Cultural Conservatism
The Star Spangled Banner: Respect It, and Don't Change It

**Question:** It has been suggested that the national anthem be played at the end of every performance and when radio stations sign off at night. Do you favor or oppose this idea?

- Favor: 48%
- Oppose: 52%

*Source:* Survey by the Gallup Organization, February 4-9, 1939.

**Question:** Do you think that people should stand when the Star Spangled Banner is played in public?

- Yes: 94%
- No: 6%

**Question:** Is joining in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner a sign of patriotism, or doesn't patriotism have much to do with it?

- Sign of patriotism: 77%
- Doesn't have much to do with it: 19%


**Question:** ...Would you like to see the United States stay with the Star Spangled Banner, or change to America the Beautiful as our national anthem?

- Star Spangled Banner: 75%
- America the Beautiful: 17%


**Question:** When you hear the National Anthem, does it make you feel extremely emotional, very emotional, somewhat emotional, or not very emotional?

- Extremely: 33%
- Very: 35%
- Somewhat: 25%
- Not very: 8%

*Source:* Survey by the Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, November 8, 1988-January 30, 1989.

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

- Yes: 22%
- No: 74%


**Question:** Which of the following would you prefer as the national anthem? The Star Spangled Banner, My Country 'Tis Of Thee, America the Beautiful, or God Bless America?

- Star Spangled Banner: 40%
- God Bless America: 35%
- America the Beautiful: 17%
- My Country 'Tis Of Thee: 4%


**Question:** Do you think our national anthem should be changed to another song like America the Beautiful, God Bless America, or This Land Is Your Land, or should it remain the Star Spangled Banner?

- Star Spangled Banner: 92%
- God Bless America: 2%
- America the Beautiful: 4%
- This Land Is Your Land: 2%

No Funny Money, Please

**Question:** A proposal has been made to issue paper money with a different color for the different amounts, with the one dollar bill remaining green. Would you like to see paper money issued in different colors, or not?

![Pie chart showing responses to the question on paper money color.](chart1)

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, June 23-28, 1961.

**Question:** What is your opinion of the new coin (Susan B. Anthony dollar)? Do you mostly like it or mostly dislike it?

![Pie chart showing responses to the question on the new coin.](chart2)

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, September 7-10, 1979.

**Question:** Many of those we have spoken to do not know who appears on each of the (one, five, ten and twenty dollar) bills. Do you think it would be a good idea to have a picture of a more current or a more well known individual on at least one new bill?

![Pie chart showing responses to the question on portrait changes.](chart3)

**Source:** Survey by ICR Survey Research Group for the PLUS ATM Network, August 3-7, 1994.

**Question:** The phrase "In God We Trust" has been printed on our currency since 1957. Do you think a different phrase or motto should be printed on our bills?

![Pie chart showing responses to the question on currency motto.](chart4)

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, June 5-6, 1995.

**Question:** Do you think the US Treasury should stop making pennies or do you think they should continue to make pennies?

![Pie chart showing responses to the question on pennies.](chart5)

**Source:** Survey by CBS News, November 2-3, 1997.

**Question:** Do you agree or disagree... the new [twenty-dollar] bill doesn’t look like real American money.

![Pie chart showing responses to the question on new bill design.](chart6)

**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, November 13-15, 1998.