



January 2021 Survey Results:

Survey Question #1: What would you like to change for the better in your community, school, city, state, country, and the world?

Group Priority Rank

#1 **Family well-Being:** Living Wage, Family Friendly Workplace, Food Security, Affordable Housing, Educational Opportunities

#2 **Racism, Sexism, & Rights:** Civil Rights, Women's Rights, Gender Rights, Immigrant Rights

#3 **The Economy:** More Equitable Distribution of Wealth, New and Better Economic Measuring Systems, Human Growth & Development Economy vs. Consumer Economy

#4 **Health Care:** For All Americans, More Cost-Effective Healthcare System, Public Health Preparedness

#5 **Environment:** Sustainability, Global Warming, Environmental Repair

#6 **Democracy 2.0:** Voting Rights, Voting Turnout, Voter Suppression, Campaign Financing, Civic Education, Foreign Interference in U.S. Elections

#7 **Big Data:** Corporate Knowledge About All Of Us, Untruthful Information; Conspiracy Theories; Cyber Bullying and Attacks

Survey Question #2: If you would like to add one or two categories to the list above, what would they be? (The statements below for questions #2 and #3 are not ranked in priority order. They are listed in the order as they were received).

- Unity and harmony among the world's religions
- More gatherings. Government funding of bowling alleys and required teams. Ditto coffee klatches.
- I'm a strong Christian, so I think having more inclusive churches would help, especially for young people! Faith plays a large role in the hearts of many. I believe it leads to peace and community!
- Meaningful parent involvement in the schools and after school programs
- Criminal justice reform



- Interaction and cooperation between political parties on all levels of government.
- This might fall under Big Data, but: Social media/Journalism/Mass Communication - how our country (and world) receives its news and information, how and why that information is trusted or vetted, how to best use new technology.
- Gun Control! How can military weapons be allowed in citizens hands?
- I like how The Lincoln Project group is identifying Corporations funding pro-Trumpism & white supremacy groups & applying pressure to make them stop. I support BLM & Police Reform, work toward dismantling white supremacy groups/militias. Clean out the complicit who support white supremacy in government, military, police, positions of power. Confiscate military weapons. Guns illegal except for hunting & every gun laws minimally registered just as everyone must have a driver's license in order to drive. ACCOUNTABILITY for racial injustices, i.e., a homicide of Black person by a cop, is a homicide. The SURVEY issues were difficult to number. ALL of them are 7's! Initially I had Family wellbeing as #7, but we can't have that without having a fair & equitable government & healthy (of mind & body), society.
- World peace
- All of the above
- Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Survey Question #3: What ideas do you have to address these topics?

- Promote the national movements called "Courageous Conversations" and "Braver Angels".
- I am a lay minister in the Catholic Church, and am always looking for ways to integrate these issues with the social agenda of the Church, but how can we bring different stakeholder groups to the table to work on social issues, even if they don't have the same value or position on the whole gamut of social issues?
- Ranking these priorities was difficult as they are all important. I placed The Economy first as the nation's current economic disparity negatively affects the ability to provide change in the other areas. I placed Health Care second for the same reason. If you are unemployed, without stable housing or sick, you will not have interest or energy to be concerned about campaign financing, someone's gender rights or conspiracy theories. If your own children are without opportunity will you work to provide opportunity for immigrants or people of other races? Even something as deadly serious as the ongoing destruction of the environment that supports us all will be a concern for another day. All of these issues need attention, but if we are to promote the common good, we must first promote a more equitable distribution of assets and what assets provide: choice and opportunity.



- Need to be better listeners - non-judgmental.
- In terms of family well-being, I believe that making college more accessible for young people is a major factor!
- Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
- More internships for black and Hispanic students while they are in high school and be involved with younger siblings.
- Reform the police and move funding from militarizing the police to community-based social service programs and job creation; raise the age to 18 for trying a youth as an adult, ban chokeholds and knee holds and other deadly use of force; improve access to jail voting and increase awareness and access to restoration of voting rights after incarceration.
- Elect and appoint people who genuinely care about other people.
- I'd love to see childcare initiatives and education reform become more serious topics - especially after the pandemic has exposed how tenuous both of these institutions are. I'd love to think about new ways to harness social media use and new ideas about how to create "gatekeeper" agencies that point people towards trusted/accurate information sources (the way newspapers and television news used to be).
- It is all exhausting! Why can't we all just get along and realize we are all different. The word Respect has lost its meaning.
- These are all such important topics. It was hard to rank them. Mostly I ranked them by what I think could have the greatest knock on effects on the other. Ultimately, I believe if the economy does well, and prosperity is shared with all Americans, much of the others will benefit as well. But is important to view them through the lens that you have set forth: More Equitable Distribution of Wealth, New and Better Economic Measuring Systems, Human Growth & Development Economy vs. Consumer Economy. Just saying "stocks are up!" hardly addresses the broader economic issues at hand.
- I see education as the gateway to improving all aspects of life. I wish higher ed was cheaper and accessible for the many people who want to pursue further studies but cannot afford it or able sift through the bureaucracy. Even just putting young people (who are naturally curious of others) in racially and economically diverse learning environments, to not only learn content, but about each other, allows for compassion and human understanding to emerge. It seems ignorance is at the feet of misinformation and fear.

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