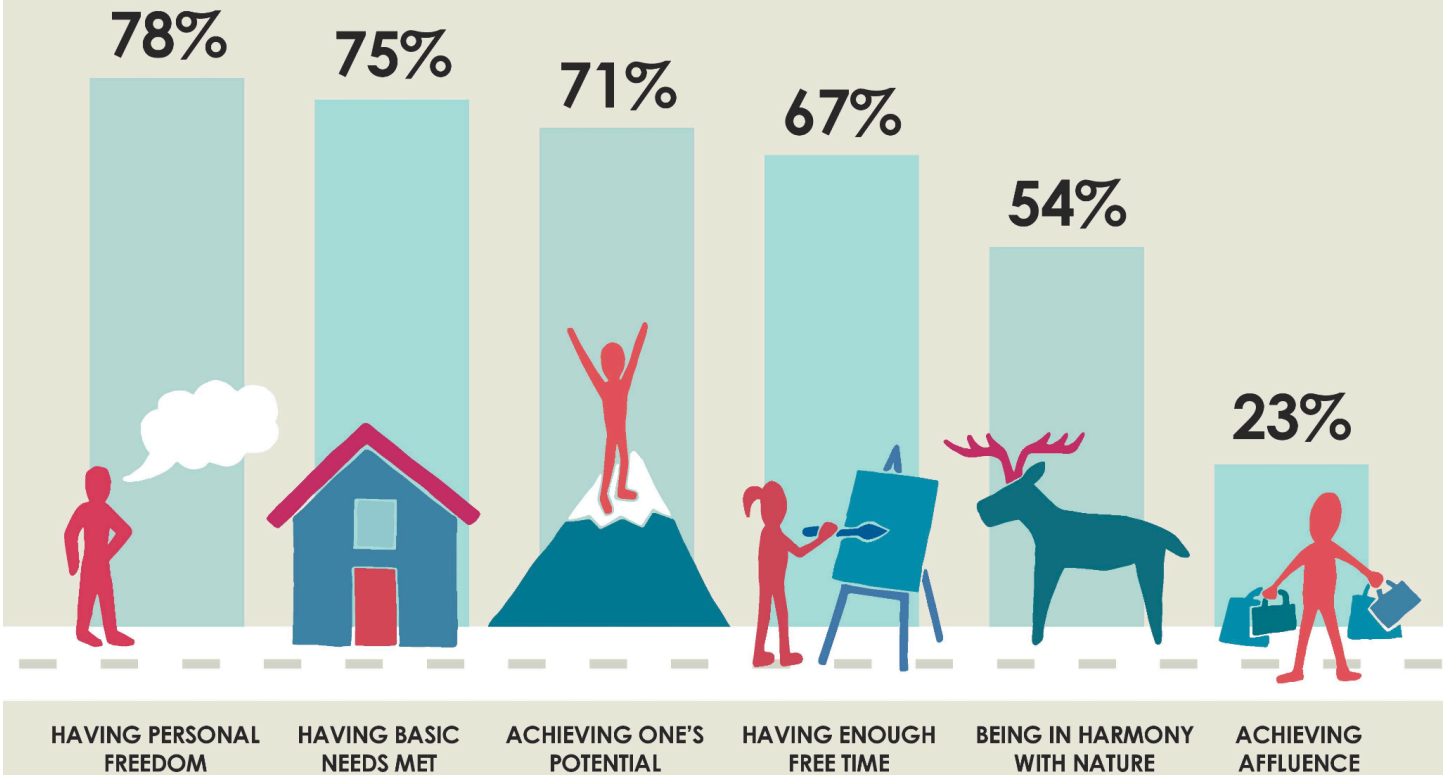




What is the American Dream?

What Americans Think of the American Dream

Percentage of Americans who consider the following very or extremely important in their vision of the American Dream:



In 2014, the Center for a New American Dream conducted a national survey to determine American attitudes on wealth, sharing, materialism, and more.

View the complete results: www.newdream.org/poll2014



Source: [New Dream](#)



How do you define The American Dream?

"A dream that a person who works hard can move ahead economically and be a success. More successful than their parents were."

"An environment where everyone has equal opportunities and where there is equality of all persons."

"A house, kids going through college, money in the bank, a job you like."

"Having the ability to pursue your dreams and achieve your goals. Live a life that's fulfilling, comfortable, and with purpose without a lot of government interference."

"Ability to make enough money to own a home, have a family, and enjoy some things in life. Being in the middle class. Reaching for things, working hard, and achieving goals."

"Freedom to pursue happiness, set goals and figure out how to work toward them, achieving personal and financial success."

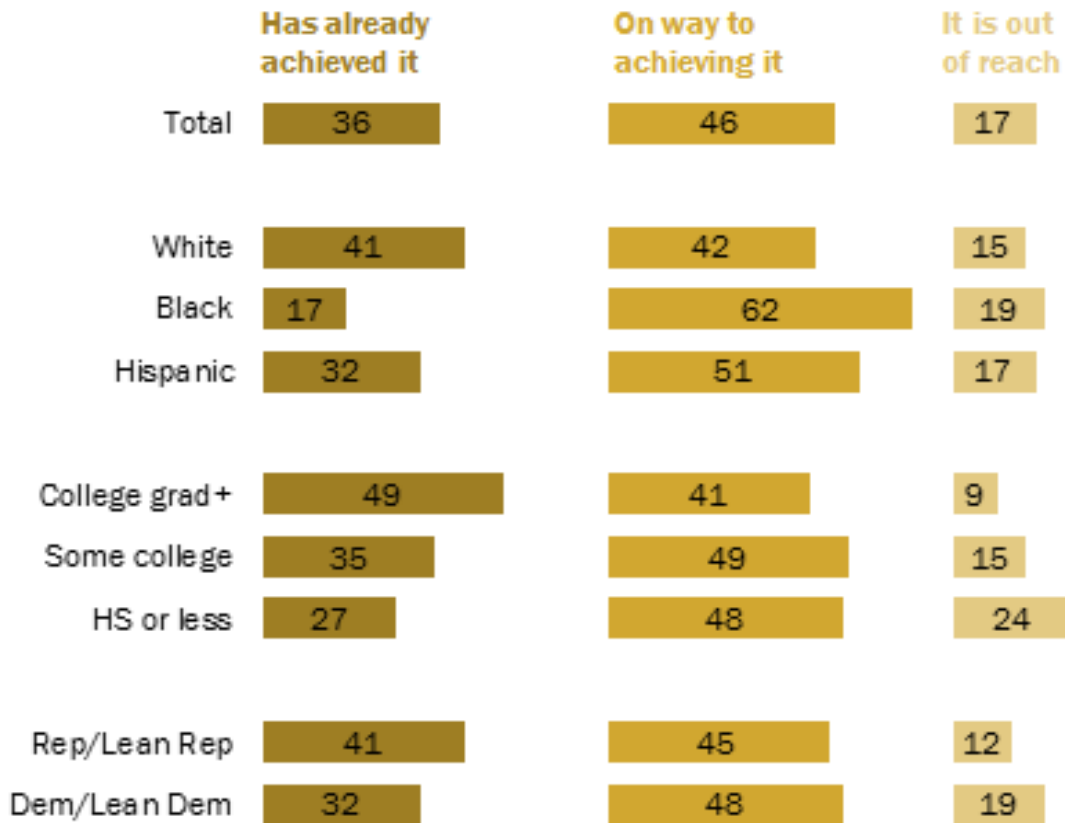
Note: Selected quotes were edited for grammar and may not be representative of the full range of responses.

Source: YouGov America



Most people say they have achieved the American dream – or are on their way to achieving it

Do you believe your family has achieved the American dream? (%)



Note: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey conducted Aug. 15-21, 2017.

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