**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

**WAVE 29 September**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**September 14 – September 28, 2017**

**TOTAL N=4,573[[1]](#footnote-1)**

ASK ALL:

Imagine a ladder with steps numbered from 0 to 10, where 0 represents the worst possible life for you and 10 represents the best possible life for you.

ASK ALL:

LADDER1On which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand AT THE PRESENT TIME?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 60 | High (7-10) |
| 34 | Medium (4-6) |
| 6 | Low (0-3) |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

ASK ALL:

LADDER2On which step would you say you stood FIVE YEARS AGO?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 45 | High (7-10) |
| 40 | Medium (4-6) |
| 15 | Low (0-3) |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

ASK ALL:

LADDER3Just your best guess, on which step do you think you will stand in the future, say FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 78 | High (7-10) |
| 16 | Medium (4-6) |
| 6 | Low (0-3) |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

PERSDISCR Have you ever personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your gender, or not?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 31 | Yes |
| 69 | No |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION OR TREATED UNFAIRLY (PERSDISCR=1) [N=1,592]:**

DISCRHOW In what ways have you personally experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly because of your gender?

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**

**ASK ALL:**

DIFF1 Thinking now about men and women, in general…

Do you think men and women are **[RANDOMIZE:** (basically similar) or (basically different)**]** when it comes to each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH e]**

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Men and women are basically SIMILAR | Men and women are basically DIFFERENT | No answer |
| a. Their hobbies and personal interests |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 32 | 68 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| b. Their physical abilities |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 23 | 76 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| c. Their approach to parenting |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 35 | 64 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| d. How they express their feelings |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 13 | 87 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| e. The things they are good at in the workplace |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 63 | 37 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF RESPONDENT CHOSE ‘2’ MEN AND WOMEN ARE BASICALLY DIFFERENT FOR AT LEAST ONE ITEM IN DIFF1 [N=4,394]:**

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: If only 1 item in diff1A-E=2, insert that item. if more than 1 item in diff1a-e=2, randomly select 1 item to insert]**

DIFF2 Thinking specifically about the differences between men and women when it comes to **[INSERT SELECTED ITEM FROM DIFF1; PLEASE CAPITALIZE THE ITEM]**, would you say these differences are…

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Mostly based on biological differences between men and women | Mostly based on different expectations society has for men and women | No answer |
| a. Their hobbies and personal interests [N=856] |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 46 | 53 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| b. Their physical abilities [N=1,038] |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 78 | 21 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| c. Their approach to parenting [N=837] |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 47 | 52 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| d. How they express their feelings [N=1,361] |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 42 | 58 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| e. The things they are good at in the workplace [N=302] |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 47 | 53 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF R RECEIVED DIFF2 [N=4,394]:**

DIFF3 In general, do you think it is **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that men and women are different when it comes to **[INSERT SAME ITEM AS DIFF2 AND PLEASE CAPITALIZE THE ITEM]**, or do you think it doesn’t matter?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Good thing | Bad thing | Doesn’t matter | No  answer |
| a. Their hobbies and personal interests [N=856] |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 33 | 4 | 63 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Their physical abilities [N=1,038] |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 35 | 4 | 61 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Their approach to parenting [N=837] |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 56 | 11 | 33 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Good thing | Bad thing | Doesn’t matter | No  answer |
| **DIFF3 CONTINUED…** |  |  |  |  |
| d. How they express their feelings [N=1,361] |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 32 | 24 | 44 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| e. The things they are good at in the workplace [N=302] |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 48 | 10 | 41 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK MEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=1) [N=2,291]:**

Now thinking about how you see yourself…

MASC2 In general, would you describe yourself as…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 31 | Very manly or masculine |
| 54 | Somewhat manly or masculine |
| 14 | Not too manly or masculine |
| 1 | Not at all manly or masculine |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK WOMEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=2) [N=2,282]:**

Now thinking about how you see yourself…

FEM2 In general, would you describe yourself as…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 32 | Very womanly or feminine |
| 54 | Somewhat womanly or feminine |
| 13 | Not too womanly or feminine |
| 2 | Not at all womanly or feminine |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORM1 ONLY [N=2,299]:**

MASC1F1 Thinking about how society sees MEN these days, in general, would you say…

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 53 | Most people look UP to men who are manly or masculine |
| 7 | Most people look DOWN on men who are manly or masculine |
| 39 | Neither |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF ‘LOOK UP’ IN MASC1F1 (MASC1F1=1) [N=1,179]:**

MASC2aF1 Do you think it’s **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look up to men who are manly or masculine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 60 | Good thing |
| 37 | Bad thing |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF ‘LOOK DOWN’ IN MASC1F1 (MASC1F1=2) [N=178]:**

MASC2bF1 Do you think it’s **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look down on men who are manly or masculine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 7 | Good thing |
| 92 | Bad thing |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORM2 ONLY [N=2,274]:**

FEM1F2 Thinking about how society sees WOMEN these days, in general, would you say…

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 32 | Most people look UP to women who are womanly or feminine |
| 11 | Most people look DOWN on women who are womanly or feminine |
| 57 | Neither |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF ‘LOOK UP’ IN FEM1F2 (FEM1F2 =1) [N=643]:**

FEM2aF2 Do you think it’s **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look up to women who are womanly or feminine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 83 | Good thing |
| 15 | Bad thing |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF ‘LOOK DOWN’ IN FEM1F2 (FEM1F2 =2) [N=298]:**

FEM2bF2 Do you think it’s **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** that most people in our society look down on women who are womanly or feminine?

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 3 | Good thing |
| 97 | Bad thing |
| 0 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF NOT Retired AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (S\_ASK\_E6a\_W29=1) [N=286]:**

E6a In a previous survey you indicated that you were not employed and were not currently looking for work.

Is that because you don’t want to work right now, or because you looked but couldn’t find a job, or for some other reason?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 17 | Don’t want to work right now |
| 5 | Looked but couldn’t find a job |
| 77 | Some other reason |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

GOODJOBS In general, thinking about job opportunities where you live, would you say that…

**RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 37 | There are plenty of good jobs available |
| 61 | Good jobs are difficult to find |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF EMPLOYED OR IF UNEMPLOYED BUT LOOKING FOR WORK OR IS A DISCOURAGED WORKER (S\_ASK\_HELPHURT\_W29=1 OR E6a\_W29=2) [N=3,134]:**

HELPHURT Thinking about your work life, has each of the following done more to **[RANDOMIZE:** (help) or (hurt)**]** your job or career, or hasn’t it made much of a difference for your job or career? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH g]**

**SHOW OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Has done more to HELP my job or career | Has done more to HURT my job or career | Hasn’t made much of a difference | No  answer |
| a. The growing number of immigrants working in this country |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 15 | 22 | 62 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. More women in the workforce |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 30 | 5 | 64 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. A growing emphasis on diversity in the workplace |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 30 | 11 | 58 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Increased outsourcing of jobs to other countries |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 7 | 30 | 62 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| e. Automation of jobs through new technology in the workplace |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 23 | 19 | 57 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| f. More foreign-made products being sold in the U.S. |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 10 | 20 | 69 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| g. More U.S.-made products being sold in other countries |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 23 | 5 | 71 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

Moving on to some other topics…

TRANSGEND1   Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 54 | Whether someone is a man or a woman is determined by the sex they were assigned at birth |
| 44 | Someone can be a man or a woman even if that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth |
| 2 | No answer |

**ASK MEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=1) [N=2,291]:**

On a different topic…

SEENMASC How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as manly or masculine?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 9 | Very important |
| 37 | Somewhat important |
| 36 | Not too important |
| 17 | Not at all important |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK WOMEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=2) [N=2,282]:**

On a different topic…

SEENFEM How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as womanly or feminine?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 20 | Very important |
| 32 | Somewhat important |
| 33 | Not too important |
| 16 | Not at all important |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK MEN ONLY (F\_SEX\_FINAL=1) [N=2,291]:**

MAN1 In general, how much pressure, if any, do you think MEN face in our country these days to do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH e]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A lot | Some | Not too much | None at all | No answer |
| a. Be interested in sports |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 28 | 44 | 25 | 3 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Have many sexual partners |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 11 | 29 | 34 | 26 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Join in when other men are talking about women in a sexual way |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 9 | 36 | 37 | 18 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Be willing to throw a punch if provoked |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 15 | 42 | 31 | 11 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. Be emotionally strong |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 41 | 45 | 11 | 3 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

Next, we’d like to ask you about people who are transgender, that is, people who identifyas a gender that is different from the sex they were assigned at birth, like a person born male who now identifies as a woman*.*

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND2 Thinking about the people you know, including yourself, do you personally know anyone who is transgender, or not?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 37 | Yes |
| 63 | No |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF R KNOWS SOMEONE WHO IS TRANSGENDER (TRANSGEND2=1) [N=1,767]:**

TRANSGEND2a Thinking about the person or people you know who are transgender, are they…

*[Check all that apply]*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| 1. Yourself |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 1 | 99 |
|  |  |  |
| 2. A family member |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 17 | 83 |
|  |  |  |
| 3. A close friend |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 23 | 77 |
|  |  |  |
| 4. A coworker |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 19 | 81 |
|  |  |  |
| 5. An acquaintance |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 60 | 40 |
|  |  |  |
| 6. Someone else **[TEXT BOX]** |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 12 | 88 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

TRANSGEND3 Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

**RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 32 | Our society has GONE TOO FAR in accepting people who are transgender |
| 39 | Our society has NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH in accepting people who are transgender |
| 27 | Our society has been ABOUT RIGHT when it comes to accepting people who are transgender |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

TRAITS How well, if at all, do each of the following words or phrases describe you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH f]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very well | Somewhat well | Not too well | Not at all well | No answer |
| a. Intelligent |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 44 | 51 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Physically attractive |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 14 | 60 | 21 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Nurturing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 36 | 46 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Assertive |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 25 | 51 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. Physically strong |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 16 | 52 | 25 | 6 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f. Sensitive |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 35 | 48 | 14 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,299]:**

Next, we’d like to ask you a few questions about BOYS in particular.

BOYSF1 When it comes to raising BOYS, would you say there is **[RANDOMIZE:** (too much emphasis) or (too little emphasis)**]** on each of the following these days, or is it about right? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH d]**

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Too much emphasis | Too little emphasis | About right | No  answer |
| a. Encouraging boys to be leaders |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 15 | 41 | 43 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Encouraging boys to talk about their feelings when they are sad or upset |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 11 | 59 | 29 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Encouraging boys to stand up for themselves |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 13 | 40 | 46 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Encouraging boys to do well in school |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 6 | 51 | 42 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,274]:**

Next, we’d like to ask you a few questions about GIRLS in particular.

GIRLSF2 When it comes to raising GIRLS, would you say there is **[RANDOMIZE:** (too much emphasis) or (too little emphasis)**]** on each of the following these days, or is it about right? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a THROUGH d]**

**SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Too much emphasis | Too little emphasis | About right | No  answer |
| a. Encouraging girls to be leaders |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 9 | 53 | 37 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Encouraging girls to talk about their feelings when they are sad or upset |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 11 | 38 | 51 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Encouraging girls to stand up for themselves |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 6 | 54 | 39 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Encouraging girls to do well in school |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 14-Sept 28, 2017 | 7 | 43 | 49 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL\_FINAL=1,2) [N=2,868]:**

Thinking about your spouse or partner…

SPOUSESEX    Is your spouse or partner of the opposite sex as you or the same sex as you?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 |  |
| 95 | Opposite sex |
| 4 | Same sex |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

1. Results reported here are based on panelists who responded to both the Wave 28 August 2017 survey fielded August 8 –August 21 and the Wave 29 September 2017 survey. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)