Hunger Free America – A Place at the Table

Action for Opportunity Forum: Poverty, Hunger and Homelessness Survey

TOPLINE RESULTS – November 8, 2019
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This survey of 1,000 Likely Voters in the 2020 election was conducted online. Quotas were utilized to ensure representation by age, geography and gender identity; the survey has been weighted to approximate party ID in publicly available national surveys (45% Dem, 39% GOP, 14% Ind/Other; this includes 29% Strong Dem and 24% Strong GOP).

The survey was conducted November 1-5, 2019 and carries a margin of error of ±3.1% at the 95% confidence level.

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE WAS ADMINISTERED ONLINE. AN ANSWER WAS REQUIRED FOR EACH QUESTION, UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

ALL RESPONDENTS ARE FROM AN ONLINE PANEL. WE RECRUITED LIKELY VOTERS AGE 18+ FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, WITH QUOTAS USED TO ENSURE GEOGRAPHIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC (AGE, GENDER IDENTITTY) REPRESENTATION.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PROGRAMMER ARE IN CAPS. RESPONDENTS DID NOT SEE SECTION HEADERS.
Thank you for taking the time to take our survey today. Before you begin, we have a few questions to see if you qualify:

1. Which of the following best describes your age?

   - Under 18 (TERMINATE)
   - 18-24 8%
   - 25-34 19
   - 35-44 18
   - 45-54 17
   - 55-64 18
   - 65+ 19
   - Not sure/Refused (TERMINATE)

2. Thinking about next year’s elections for President of the United States, as well as other offices at the state and local level:

   How likely is it that you will vote in the 2020 elections?

   - Certain 83%
   - Very likely 17%
   - Pretty likely TERMINATE
   - Not very likely TERMINATE
   - Not at all likely TERMINATE

3. Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

   - Female 53%
   - Male 46
   - Transgender .5%
   - Non-Binary .5%
   - Prefer not to say (TERMINATE)

4. Please select the state where you currently live from the drop down list:

   CODED REGION:

   - Northeast 18%
   - Midwest 22
   - South 34
   - West 26
Attitudes Toward Poverty and Those in Need

Actions

In the past year, have you or anyone in your household donated, volunteered or otherwise supported any of the following types of charities/events?

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<th>Yes</th>
<th>No</th>
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<td>5. Charities that help Americans in poverty</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>6. Charities for senior citizens</td>
<td>25%</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>7. Charities for veterans</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>8. Charities that address hunger and/or homelessness</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>53%</td>
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<td>9. Charities that aim to cure a disease</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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Defining/Sympathizing

Do you think that someone experiencing the following is poor, lower middle class, middle class, upper middle class or wealthy?

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<th>If this is happening to someone, are they…</th>
<th>Poor</th>
<th>Lower middle class</th>
<th>Middle class</th>
<th>Upper middle class</th>
<th>Wealthy</th>
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<td>10. Living check to check with no savings</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>11. Having a full-time job that does not cover basic necessities (rent, food, health care)</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>12. Being unable to afford co-pays for doctors and medicines</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>13. Skipping meals or choosing between food and prescriptions because they can’t afford enough food</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>14. Living on couches, or in a motel or a car, for more than three months</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>7</td>
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Values

15. There are currently 96 million Americans – nearly one-third of all Americans – living in or near poverty. In your view, how important is this issue relative to the other challenges we face as a nation? Is it:

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<td>Extremely important</td>
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<td>Very important</td>
<td>24%</td>
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<td>Somewhat important</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Not very important</td>
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<td>Not at all important</td>
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Do you agree or disagree:

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<td>100%</td>
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<td>Strong</td>
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<td>little</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>16. The rise in poverty, and the high number of people who live check-to-check or near poverty, is another symptom of the decline of the middle class and the loss of economic security most Americans once enjoyed.</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>17. Too many middle class Americans live in fear of falling into poverty if they lose their job, get sick or have something else happen that is out of their control.</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>18. Being poor should not mean misery, hunger and preventable illness in the richest nation on Earth.</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>19. Everyone should have dignity, including children, adults and seniors who are poor, hungry or homeless.</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>20. Taking care of children, the elderly, people with disabilities and others who suffer through no fault of their own is a basic tenet of every religious, spiritual or moral belief system.</td>
<td>43%</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>21. Tens of millions of Americas earning too little to afford basic goods and services drags down our entire economy.</td>
<td>23%</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>22. People who work full-time and follow the law should be able to get ahead in America and enjoy a comfortable middle class life.</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>23. Allowing poverty, declining economic opportunity, and despair to run unchecked allows division and partisanship to seize our politics and our way of life.</td>
<td>31%</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>12</td>
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Role of Government

24. Some say that the best approach to issues like poverty, hunger and homelessness is to rely on private charities, that government shouldn't raise minimum wages, and that government programs like SNAP (food stamps), unemployment insurance, or Medicaid should be cut or eliminated.

Some say that the best approach to issues like poverty, hunger and homelessness is having government ensure living wages and strong, well-funded programs like SNAP (food stamps), unemployment insurance, and Medicaid and then private charities can fill in the gaps. Which comes closer to your view?

| Private charities should take the lead, the private sector should be able to set wages as low as they like, and we should cut or eliminate government programs | 27% |
| We need a combination of higher wages and strong government programs, and then private charities can fill in the gaps. | 62 |
| Not sure | 11 |

25. If a candidate for elected office made it their main focus to increase economic opportunity, with a vision and plans to make the middle class more secure and reduce hunger and homelessness among those in or near poverty, would that make you more likely, less likely, or not affect whether you would vote for that candidate?

| Much more likely | 34% | MORE LIKELY | 71% |
| Somewhat more likely | 37 |
| Neither more likely nor less likely | 17 |
| Somewhat less likely | 3 |
| Much less likely | 2 |
| Not sure | 7 |

The following is a list of some groups that are currently receiving government aid or benefits. Do you want to see government programs that support these groups increased, kept at current levels or cut?

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<th>Group</th>
<th>Increase these programs</th>
<th>Keep these programs the same</th>
<th>Cut these programs</th>
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<td>26. Seniors living in or near poverty</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>27. Children living in or near poverty</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>28. Working parents living in or near poverty</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>37</td>
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<td>29. Veterans living in or near poverty</td>
<td>61%</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>30. People with disabilities</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>38</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>31. Small farmers harmed by global trade decisions</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>32. Large corporate agriculture companies harmed by global trade decisions</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:</td>
<td>Agree</td>
<td>Neither</td>
<td>Disagree</td>
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<td>33. Government programs should not be structured so that people lose all their benefits if they get a job or a raise. Rather, they should help people find a path back to self-sufficiency so they do not need benefits in the future.</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>34. Government programs should become more efficient and streamlined and use modern technologies, so people struggling to work their way out of poverty aren’t wasting valuable time filling in the same forms over and over, or fighting red tape and waiting on hold on phone trees all day, just to figure out their benefits.</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>33</td>
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**SNAP**

Currently, the food stamp program (known as SNAP) costs taxpayers less than 2% of the total federal budget.

On average, food stamps provide about $1.40 per meal for those who receive SNAP benefits.

35. Do you think spending on food stamps as a percent of the federal budget should be:

- Increased significantly 32%  **TOTAL “INCREASED”….58%**
- Increased slightly 26
- Kept about the same 24
- Cut slightly 5
- Cut significantly 6  **TOTAL “CUT”………………..11%**
- Not sure 8

36. Do you think the current benefit of $1.40 per meal is way too much, a bit too much, about right, a bit too low, or much too low?

- Way too much 8%
- A bit too much 8
- About right 23
- A bit too low 23
- Much too low 29
- Not sure 9
Demographics

The following questions are used for statistical purposes only:

Do any of the following apply to you, people you know personally or both?

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<th>Applies to someone you know personally</th>
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<td>37. Have skipped meals or otherwise experienced hunger in the past 12 months</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>22%</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>38. Have experienced homelessness in the past 12 months</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>72</td>
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<td>39. Have had trouble paying bills for necessities in the past 12 months</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>40. Have had trouble paying medical bills in the past 12 months</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>52</td>
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41. Are you currently:

- Employed full time 52%
- Employed part-time 9
- A homemaker 6
- Retired 23
- A student 1
- Unemployed and looking for a job 4
- Unemployed and not looking for a job 2
- Other 2
- Not sure/Prefer not to say 1

IF FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME EMPLOYED, CONTINUE HERE; OTHERS SKIP TO PARTY AFFILIATION:

Thinking about the next 2-3 years…

42. How worried are you that you could lose your job if the economy were to get worse in your area over the next few years? (n=617)

- Very worried 21%
- A bit worried 31
- Not very worried 22
- Not at all worried 23
- Not sure 4
43. How long could you live without working before you worried about facing a major crisis in terms of being able to afford basic necessities like rent/mortgage, food or health care? (n=617)

- Less than a month: 21%
- 2-3 months: 24
- 4-6 months: 17
- 7 months-12 months: 8
- 1 year: 8
- 2-3 years: 4
- More than 3 years: 11
- Not sure: 6

ALL RESUME HERE:

44. Thinking about your political affiliation, would you say you consider yourself to be a Democrat, Republican, another party or Independent?

- Strong Democrat: 29%
- Lean Democrat: 16
- Lean Republican: 15
- Strong Republican: 24
- Independent: 12
- Libertarian Party: 1
- Other party: 1
- None of these: 1
- Not sure/Prefer not to say: 1

45. How often do you vote?

- Always: 71%
- Most of the time: 23
- Sometimes: 4
- Never: 1
- Not sure/Prefer not to say: 1

46. What is your current marital status?

- Single: 27%
- Married: 54
- Widowed: 3
- Divorced: 9
- Living with a domestic partner: 6
- Not sure/Prefer not to say: 0

47. Do you currently have any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

- Yes: 28%
- No: 72
- Not sure/Prefer not to say: 1
48. Which of these best describes where you live?

- In a large city: 26%
- Suburbs of a large city: 46%
- A small town or rural area: 28%
- Not sure/Prefer not to say: 0%

49. Are you from a Hispanic, Latino or Spanish-Speaking background?

- Yes: 9%
- No: 90%
- Not sure/Refused: 1%

50. With which race do you identify yourself?

- White: 81%
- Black, African-American: 10%
- Asian: 4%
- Multi-racial: 2%
- Native American, American Indian: 1%
- Other race: 1%
- Not sure/Refused: 0%

51. Which of the following best describes your household income for the year 2019?

- Less than $19,999 per year: 10%
- $20-$29,999: 8%
- $30-$39,999: 9%
- $40-$49,999: 8%
- $50-$74,999: 17%
- $75-$99,999: 16%
- $100-$149,999: 16%
- $150,000 or more: 11%
- Not sure/Prefer not to say: 5%

Thank you for your time.
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About the Dynata (formerly Research Now SSI) Online Panel

Dynata uses a multi-sourcing panel recruitment model which maximizes reach and capacity, as well as improving consistency and minimizing bias. Dynata's online sample is made up of a number of different brands across the globe.

To increase diversity, Dynata uses a variety of contact methods to recruit: loyalty partnerships, online banners, TV ads, e-mails, apps, social media influencers, websites are among the many channels used. Dynata's massive combined panel size helps studies to fill quickly and easily and improves representivity. With a large number of diverse frames, sample is less vulnerable to the loss of a source, or to changes within individual sources.

Below are the important benefits of this multi-source model:

• Allows us to bring you a more representative universe via recruitment to diverse panels and sourcing.
• Leverages multiple contact modes (not just emails) in directing participants into the stream.
• Allows for precise targeting via methodologically-sound screening questions,
• Eliminates many wasted survey opportunities where a participant is told that they do not qualify for a study. This results in more people being available to complete surveys.
• Ensures that the panelist experience is optimized. This leads to lower attrition rate, less panelist fatigue and better data quality.

Dynata technology allows us to blend multiple sources and deliver a consistent diverse sample, in the same way across all the countries across the globe where we provide sample.