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NOVEMBER 2012 GENDER AND GENERATIONS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 5, 2012
TOTAL N=2,511

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ASK ALL:

Q.1 Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life – would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

<u>Total</u>	
29	Very happy
51	Pretty happy
16	Not too happy
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:¹

	Very <u>happy</u>	Pretty <u>happy</u>	Not too <u>happy</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Nov 2012	29	51	16	4
Jul 2012	30	47	21	1
Dec 2011	31	50	15	3
Sep 2011	30	47	20	3
Mar 2011	30	52	16	2
Jan 2010	28	54	16	2
Jul 2009 ²	34	49	15	3
Apr 2009	29	52	16	4
Feb 2009	32	49	15	4
Oct 2008	29	51	17	3
Jun 2008	35	48	14	3
Sep 2006	36	51	12	1
Nov 2005	29	56	14	1
Oct 2005	34	50	15	1
Late Mar 2003	29	51	16	4
Feb 2003	29	51	17	3
Sep 1996	34	53	11	2

¹ Unless otherwise noted, trends throughout the topline are based on total sample.

² The Jul 2009 survey was based on respondents ages 16 and older. In this topline, all Jul 2009 trends are based on respondents ages 18 and older only.

ASK ALL:

Q.2 How would you rate your own health in general these days? Would you say your health is excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

<u>Total</u>	
77	NET Excellent/Good
26	Excellent
51	Good
23	NET Only fair/Poor
18	Only fair
4	Poor
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Trends:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Nov 2012	26	51	18	4	*
Jul 2012	29	44	20	6	1
<i>Pew Internet: Aug 2010³</i>	30	49	16	5	*
Jul 2009	29	51	15	5	1
Feb 2009	31	46	17	5	1
<i>Pew Internet: Nov 2008</i>	29	51	14	5	1
Jan 2008	30	48	17	5	*
<i>Pew Internet: Aug 2006</i>	33	47	14	4	1
Feb 2006	29	51	15	5	*
Oct 2005	30	48	17	5	*
<i>Pew Internet: May 2004</i>	33	49	14	4	1
Jun 2003	28	52	15	5	*
<i>Pew Internet: Nov 2002</i>	35	48	12	4	1
<i>Pew Internet: Jun 2001</i>	29	57	12	2	*
<i>Pew Internet: Aug 2000</i>	39	49	10	2	*
Mid-July 1990	27	53	15	5	*

ASK ALL:

Q.3 How would you describe your household's financial situation? Would you say you **[READ; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>May</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Jul</u> <u>2009</u>
33	Live comfortably	30	33
30	Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras	30	27
24	Just meet your basic expenses [OR]	27	26
11	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses	11	11
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	2

³ In trends from the Pew Internet & American Life Project, the question was worded: "In general, how would you rate your own health—excellent, good, only fair, or poor?"

ASK ALL:

Q.4 In general, how do you feel about your time—would you say you always feel rushed even to do the things you have to do, only sometimes feel rushed, or almost never feel rushed?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Oct 2005</u>
25	Always feel rushed	24
47	Sometimes feel rushed	53
27	Almost never feel rushed	23
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

QUESTIONS 5-6a PREVIOUSLY RELEASED; Q.11-13 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE; NO QUESTIONS 7-10**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 How likely is it that, at some point in your life, you will be responsible for caring for an aging parent or another elderly family member? Do you think it is very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

<u>Total</u>	
47	Very likely
21	Somewhat likely
10	Not too likely
11	Not at all likely
*	Depends (VOL.)
11	Have already done this/Am currently doing this (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTIONS 15-16b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

On another subject,

Q.17 Here are a few things family members sometimes do for each other. I'd like to know if you think each is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility, regardless of whether it might be a good thing to do. (First/Next)...
[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] READ AS NECESSARY: Do you think this is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility?

- a. Parents providing financial assistance to an adult child if he or she needs it

<u>Total</u>	
52	Responsibility
44	Not really a responsibility
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

- b. Adult children providing financial assistance to an elderly parent if he or she needs it

<u>Total</u>	
75	Responsibility
23	Not really a responsibility
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Now thinking about your own family...

F.1 Is your mother living?

<u>Total</u>	
64	Yes
36	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

F.2 Is your father living?

<u>Total</u>	
49	Yes
49	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

F.3 Do you have any living stepparents who play an important role in your life?

IF YES (F.3=1), ASK:

F.3a Would that be a stepmother, a stepfather or both?

<u>Total</u>	
14	Yes
4	Stepmother
5	Stepfather
4	Both stepmother and stepfather
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
86	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK F.4 AND F.5 ONLY IF BOTH PARENTS ARE LIVING (F.1=1 AND F.2=1): [n=842]

F.4 Do your mother and father live together?

<u>Total</u>	
60	Yes
40	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

F.5 With which parent do you have the most contact?

<u>Total</u>	
51	Mother
15	Father
34	Neither/both same (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK F.6 IF MOTHER IS LIVING OR MOTHER NOT LIVING/DK AND IMPORTANT STEPMOTHER {F.1=1 or (F.1=2,9 & F.3a=1,3)}:

F.6 How old is your (IF F.1=1: mother/IF F.1=2,9 & F.3a=1,3: stepmother)? **(READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.)**

(RECORD EXACT AGE)

ASK F.7 IF FATHER IS LIVING OR FATHER NOT LIVING/DK AND IMPORTANT STEPFATHER {F.2=1 or (F.2=2,9 & F.3a=2,3)}:

F.7 How old is your (IF F.2=1: father/ IF F.2=2,9 & F.3a=2,3: stepfather)? **(READ IF NECESSARY: Just your best guess is fine.)**

(RECORD EXACT AGE)

COMBO F.6/F.7:

**BASED ON THOSE WITH MOTHER
OR STEPMOTHER LIVING [n=1,347]**

<u>Total</u>	
54	Younger than 65
20	65-74
15	75-84
8	85 and older
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
64	Mean age of mother

**BASED ON THOSE WITH FATHER
OR STEPFATHER LIVING [n=1,005]**

<u>Total</u>	
55	Younger than 65
23	65-74
14	75-84
5	85 and older
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
63	Mean age of father

----- **ADULTS WITH PARENTS AGES 65 AND OLDER**-----

Unless otherwise noted, questions 18 through 23 are asked of respondents with one or more living parents or stepparents age 65 or older (n=871). Respondents with no living parents or stepparents skip ahead to Question P.1. The following instructions indicate the referent in Q.18-23 given the respondent's situation.

RESPONDENT'S SITUATION

Both parents live together
 Parents live separately and more contact with mother
 Parents live separately and more contact with father
 Parents live separately and equal contact
 Only mother living
 Only father living
 No parents living and stepmother played important role
 No parents living and stepfather played important role
 No parents living and important stepmother and stepfather

ASK Q.18-Q.23 ABOUT RESPONDENT'S...

Parents
 Mother
 Father
 FORM 1: Mother / FORM 2: Father
 Mother
 Father
 Stepmother
 Stepfather
 FORM 1: Stepmother / FORM 2: Stepfather

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE PARENT AGE 65+ (F.6=65-97 OR F.7=65-97): [n=871]

Q.18 (Do either of your parents/Does your mother/Does your father/Does your stepmother/Does your stepfather) need help to handle (their/her/his) affairs or care for (themselves/herself/himself), OR can (they/she/he) handle these things on (their/her/his) own?

<u>Total</u>		Feb <u>2009</u>
30	Need help	21
69	Can handle on own	77
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

IF NEEDS HELP (Q.18=1): [n=279]

Q.19 Who provides MOST of this help – is it you, someone else in your family, paid help, or do you have some other arrangement for providing MOST of this help?

<u>Total</u>		Feb <u>2009</u>
31	You	28
39	Someone else in your family	50
14	Paid help	11
14	Other (SPECIFY)	9
11	Some combination of two or more of these (VOL.)	7
3	Social Security/Medicare/Other government benefits (VOL.)	0
*	Other arrangements (VOL.)	3
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

Q.18/Q.19 COMBO

<u>Total</u>		
30	Need help	
9	You	
12	Someone else in your family	
4	Paid help	
4	Other (SPECIFY)	
3	Some combination of two or more of these (VOL.)	
1	Social Security/Medicare/Other government programs (VOL.)	
*	Other arrangements (VOL.)	
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	
69	Can handle on own	
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	

IF NOT 'YOU' (Q.19=2-9), ASK: [n=194]

Q.20 Do you provide any of this assistance, or not?

<u>Total</u>		Feb <u>2009</u>
70	Yes	65
30	No	34
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE LIVING PARENT (F.1=1 OR F.2=1 OR F.3=1): [n=1,452]

Q.21 Have you GIVEN any financial support to your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) in the past 12 months, or not?

ASK IF YES (Q.21=1):

Q.22 Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or not?

<u>Total</u>		<u>With parent / stepparent 65 or older</u>
33	Yes	32
24	Ongoing expenses	23
8	Not	9
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*
67	No	67
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

Trends for comparison:

	<u>Aug 2011⁴</u>		<u>Feb 2009⁵</u>
Yes	39	Yes	21
Ongoing expenses	31	Ongoing expenses	10
Not	8	Special circumstances	9
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	Both	1
No	61	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	No	78
		Does not apply (VOL.)	*
		Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE PARENT AGE 65+ (F.6=65-97 OR F.7=65-97): [n=871]

Q.23 Now thinking about another aspect of your relationship...How often would you say your (parents depend/mother depends/father depends/stepmother depends/stepfather depends) on you for EMOTIONAL support. Would you say (READ IN ORDER)?

<u>Total</u>	
35	Frequently
33	Sometimes
21	Hardly ever [OR]
10	Never
1	Depends/Different for each parent (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁴ In August 2011, the question was only asked of respondents with at least one parent ages 65 or older. The question did not include stepparents and respondents with two living parents were asked if they had given support to their "parents," regardless of whether they were living together or not.

⁵ In February 2009, the question was only asked of respondents with a living parent or stepparent ages 65 or older. The question wording was slightly different. The first question read, "(Now I'd like to ask about/ And how about) the kinds of things you may or may not have done for your (parents/mother/father/stepmother/stepfather) DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS. Did you ... [INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? a. Given any financial help." The follow-up read, "Was the financial help given for special circumstances OR was it for ongoing expenses?"

ASK ALL:

Still thinking about your family...

- P.1 Do you have any children under age 18? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY HAVE STEPCHILDREN, ASK:** Do you consider yourself (**IF MORE THAN ONE:** their/**IF ONE:** his or her) parent or guardian, or not? **IF YES TO EITHER, ASK:** How many children (**OR, IF APPLICABLE:** stepchildren) under age 18 do you have?

<u>Total</u>	
33	Yes
13	One child under 18
19	More than one
67	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

- P.2 Do you have any adult children, age 18 or older? **IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY HAVE STEPCHILDREN, ASK:** Do you consider yourself (**IF MORE THAN ONE:** their/**IF ONE:** his or her) parent or guardian, or not? **IF YES TO EITHER, ASK:** How many adult children (**OR, IF APPLICABLE:** adult stepchildren) do you have?

<u>Total</u>	
48	Yes
13	One adult child
35	More than one
52	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 24; QUESTIONS 25-26 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK IF ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=1):**

- P.3 Do you provide the PRIMARY financial support for your child, age 18 and older, or not?

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=2):

- P.4 Do you provide the PRIMARY financial support for ALL of your children ages 18 and older, for some but not for others, or not for any?

BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 18+: [n=1,454]

<u>Total</u>		Oct <u>2005</u>
31	Provide support for a child 18+	22
15	Provide for ALL	12
16	Provide for SOME	10
68	Don't provide for any children 18+	77
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF PROVIDING ANY CHILD 18+ WITH PRIMARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT (P.3=1 OR P.4=1,2): [n=371]

P.5 Are you providing the primary financial support because (IF P.3=1: this child is /P.4=1,2: these children are) enrolled in school OR for some other reason?

<u>Total</u>		Oct <u>2005</u>
49	In school	56
46	Some other reason	39
2	Both (VOL.)	3
1	Depends on which adult child (VOL.)	*
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE CHILD 18+ AND NOT PROVIDING PRIMARY SUPPORT {P.2=1,2 AND (P.3=2,9 OR P.4=3,9)}: [n=1,083]

Q.27 Have you given ANY financial support to (IF P.2=1: your adult child/IF P.2=2: any of your adult children) in the past 12 months, or not?

<u>Total</u>	
46	Yes
54	No
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

COMBO P.3/P.4/Q.27: [n=1,454]

<u>Total</u>	
63	NET Provide support for a child/children 18+
31	PRIMARY financial support
32	ANY financial support
37	Don't provide support
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=1,2): [n=1,454]

Q.28 Now thinking about another aspect of your relationship...How often would you say (IF P.2=1: your adult child depends/IF P.2=2: your adult children depend) on you for EMOTIONAL support. Would you say **(READ IN ORDER)?**

<u>Total</u>	
33	Frequently
42	Sometimes
18	Hardly ever [OR]
5	Never
1	Depends/Different for each parent (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF AT LEAST ONE CHILD 18+ (P.2=1,2): [n=1,454]

Q.29 Would you say your relationship with your adult (IF P.2=1: child/IF P.2=2: children) is closer or less close than the relationship you had with your own parents when you were at a comparable age, or is it about the same?

Total

47	Closer
11	Less close
41	About the same
*	Depends on which child (VOL.)
1	Not applicable/Parents weren't living (VOL.)
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 30; QUESTIONS 31-35 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

Now, on a different subject...

M.1 Are you currently married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed, or have you never been married? (IF R SAYS "SINGLE," PROBE TO DETERMINE WHICH CATEGORY IS APPROPRIATE)

Total

49	Married
7	Living with a partner
9	Divorced
3	Separated
7	Widowed
25	Never been married
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF LIVING WITH PARTNER (M.1=2): [n=120]

M.2 Have you ever been married?

Total

30	Yes
70	No
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTIONS 36-44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE