

**PEW SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS**  
**NOVEMBER 2012 GENDER AND GENERATIONS SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 5, 2012**  
**TOTAL N=2,511**

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**QUESTION 1 THROUGH 4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different topic...

Q.5 In all countries, there are differences or conflicts between different social groups. In your opinion, in AMERICA, how much conflict is there between ... **[READ AND RANDOMIZE ITEMS a. THRU d. ALWAYS READ ITEM e. LAST]** ... Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts? **[REPEAT CATEGORIES AS NECESSARY]** In America, how much conflict is there between ... **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** **READ IF NECESSARY:** Very strong conflicts, strong conflicts, not very strong conflicts, or there are not conflicts?

a. Young people and older people?

		Dec	Jul	GSS:	GSS:
<u>Total</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2000</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>1992</u> <sup>2</sup>
8	Very strong conflicts	10	6	10	11
20	Strong conflicts	24	19	31	31
52	Not very strong conflicts	50	56	48	43
15	There are not conflicts	12	14	7	10
1	Can't choose (VOL.)	1	1	4	5
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	4	n/a	n/a

b. Poor people and rich people?

		Dec	Jul	GSS:	GSS:	GSS:
<u>Total</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1987</u>
22	Very strong conflicts	30	15	14	20	15
36	Strong conflicts	36	32	41	46	44
28	Not very strong conflicts	23	34	37	26	33
8	There are not conflicts	7	10	3	3	3
2	Can't choose (VOL.)	1	3	6	5	5
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	6	n/a	n/a	n/a

<sup>1</sup> The GSS questions didn't include a "Don't know/Refused" option.

<sup>2</sup> The question wording is slightly different in the 1992 GSS: "In all countries there are differences or even conflicts between..."

## QUESTION 5 CONTINUED ...

c. Blacks and whites?

<u>Total</u>		Dec <u>2011</u>	Jul <u>2009</u>
11	Very strong conflicts	10	9
28	Strong conflicts	28	30
47	Not very strong conflicts	47	45
7	There are not conflicts	7	8
2	Can't choose <b>(VOL.)</b>	2	3
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	6

d. Immigrants and people born in the United States?

<u>Total</u>		Dec <u>2011</u>	Jul <u>2009</u>
17	Very strong conflicts	24	18
38	Strong conflicts	38	36
32	Not very strong conflicts	26	30
6	There are not conflicts	6	8
2	Can't choose <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	3
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	5

e. Democrats and Republicans?

<u>Total</u>	
47	Very strong conflicts
35	Strong conflicts
10	Not very strong conflicts
3	There are not conflicts
1	Can't choose <b>(VOL.)</b>
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

QUESTIONS 6-6a, 14, 17-F7 AND 21-22 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED; QUESTIONS 11-13, 15-16b, 18-20 AND 23-29 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE; NO QUESTIONS 7-10, 30

## ASK ALL:

Q.31 Now thinking about some issues that have been in the news lately. In your opinion, what is more important ...[READ AND ROTATE]?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Trends for comparison</i> <sup>3</sup>	
		Aug <u>2012</u>	Sep <u>2011</u>
32	Taking steps to reduce the budget deficit <b>[OR]</b>	33	35
56	Keeping Social Security and Medicare benefits as they are	51	58
8	Both equally <b>(VOL.)</b>	11	2
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	4

<sup>3</sup> In all trends, items were not rotated. Also, the intro wording was, "What is more important...."

**ROTATE Q.32 AND Q.33****ASK ALL:**

Q.32 **[IF Q.32 ASKED FIRST, READ:** Thinking about Social Security and Medicare... / **IF Q.32 ASKED SECOND, READ:** Still thinking about these programs...] How likely do you think it is that, in the future, there will be enough money to provide these benefits at their current levels to older Americans? Do you think this is **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Total

45	<b>NET</b> Likely
14	Very likely
31	Somewhat likely
51	<b>NET</b> Not likely
32	Not too likely <b>[OR]</b>
19	Not at all likely
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**QUESTIONS 33-35, PARTY-IDEO PREVIOUSLY RELEASED; QUESTIONS M1- PVOTE12B HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**