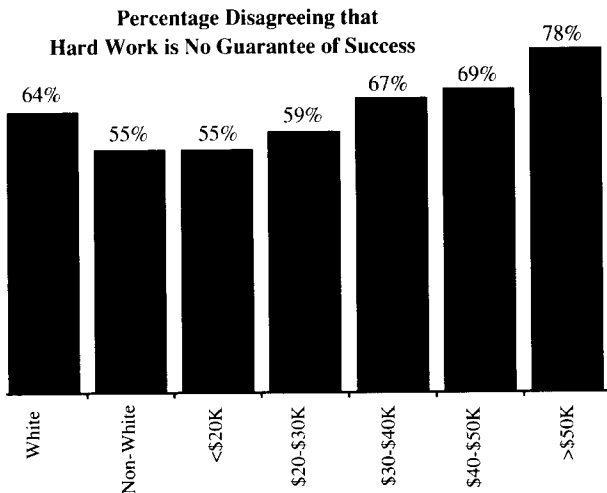
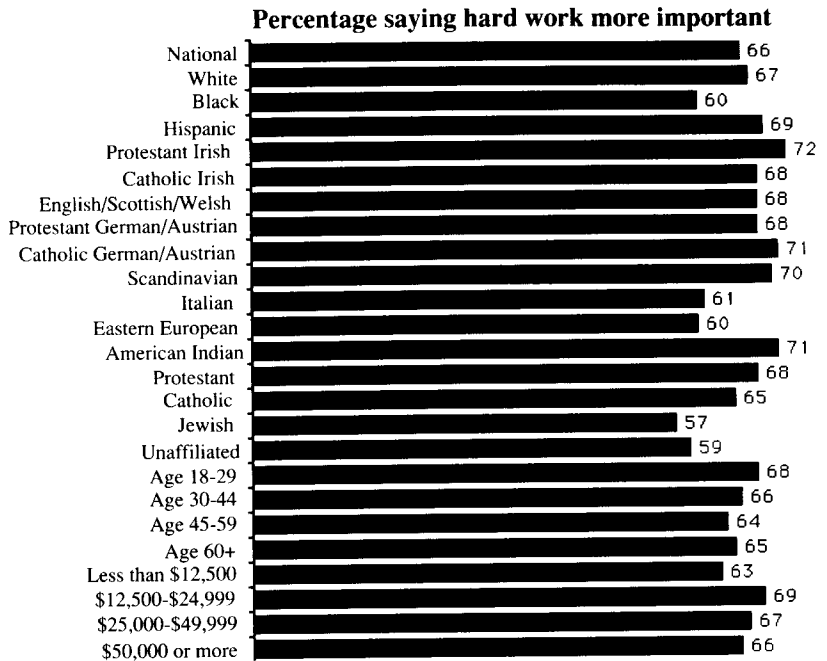


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BROAD ADHERENCE TO THE IDEOLOGY

Question: Some people say that people get ahead by their own hard work; others say that lucky breaks or help from other people are more important. Which do you think is most important?

Source: Surveys by the National Opinion Research Center, General Social Surveys, combined 1985, 1987-1991.

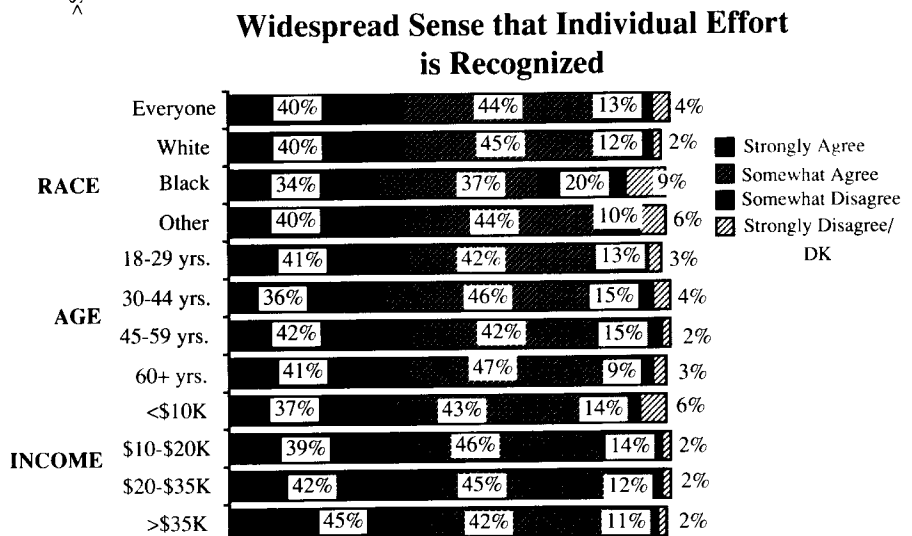


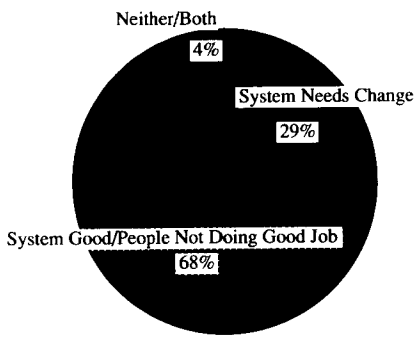
Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?...Hard work is no guarantee of success.

Source: Survey by Times Mirror, May 1990.

Question: Do you agree that because America has an open society, what one achieves in life no longer depends on one's family background, but on the abilities one has and the education one acquires?

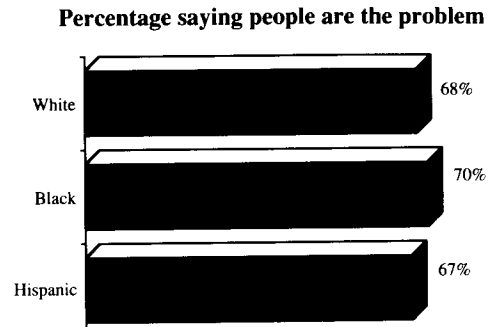
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Question: Which of these two statements comes closer to your own view? The current system of government needs drastic changes; the system is good but the people in government are not doing their jobs well enough?

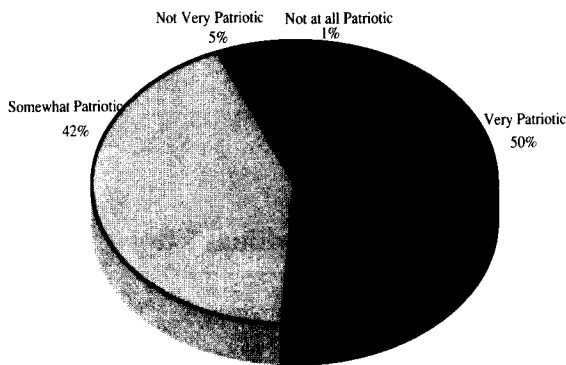
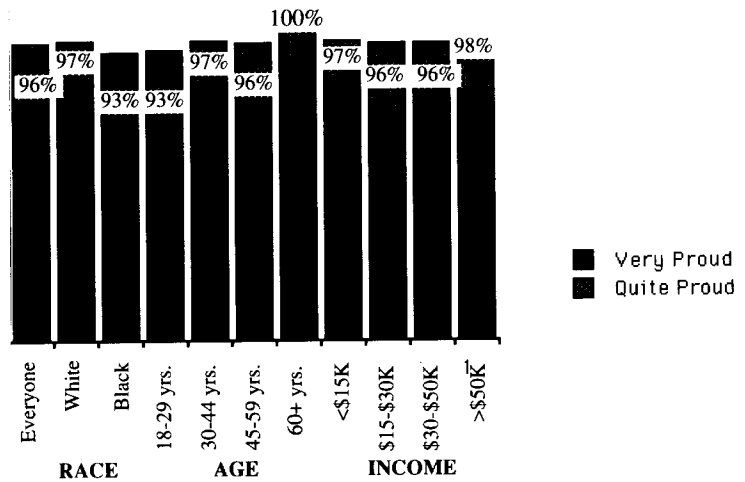
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STRONG ATTACHMENTS TO THE NATION

Question: How proud are you to be an American: Very proud, quite proud, not very proud, or not at all proud?

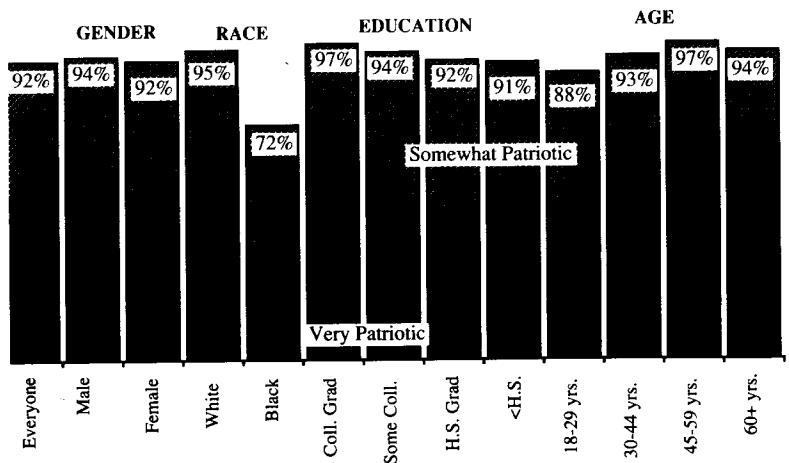
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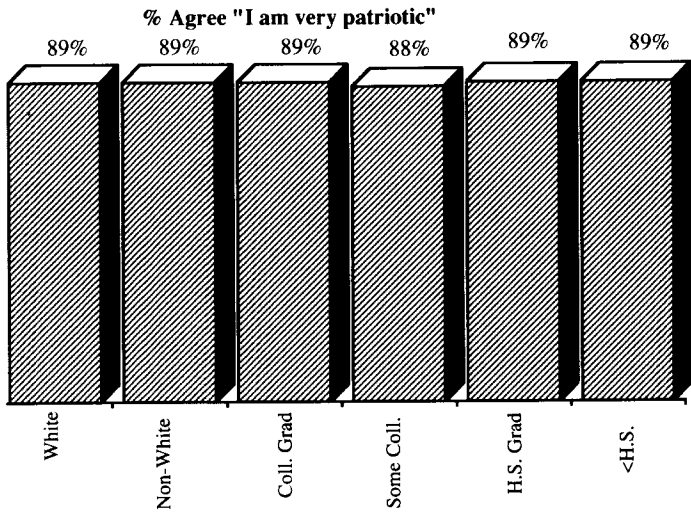


Question: ...How patriotic do you consider yourself?...

Source: Survey by the Washington Post, June 16-20, 1989.

Sense of Patriotism Widely Shared





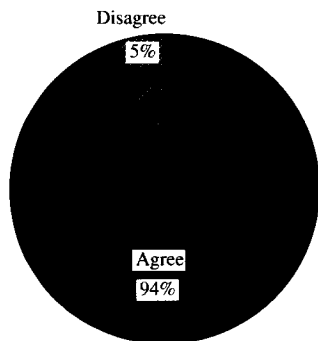
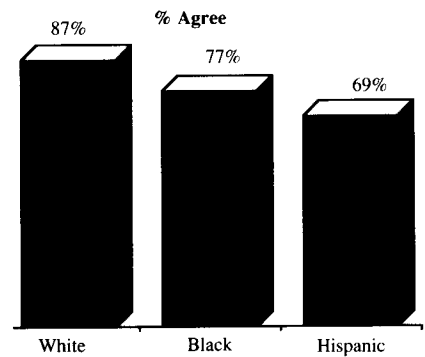
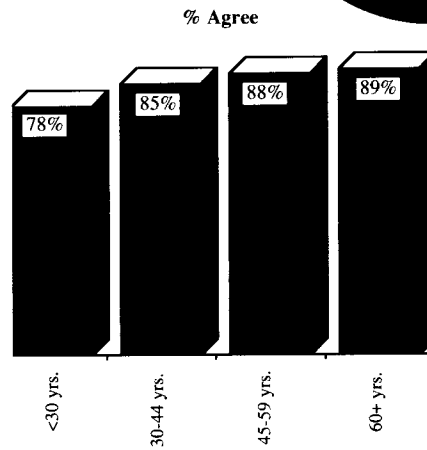
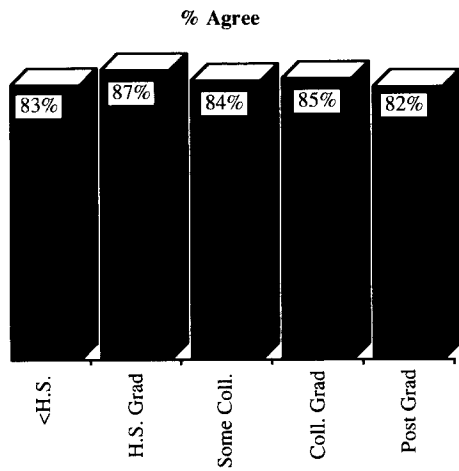
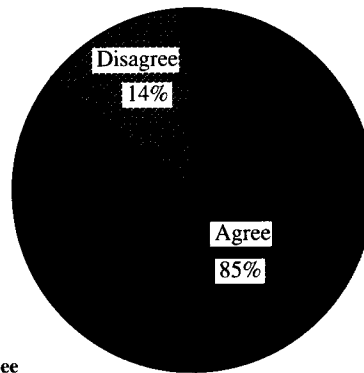
Question: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement... "I am very patriotic?"

Source: Survey by Times Mirror, May 1990.

Broad Support for the Governmental System

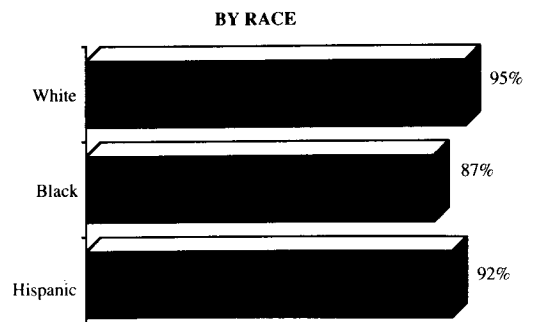
Question: ...Do you agree or disagree that: Whatever its faults, the US still has the best system of government in the world?

Source: Survey by ABC News, April 8-9, 1992.



Question: ...Do you agree or disagree that... "I'd rather live in the US than anywhere else?"

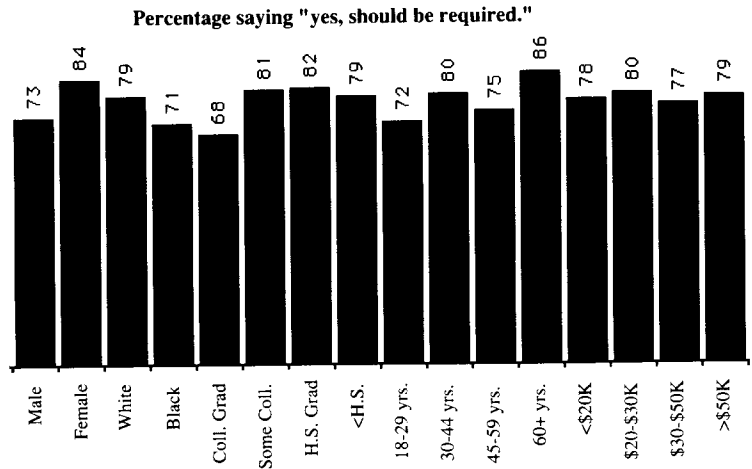
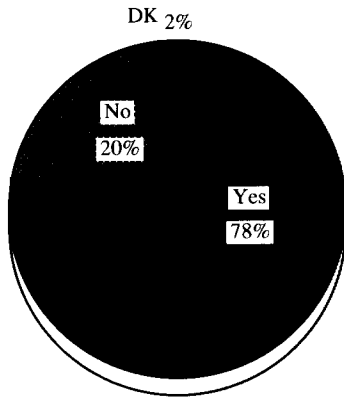
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HONORING THE SYMBOLS OF NATION

Question: Do you think US school children should be required to pledge allegiance to the flag in all US schools or not?

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, May 23-26, 1991.

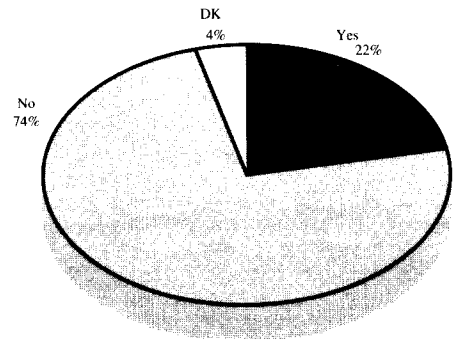


Require Children to Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

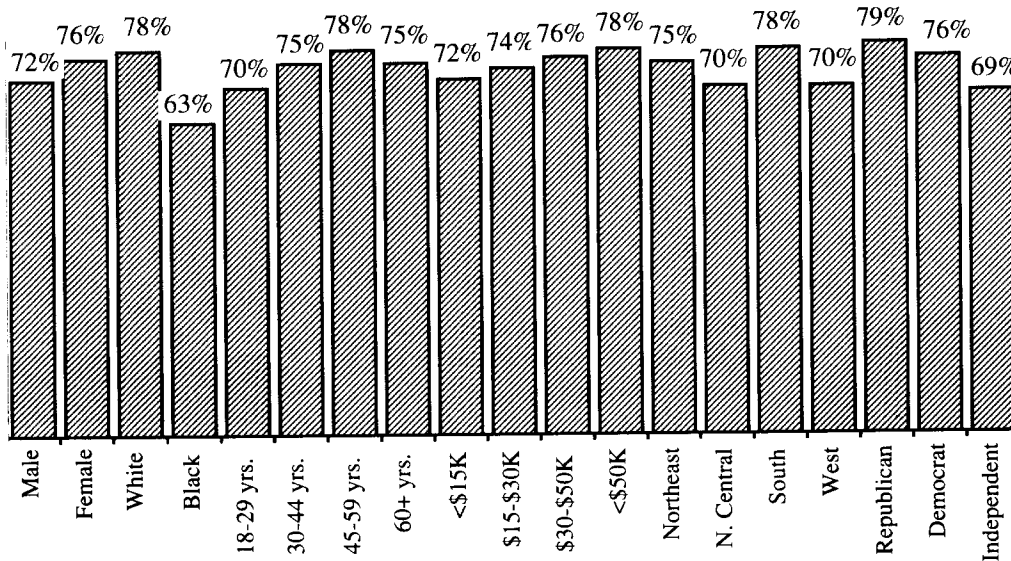
Stand When the National Anthem is Played

Question: Can someone be patriotic and still refuse to stand when the National Anthem is being played?

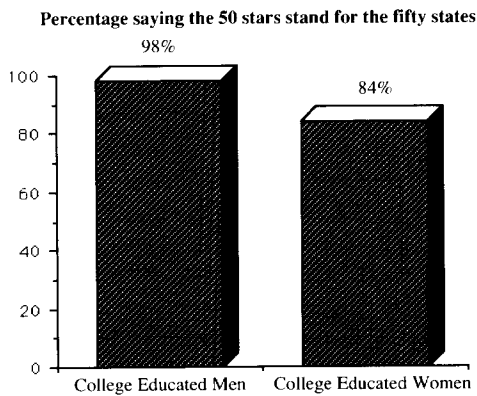
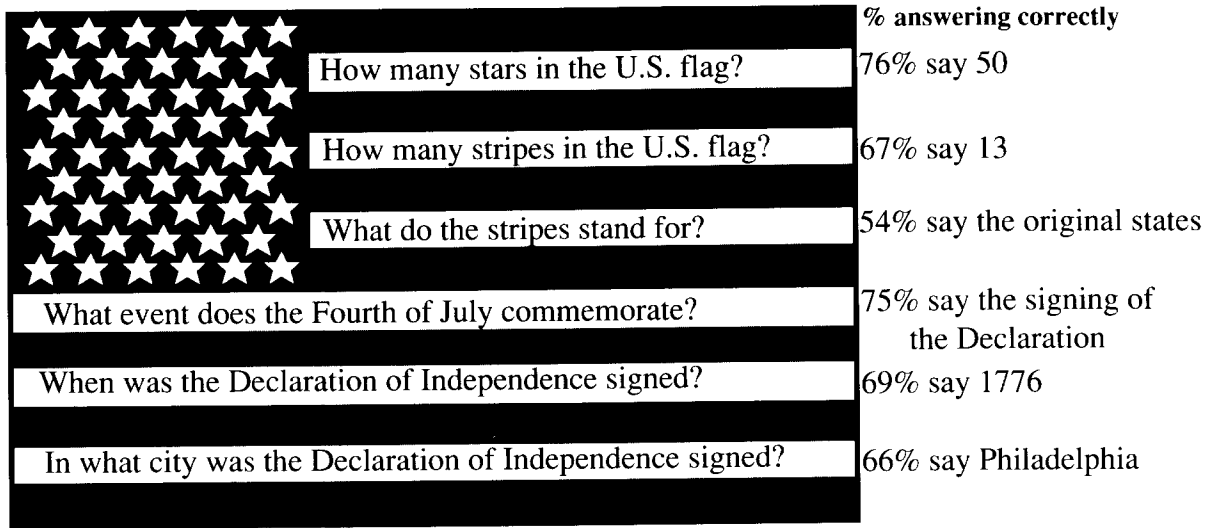
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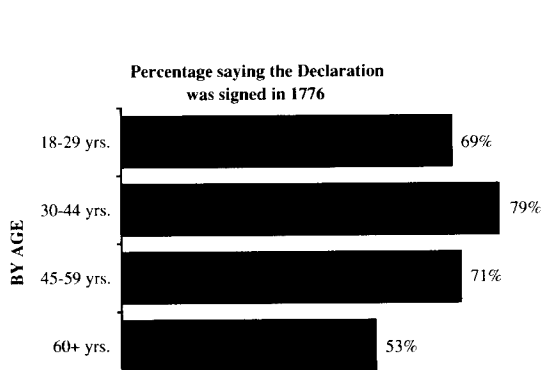
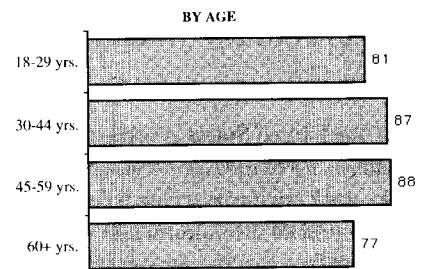
Percentage saying patriotism requires standing



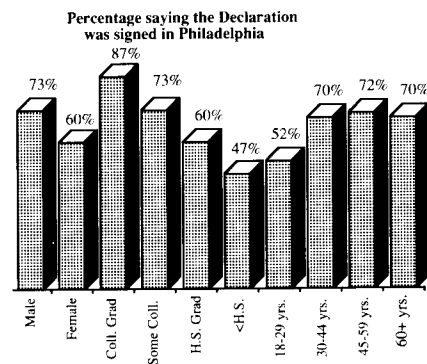
A GOOD GRADE ON KNOWLEDGE OF KEY NATIONAL SYMBOLS AND EVENTS



Question: What do the stars in the American flag symbolize?



Question: When was the Declaration of Independence signed?



Question: In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed?

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, May 23-26, 1991.