43 %
Somewhat support	36	35	38	34	33	30	36	33
Neither support nor oppose	19	13	14	18	17	15	22	17
Somewhat oppose	6	8	18	6	7	7	5	4
Completely oppose	3	4	11	3	4	4	2	3

19. For holding schools accountable, should all state governments adopt the same set of educational standards and give the same tests in math, science and reading? Or do you think that there should be different standards and tests in different states?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
One test and standard for all students	72 %	75 %	63 %	73 %	73 %	73 %	71 %	69 %
Different tests and standards in different states	19	19	22	20	18	21	22	23
No national or state tests should be given	9	6	15	7	9	7	7	8

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20. In your state, students in public schools regularly take the [state test]. Do you think the results from these tests provide good information about the quality of the schools *in your state*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Excellent information	7 %	5 %	4 %	10 %	10 %	14 %	10 %	13 %
Good information	34	33	21	33	40	41	29	42
Fair information	34	40	45	32	30	26	36	23
Poor information	13	10	24	14	15	14	11	11
No opinion	12	12	6	11	5	5	13	12

21. In some states, students in certain grades must pass an exam before they are eligible to move on to the next grade. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students *around the nation*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	32 %	34 %	25 %	37 %	30 %	36 %	31 %	45 %
Somewhat support	38	41	35	36	38	37	36	33
Neither support nor oppose	19	14	15	16	18	16	20	16
Somewhat oppose	7	7	14	7	9	6	9	4
Completely oppose	5	4	11	3	6	5	5	3

22. In some states, students must pass an exam before they are eligible to receive a high school diploma. Do you support or oppose this requirement for students *nationwide*?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support	41 %	44 %	32 %	45 %	38 %	46 %	37 %	50 %
Somewhat support	31	36	34	30	34	36	30	26
Neither support nor oppose	16	13	12	14	14	10	16	16
Somewhat oppose	7	5	14	8	8	4	13	6
Completely oppose	5	3	8	3	6	5	5	3

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SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT PRACTICES

23. Should school districts *across the country* take the family income of students into account when assigning students to schools in order to ensure that each school has a mix of students from different backgrounds?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Definitely	7 %	4 %	8 %	10 %	5 %	7 %	12 %	16 %
Probably	17	21	19	17	15	15	25	21
Not sure	33	22	20	32	31	33	34	31
Probably not	19	23	26	21	20	18	13	13
Definitely not	23	30	26	20	29	27	15	19

24. Some people say that students who have been diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities should be taught in regular classrooms with other students. Other people say that these students should be taught in separate settings at the school. What do you think should be done with students *around the nation* who have emotional and behavioral disabilities?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Completely support teaching them in regular classrooms	7 %	5 %	9 %	7 %	8 %	8 %	7 %	13 %
Somewhat support teaching them in regular classrooms	20	27	24	19	19	17	22	23
Neither support nor oppose teaching them in regular classrooms	24	16	9	24	26	25	21	26
Somewhat oppose teaching them in regular classrooms	33	34	41	32	30	31	29	21
Completely oppose teaching them in regular classrooms	16	20	18	17	18	18	21	18

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NON-POLICY QUESTIONS

25a. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools *around the nation* should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	6 %	5 %	15 %	8 %	9 %	12 %	9 %	9 %
Increase	29	34	35	33	32	36	35	35
Stay about the same	51	45	38	47	47	43	49	48
Decrease	10	10	9	9	9	6	5	7
Greatly decrease	4	5	4	4	2	3	2	2

25b. Do you think that local taxes to fund public schools *in your district* should increase, decrease, or stay about the same?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Greatly increase	6 %	5 %	9 %	8 %	8 %	14 %	12 %	9 %
Increase	22	24	33	27	26	32	29	26
Stay about the same	57	53	47	50	55	45	53	52
Decrease	10	12	9	10	9	8	4	10
Greatly decrease	6	6	1	4	2	2	1	2

26. Rather than send them to a school, some parents prefer to educate their children at home. Do you know any family that currently home schools their child?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Yes	35 %	49 %	52 %	34 %	43 %	33 %	22 %	21 %
No	65	51	48	66	57	67	78	79

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27. Would you be willing to have a child of yours go through high school taking some academic courses over the internet?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Very willing	20 %	19 %	21 %	20 %	25 %	25 %	17 %	18 %
Somewhat willing	32	36	41	33	33	34	37	30
Neither willing nor unwilling	22	11	11	21	18	19	24	23
Somewhat unwilling	15	18	16	15	14	13	12	16
Very unwilling	10	15	11	11	10	9	10	13

28a. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students *in U.S. public schools* who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Mean	65 %	66 %	66 %	62 %	66 %	63 %	58 %	57 %

28b. What is your best guess as to the percentage of students *in your local school district* who graduate from high school within four years of entering 9th grade?

	National	Affluent	Teachers	Charter sample	Parents	Charter sample parents	African Americans	Hispanics
Mean	72 %	78 %	78 %	67 %	73 %	67 %	63 %	61 %