HOW AMERICANS ARE FEELING ABOUT

Security and Safety Challenges in Schools and Workplaces

Navigate360 and John Zogby Strategies partnered to survey both adults and 16-17-year-olds to measure what, if any, impact the confluence of national health and economic crises has had on their lives and outlook.

RESULTS SUMMARY

1. External events have intervened to **cause pervasive uncertainty** and **distrust of leadership and institutions** with regards to safety.

2. Substantial percentages of both **adults and teens are not so sure** that those in a position of authority **are responding sufficiently** to potential threats.

3. At least half of respondents have **little or no confidence that safety is a priority**, training for emergency situations is sufficient, planning has been carefully thought through, or communication is adequate.

ADULTS NATIONWIDE

The Navigate360/John Zogby Strategies poll of 1000 adults nationwide was conducted online on August 28, 2020 and has a margin of sampling error of +/-3.2 percentage points.

The findings were:

59% Likely to Encounter

Three in five adults say either themselves or someone close to them are very (19%) or somewhat (40%) likely to "encounter a violent critical incident, experience self-harm, or contract Covid-19 or other communicable disease."

46% Unable to Thrive

Nearly half (46%) of adults believe such an event could prevent them from achieving fulfillment of their life's goals in education or career.

This is more acutely felt among:

56% men
64% 25-43-year-olds
63% 18-49-year-olds

56% Rather Stay Home

Over half (56%) say their concerns for their personal safety have made them choose to not attend an event.

41% Less Safe Now

Two in five (41%) of those with a workplace feel less safe about their workplace than 6 months ago while only 23% feel safer and 33% feel about the same.

52% Less Safe Everywhere

More than half (52%) feel less safe about their or their children's school as only 15% feel safer and 27% feel it is about the same.

Elsewhere:

41% feel less safe about their place of worship
64% feel less safe at their favorite restaurant

SAFETY IN ACTION

We Prioritize Safety in Words, But Not in Actions

In a series of questions the poll posed to adults, we wondered to what degree they had confidence in their institutions and leadership to provide them security in a time of crisis.

The data ranks reactions to these statements. The figures represent the percentages that had high confidence *(selecting 4 or 5 on a scale of 1 to 5)*.

Workplace and school leaders believe safety is a high priority.	56%
You and your colleagues know who to call and where to report a threat.	52%
Your workplace or school has a defined process to report threats.	50%
Your workplace or school has good communications and accessibility to information.	49%
School and workplace officials can perform what they're trained to do.	47%
School and workplace leaders are doing their best to create an atmosphere of physical and emotional safety.	47%
Workplace and school have a comprehensive plan to deal with an emergency.	46%
You and your colleagues/schoolmates will know what to do in an emergency.	45%

TEENS NATIONWIDE

The Navigate360/John Zogby Strategies poll of 303 16 and 17-year-olds nationwide sought to measure what, if any, impact the confluence of national health and economic crises has had on their lives and outlook. This survey was conducted online on August 29, with parental permission, and has a margin of sampling error of +/-5.7 percentage points.

The most salient results were:

61% Thinking About Safety

61% of teens surveyed say they are thinking more about their physical and emotional safety and wellness than they did 6 months ago.

This is more acutely felt among:

67% of young women
76% in the Eastern U.S.

43% Chose Not to Attend

43% report that their concern for their own personal safety has made them "choose to not attend or participate in a day of school, work or another event."

61% Feel They May Encounter Violence

61% feel it is very (21%) or somewhat (40%) likely that they or someone close to them will "encounter a violent critical incident, experience self-harm, or contract Covid-19 or another communicable disease".

54% Feel an Incident May Prevent Future Goals

A majority (54%) feel that such an incident "could prevent them from achieving fulfillment of your goals like the highest educational level or optimum career choice". This is a heavy burden to drop on our kids.

SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Teens are not confident in the ability of leaders to protect schools

In a series of questions the poll posed to teens aged 16-17 years old, we wondered just how safe they feel in case of an emergency situation in their school.

The data ranks reactions to these statements. The figures represent the percentages that had high confidence *(selecting 4 or 5 on a scale of 1 to 5)*.

School leaders believe safety is a high priority	56%
Your school has a comprehensive plan to deal with an emergency	50%
Your school has good communications and accessibility to information	49%
Your school is doing its best to create an atmosphere of physical and emotional safety	49%
School officials can perform what they're trained to do	48%
You and your classmates know who to call and where to report a threat	47%
Your school/workplace has a defined process to report threats/incidents	42%
Your school/workplace is spending enough time and money to keep you safe	42%
	33% In case of an emergency, there will be minimum loss because you received good training
	31% You and your classmates have received adequate training in case of an emergency