

# CBS News Poll – February 15-18, 2022

## Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,494 Adults in the U.S.  
Margin of Error ±2.3%

### 17. Looking back over the history of America, do you think racism has been...

A major problem	71%
A minor problem	22%
Not a problem	7%

### 18. Do you think racism in America today is...

A major problem	58%
A minor problem	28%
Not a problem	14%

### 20. Some people say that since the 1960s there has been a lot of real progress in getting rid of racial discrimination against Black people. Others say that there hasn't been much real progress for Black people over that time. Which do you agree with more? Would you say there..

Has been a lot of real progress getting rid of racial discrimination	59%
Has not been much real progress getting rid of racial discrimination	41%

### 27. How much history about Black Americans do you think the public schools in this country teach—do they teach too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too much	11%
Too little	42%
Right amount	24%
Not sure	23%

### 28. Do you think teaching students about the history of race in America makes them: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Understand what others went through	68%
More racially tolerant today	42%
Feel guilty about what past generations did	23%
Less racially tolerant today	16%

### 29. Should public schools be allowed to teach about ideas and historical events that might make some students uncomfortable, or should schools not be allowed to teach about any ideas and historical events that might make some students uncomfortable?

Allowed to teach uncomfortable ideas	76%
Not allowed to teach uncomfortable ideas	24%

30. Do you think some books should be banned from schools if they contain the following things, or should books never be banned from schools because of these things?

	Should be banned	Should never be banned
Political ideas you disagree with	15%	85%
Depictions of slavery	13%	87%
Discussions of race	13%	87%
Criticism of people and events in U.S. history	17%	83%

31. How much have you heard about critical race theory?

A lot .....	35%
A little .....	41%
Nothing at all .....	24%

32. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of critical race theory?

*Among those who have heard of CRT*

Very favorable .....	19%
Somewhat favorable .....	30%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	18%
Very unfavorable .....	33%

Questions held for future release.

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**17. Racism a Problem in History**

Looking back over the history of America, do you think racism has been...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A major problem	71%	67%	75%	72%	72%	71%	69%	89%	72%	51%
A minor problem	22%	24%	20%	18%	20%	22%	28%	7%	22%	39%
Not a problem	7%	9%	5%	9%	8%	6%	3%	4%	6%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,482)	(1,205)	(1,277)	(517)	(629)	(809)	(526)	(700)	(767)	(748)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A major problem	71%	90%	50%	87%	72%	50%	68%	83%	72%	65%	72%
A minor problem	22%	9%	40%	9%	22%	40%	25%	13%	20%	27%	22%
Not a problem	7%	1%	10%	4%	6%	10%	7%	4%	8%	8%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,482)	(793)	(722)	(827)	(803)	(688)	(1,560)	(312)	(394)	(967)	(593)

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**18. Racism a Problem Today**

Do you think racism in America today is...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A major problem	58%	50%	66%	62%	58%	56%	57%	84%	57%	32%
A minor problem	28%	32%	24%	27%	29%	28%	29%	13%	34%	38%
Not a problem	14%	18%	10%	11%	13%	16%	14%	3%	9%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,484)	(1,205)	(1,279)	(515)	(630)	(813)	(527)	(704)	(764)	(750)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A major problem	58%	83%	29%	80%	56%	33%	52%	81%	61%	50%	55%
A minor problem	28%	15%	41%	17%	32%	39%	32%	15%	26%	32%	31%
Not a problem	14%	2%	30%	3%	12%	28%	16%	4%	13%	18%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,484)	(795)	(724)	(833)	(800)	(688)	(1,563)	(312)	(394)	(967)	(595)

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**20. Progress Ending Discrimination**

Some people say that since the 1960s there has been a lot of real progress in getting rid of racial discrimination against Black people. Others say that there hasn't been much real progress for Black people over that time. Which do you agree with more? Would you say there..

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Has been a lot of real progress getting rid of racial discrimination	59%	64%	54%	55%	57%	59%	64%	44%	59%	76%
Has not been much real progress getting rid of racial discrimination	41%	36%	46%	45%	43%	41%	36%	56%	41%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,478)	(1,202)	(1,276)	(521)	(623)	(810)	(524)	(700)	(767)	(747)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Has been a lot of real progress getting rid of racial discrimination	59%	45%	80%	46%	58%	76%	66%	36%	54%	64%	68%
Has not been much real progress getting rid of racial discrimination	41%	55%	20%	54%	42%	24%	34%	64%	46%	36%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,478)	(792)	(720)	(829)	(801)	(688)	(1,560)	(311)	(391)	(970)	(590)

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**27. History Taught About Black Americans**

How much history about Black Americans do you think the public schools in this country teach—do they teach too much, too little, or about the right amount?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	11%	13%	9%	8%	9%	13%	13%	3%	7%	23%
Too little	42%	37%	45%	50%	40%	37%	42%	70%	42%	16%
Right amount	24%	26%	23%	28%	26%	24%	20%	15%	30%	30%
Not sure	23%	23%	23%	14%	25%	26%	24%	11%	21%	31%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,481)	(1,204)	(1,278)	(516)	(629)	(808)	(528)	(702)	(764)	(749)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	11%	3%	25%	5%	10%	21%	13%	5%	7%	14%	12%
Too little	42%	72%	13%	67%	40%	15%	36%	71%	36%	31%	44%
Right amount	24%	12%	34%	14%	25%	36%	26%	14%	31%	27%	23%
Not sure	23%	13%	28%	14%	25%	28%	25%	10%	26%	28%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,481)	(795)	(722)	(830)	(800)	(688)	(1,562)	(310)	(391)	(967)	(595)

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**28. Impact of Teaching Race**

Do you think teaching students about the history of race in America makes them: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Understand what others went through	68%	63%	73%	61%	68%	69%	73%	79%	70%	56%
More racially tolerant today	42%	40%	43%	46%	43%	39%	42%	67%	39%	25%
Feel guilty about what past generations did	23%	26%	20%	30%	25%	21%	18%	18%	25%	27%
Less racially tolerant today	16%	18%	14%	17%	15%	16%	17%	7%	16%	24%
Weighted N	(2,494)	(1,210)	(1,284)	(521)	(631)	(814)	(529)	(705)	(770)	(752)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Understand what others went through	68%	81%	56%	77%	69%	57%	67%	75%	61%	67%	67%
More racially tolerant today	42%	64%	25%	57%	44%	23%	41%	44%	38%	34%	52%
Feel guilty about what past generations did	23%	19%	28%	20%	22%	29%	24%	19%	21%	23%	27%
Less racially tolerant today	16%	8%	24%	10%	17%	22%	16%	10%	21%	17%	14%
Weighted N	(2,494)	(796)	(726)	(833)	(805)	(691)	(1,569)	(313)	(394)	(973)	(595)

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**29. Uncomfortable Ideas**

Should public schools be allowed to teach about ideas and historical events that might make some students uncomfortable, or should schools not be allowed to teach about any ideas and historical events that might make some students uncomfortable?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Allowed to teach uncomfortable ideas	76%	75%	78%	75%	76%	78%	76%	90%	77%	67%
Not allowed to teach uncomfortable ideas	24%	25%	22%	25%	24%	22%	24%	10%	23%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,461)	(1,200)	(1,261)	(520)	(625)	(800)	(516)	(702)	(763)	(732)

	2020 Vote			Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Allowed to teach uncomfortable ideas	76%	93%	64%	89%	77%	63%	75%	86%	69%	72%	81%
Not allowed to teach uncomfortable ideas	24%	7%	36%	11%	23%	37%	25%	14%	31%	28%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,461)	(793)	(702)	(830)	(796)	(673)	(1,549)	(311)	(388)	(959)	(590)



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**30A. Types of Books Taught in School — Political ideas you disagree with**

Do you think some books should be banned from schools if they contain the following things, or should books never be banned from schools because of these things?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be banned	15%	15%	14%	23%	18%	11%	7%	12%	15%	15%
Should never be banned	85%	85%	86%	77%	82%	89%	93%	88%	85%	85%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,448)	(1,190)	(1,258)	(517)	(614)	(799)	(519)	(694)	(761)	(730)

	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education		
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Should be banned	15%	8%	15%	13%	16%	14%	12%	14%	26%	13%	11%
Should never be banned	85%	92%	85%	87%	84%	86%	88%	86%	74%	87%	89%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,448)	(792)	(699)	(820)	(797)	(669)	(1,537)	(308)	(393)	(956)	(582)

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**30B. Types of Books Taught in School — Depictions of slavery**

Do you think some books should be banned from schools if they contain the following things, or should books never be banned from schools because of these things?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be banned	13%	15%	11%	21%	18%	9%	6%	9%	12%	15%
Should never be banned	87%	85%	89%	79%	82%	91%	94%	91%	88%	85%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,466)	(1,200)	(1,266)	(517)	(625)	(805)	(519)	(699)	(764)	(739)

	2020 Vote			Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Should be banned	13%	8%	12%	11%	15%	12%	11%	13%	21%	12%	10%
Should never be banned	87%	92%	88%	89%	85%	88%	89%	87%	79%	88%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,466)	(794)	(711)	(827)	(797)	(681)	(1,553)	(307)	(390)	(966)	(587)

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**30C. Types of Books Taught in School — Discussions of race**

Do you think some books should be banned from schools if they contain the following things, or should books never be banned from schools because of these things?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be banned	13%	15%	12%	19%	18%	10%	7%	8%	13%	17%
Should never be banned	87%	85%	88%	81%	82%	90%	93%	92%	87%	83%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,458)	(1,194)	(1,264)	(517)	(624)	(800)	(516)	(699)	(765)	(729)

	2020 Vote			Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Should be banned	13%	8%	15%	10%	13%	16%	13%	11%	19%	15%	10%
Should never be banned	87%	92%	85%	90%	87%	84%	87%	89%	81%	85%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,458)	(796)	(704)	(828)	(798)	(671)	(1,549)	(310)	(387)	(960)	(589)

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**30D. Types of Books Taught in School — Criticism of people and events in U.S. history**

Do you think some books should be banned from schools if they contain the following things, or should books never be banned from schools because of these things?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Should be banned	17%	17%	16%	25%	20%	13%	9%	13%	16%	19%
Should never be banned	83%	83%	84%	75%	80%	87%	91%	87%	84%	81%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,460)	(1,198)	(1,261)	(516)	(621)	(803)	(520)	(699)	(760)	(737)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Should be banned	17%	8%	20%	13%	17%	20%	15%	15%	23%	17%	13%
Should never be banned	83%	92%	80%	87%	83%	80%	85%	85%	77%	83%	87%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,460)	(793)	(705)	(823)	(796)	(680)	(1,547)	(307)	(392)	(959)	(587)

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**31. Heard about CRT**

How much have you heard about critical race theory?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	35%	40%	30%	30%	27%	37%	44%	39%	24%	50%
A little	41%	41%	41%	42%	47%	39%	38%	48%	48%	33%
Nothing at all	24%	19%	29%	28%	26%	24%	18%	13%	28%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,491)	(1,210)	(1,281)	(521)	(631)	(811)	(528)	(704)	(768)	(752)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	35%	38%	51%	32%	33%	44%	37%	33%	25%	33%	44%
A little	41%	47%	33%	48%	42%	36%	41%	43%	40%	39%	43%
Nothing at all	24%	15%	16%	20%	25%	20%	22%	24%	35%	28%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,491)	(794)	(726)	(832)	(804)	(691)	(1,567)	(312)	(394)	(973)	(594)

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**32. CRT Favorability**

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of critical race theory?

*Among those who have heard of CRT*

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very favorable	19%	17%	21%	24%	18%	19%	15%	40%	14%	3%
Somewhat favorable	30%	30%	30%	39%	38%	23%	23%	42%	38%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%	16%	21%	20%	22%	18%	14%	11%	28%	14%
Very unfavorable	33%	37%	28%	17%	22%	40%	48%	7%	20%	72%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,870)	(974)	(897)	(374)	(458)	(610)	(427)	(606)	(537)	(619)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race/Ethnicity			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very favorable	19%	39%	2%	36%	16%	2%	17%	35%	11%	13%	21%
Somewhat favorable	30%	42%	7%	45%	31%	11%	25%	39%	39%	23%	29%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%	12%	16%	14%	22%	17%	18%	15%	21%	20%	15%
Very unfavorable	33%	7%	75%	5%	31%	69%	40%	10%	29%	44%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,870)	(666)	(605)	(653)	(602)	(549)	(1,208)	(233)	(256)	(690)	(518)

# HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

This CBS News/YouGov survey was conducted with a nationally representative sample of 2,494 U.S. adult residents interviewed between February 15-18, 2022.

Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide with an oversample of African-American respondents included. The final sample as reported was weighted to be representative of adults nationwide according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey and Current Population Survey, as well as to 2020 presidential vote.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage  $p$  based upon the entire sample is approximately  $\pm 2.3\%$  points. The margin of error for the sample of African Americans is  $\pm 5.0\%$  points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and  $n$  is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.