

THE AP-WE tv POLL

November, 2015

Conducted by GfK Custom Research North America

**A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
including an oversample of 200 people who are divorced**

Interview dates: November 20-23 2015

Number of interviews, adults: 1,240

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.
Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

1. **[IF WIDOWED/DIVORCED/NEVER MARRIED] Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship, or not?**

	11/20-23/2015
Yes, in a committed relationship	31
No, not in a committed relationship	67
Refused	2
<i>N=</i>	591

2. **[IF MARRIED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, SEPARATED, OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER] Have you ever been divorced, or not?**

	11/20-23/2015
Yes, have been divorced	23
No, have not been divorced	77
Refused	*
<i>N=</i>	690

3. **How difficult do you usually find it to get over an ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend after a breakup?**

	11/20-23/2015
Extremely/very difficult NET	20
Extremely difficult	5
Very difficult	15
Moderately difficult	31
Not too/not at all difficult NET	27
Not too difficult	16
Not difficult at all	10
Don't have any exes	21
Refused	1
<i>N=</i>	1,241

4. **Do you think it's usually better for someone to wait before getting into a new relationship after a breakup, or is that not important?**

	11/20-23/2015
Better to wait	73
Not important to wait	26
Refused	1
<i>N=</i>	1,241

5. Generally speaking, how helpful do you think each of the following is for someone having difficulty getting over a breakup?

	Extremely helpful	Very helpful	Extremely/Very helpful NET	Moderately helpful	Not very helpful	Not helpful at all	Not very/Not at all helpful NET	Refused
11/20-23/2015								
Support from friends	36	37	73	21	3	2	5	2
Support from family members	33	34	67	23	6	2	8	2
Cutting off contact with the ex	29	32	61	28	7	2	9	2
Religion or spirituality	24	25	49	27	12	11	22	2
A new relationship	8	16	24	40	24	9	33	2
Casual dating or sex	6	11	17	32	26	23	48	2

N= 1,241

6. [IF HAS EXPERIENCED A BREAKUP] Have you personally ever done any of the following?

11/20-23/2015	Yes	No	Refused
Stayed friends with an ex after a breakup	51	48	1
Listened to a song because it reminded you of an ex	45	54	1
Visited the profile of an ex on Facebook or other social media	42	57	1
Got back together with an ex after a breakup	41	58	1
Had sex with an ex after a breakup	36	63	1
Tried unsuccessfully to stay friends with an ex	34	65	1
Visited the Facebook or other social media page of someone ex was dating	24	75	1
Delayed breaking up with someone for financial reasons	18	81	1
Continued living with an ex after a breakup	13	87	1
Gone on vacation or spent a holiday with an ex	13	86	1
Tried to prevent or sabotage an ex from being in a new relationship	7	93	1
Been set up on a date with someone new by an ex	5	93	1

N= 967

7. [IF HAS EXPERIENCED A BREAKUP] Have you personally ever felt like feelings for an ex prevented you from finding a new romantic relationship, or not?

	11/20-23/2015
Yes	32
No	67
Refused	1

N=

967

8. **Generally speaking, do you think it is worth it or not worth it for a person to try to remain friends with an ex after a breakup?**

	11/20-23/2015
Worth it	39
Not worth it	59
Refused	2
<i>N=</i>	1,241

9. **Do you think it's usually better for someone to wait before trying to remain friends with an ex after a breakup, or is that not important?**

	11/20-23/2015
Better to wait	62
Not important to wait	36
Refused	2
<i>N=</i>	1,241

10. **Do you think it is worth it or not worth it for a person to try to remain friends with an ex-girlfriend or ex-boyfriend under the following circumstances?**

11/20-23/2015	Worth it	Not worth it	Refused
If they have mutual friends	53	44	3
If they have children together	90	8	2
<i>N= 1,241</i>			

11. **[IF HAS BEEN DIVORCED] After you were divorced, did you stay friends with your former spouse, stay on speaking terms but not friends, or were you not on speaking terms?**

	11/20-23/2015
Stayed friends	21
Stayed on speaking terms but not friends	44
Did not stay on speaking terms	34
Refused	1
<i>N=</i>	448

12. **Do you have any children under age 18?**

	11/20-23/2015
Yes	25
No	74
Refused	2
<i>N=</i>	1,241

13. Do you have any children who are age 18 or older?

	11/20-23/2015
Yes	43
No	55
Refused	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,241</i>

14. [IF HAS CHILDREN] Do you have any children from a previous relationship that ended in a divorce or breakup?

	11/20-23/2015
Yes	43
No	56
Refused	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>765</i>

EDUCATION:

Less than high school	12
High school	30
Some college	29
Bachelor's degree or higher	29
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White, Non-Hispanic	66
Black, Non-Hispanic	12
Other, Non-Hispanic	6
Hispanic	15
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	1
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

GENDER:

Male	48
Female	52
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

MARITAL STATUS:

Married	44
Widowed	3
Divorced	24
Separated	2
Never married	23
Living with partner	4
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

WORK STATUS:

Working – as a paid employee	50
Working – self-employed	5
Not working – on temporary layoff from a job	1
Not working – looking for work	6
Not working – retired	18
Not working – disabled	10
Not working - other	10
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

AGE GROUP:

18-29	21
30-49	31
50-64	29
65+	19
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

INCOME:

Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	9
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	8
<i>Based on:</i>	<i>1,241</i>

CENSUS REGION:

Northeast	18
Midwest	21
South	37
West	23

Based on:

1,241

AP-GfK Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-WE tv Poll** was conducted November 20-23, 2015 by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,241 general population adults age 18 or older, including an oversample of 200 people who are divorced.

The Omniweb survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. At inception participants were chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and since 2009 through Address-based sampling using the post office's delivery sequence file. Persons in these households are then invited to join and participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

The raw data are weighted by a custom designed computer program, which automatically develops a weighting factor for each respondent. This procedure employs several variables, including: age, sex, education, race, HH income, met/non-met status, internet status and geographic region. Each interview is assigned a single weight derived from the relationship between the actual proportion of the population with its specific combination of age, sex, education, race and geographic characteristics and the proportion in our sample that week.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points at the 95 confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.