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At-A-Glance:

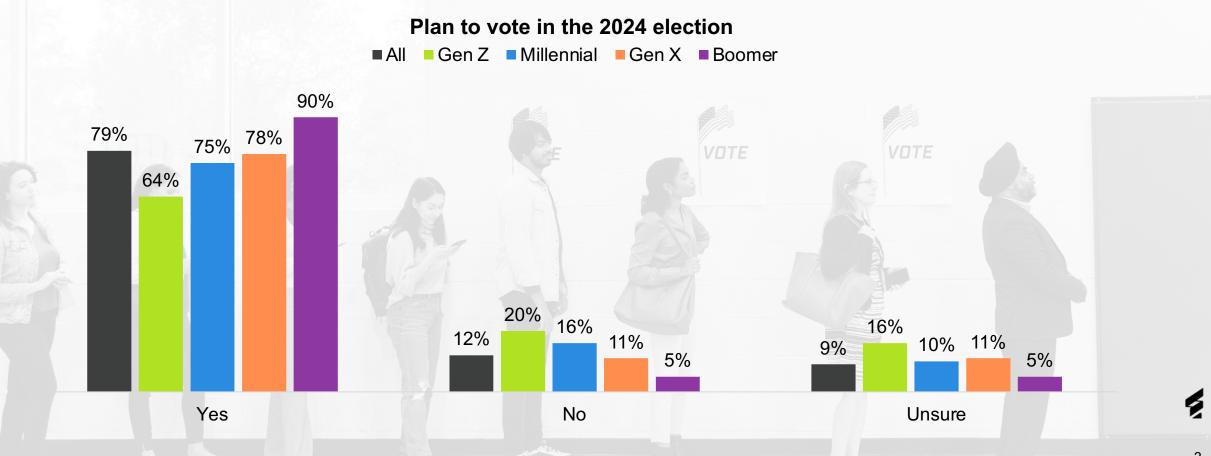
- 65% of respondents worry about the outcome of the election on the economy.
- 44% are worried about social unrest leading up to the election.
- 56% of Gen Z/Millennials will use social media as their primary source of election news.



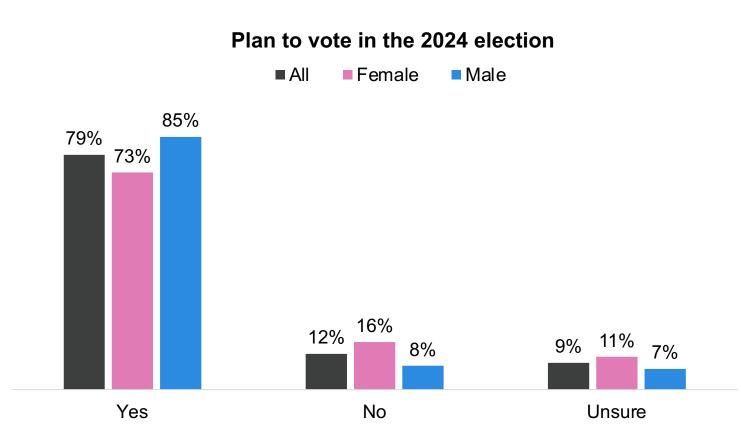
The Outlook:

Because of worry about the election, 74% of respondents say they plan to be more conservative with their spending this year. Brands and retailers need to be prepared to face reluctant consumers who will be reacting to a combination of political and economic news over the next few months, especially during the lead-up to Super Tuesday (March 5th), when 16 states will hold presidential primaries.

Only 79% of respondents plan to vote in the upcoming election. 90% of Boomers plan to vote while only 64% of Gen Z plan to do so.

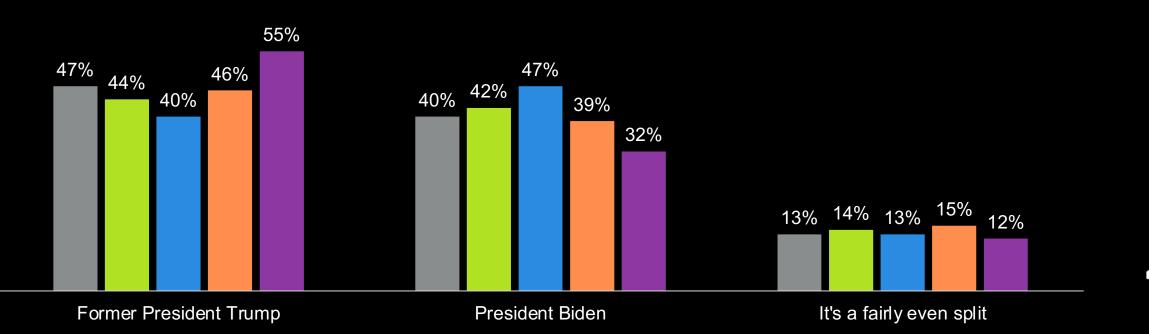


Men (85%) are significantly more likely to plan on voting than women (73%).





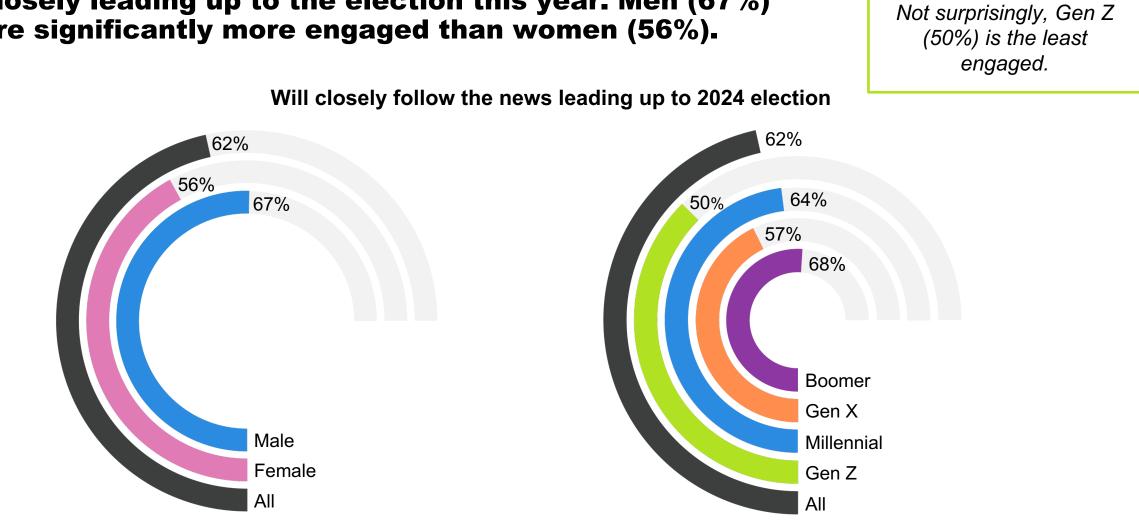
When asked who their family and friends would prefer to see as the next president, former President Trump (47%) has a substantial advantage over President Biden (40%).



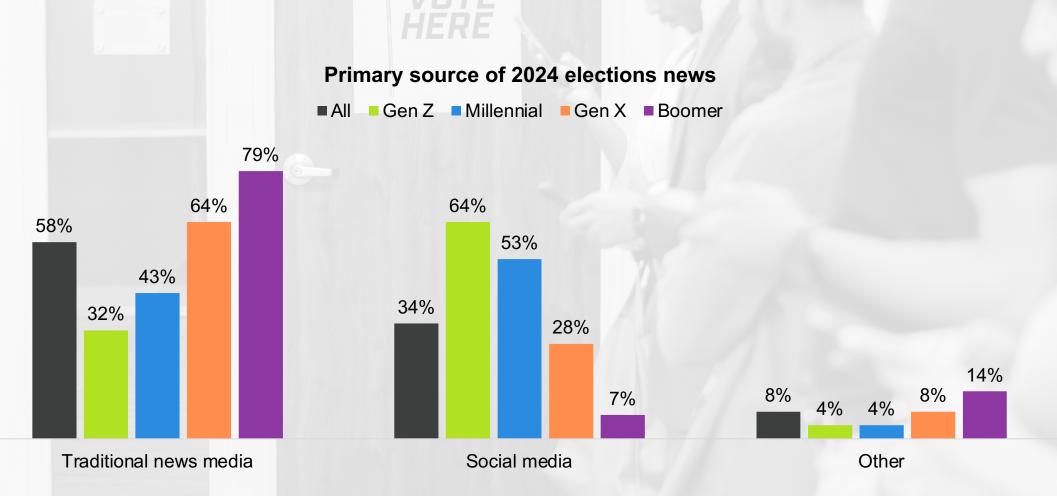
Who family and friends would like to see as the next president

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62% report that they'll follow the news closely or very closely leading up to the election this year. Men (67%) are significantly more engaged than women (56%).

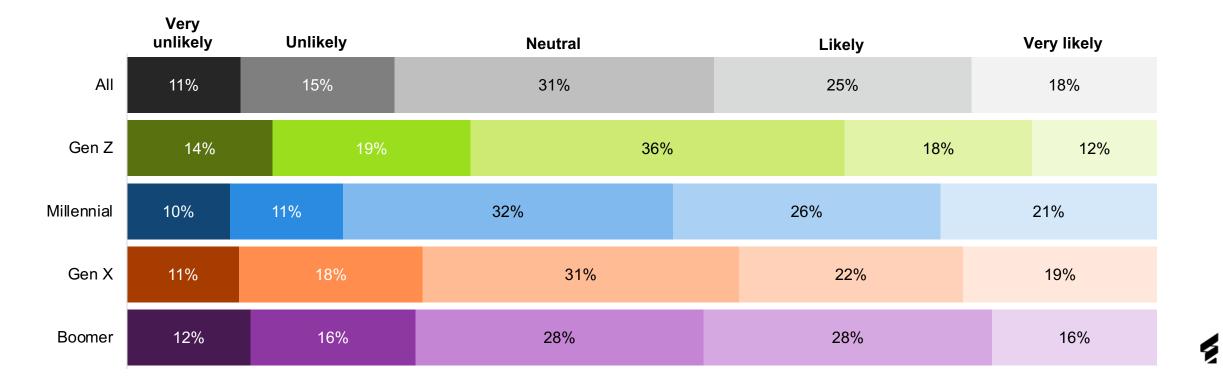


More than one-third of respondents (34%) report social media will be their primary source of election news. Not surprisingly, the dependence on social media is substantially larger among younger generations.



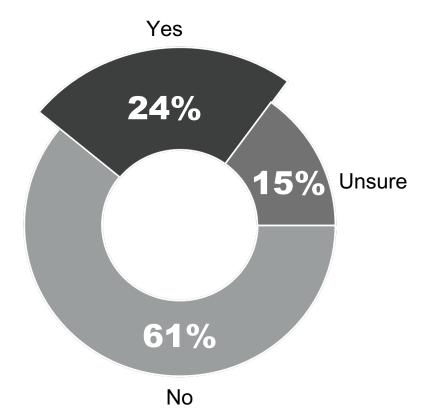
People are significantly more likely to share their political opinions (43%) than keep them to themselves (26%).

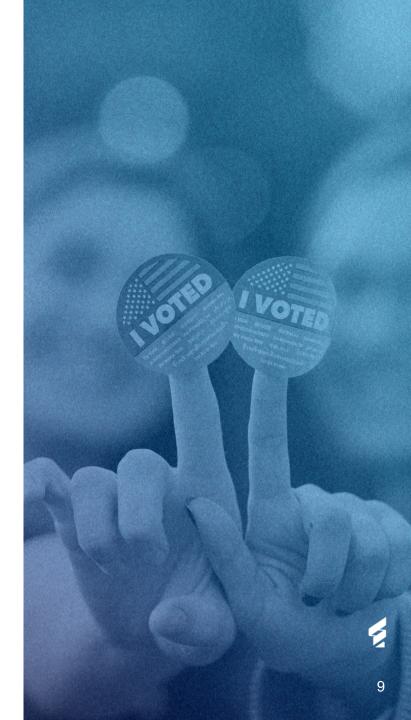
Likelihood to express political opinions



Nearly one in four people (24%) expect their political opinions to put a strain on their personal relationships.

Expect political opinions to put a strain on their relationships

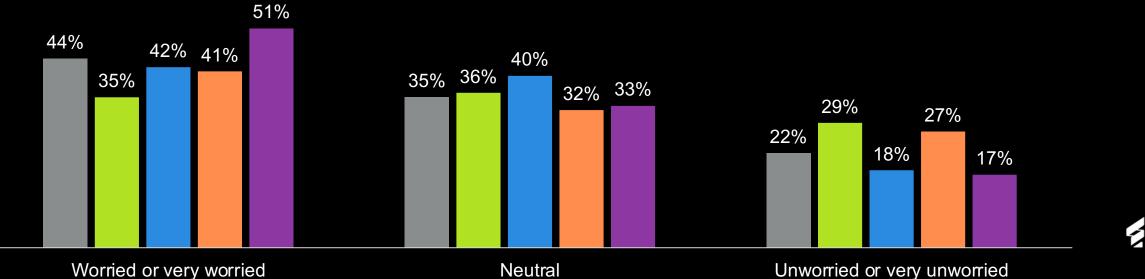




44% of all respondents and a majority of Boomers (51%) are worried or very worried about social unrest leading up to the election.

Worry about social unrest leading up to the election

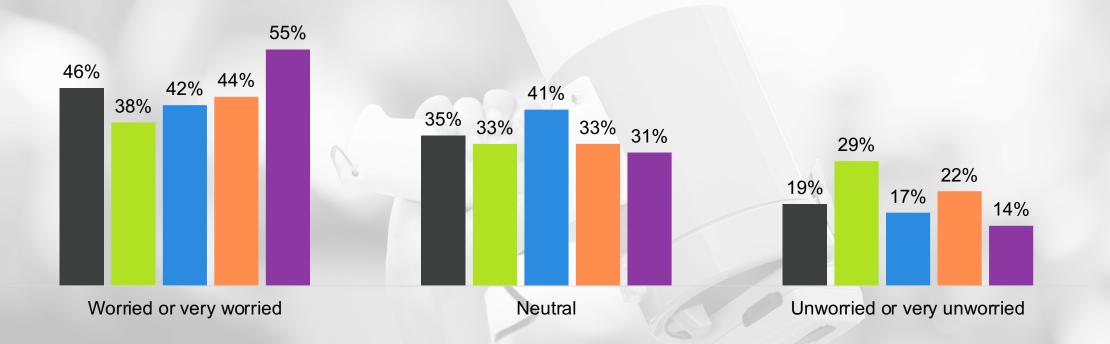
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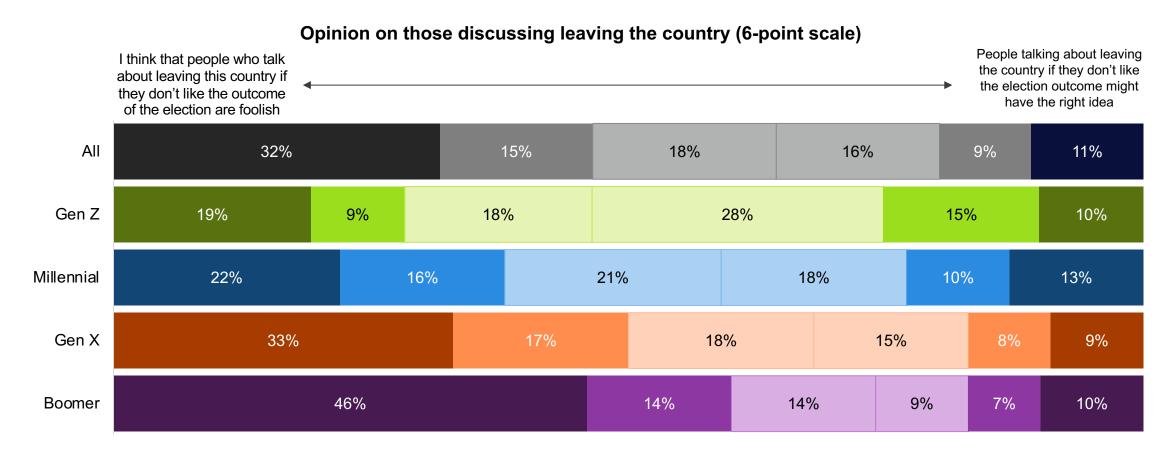
Concern about social unrest after the election is very similar to the concern about the situation leading into the election.

Worry about social unrest after the election

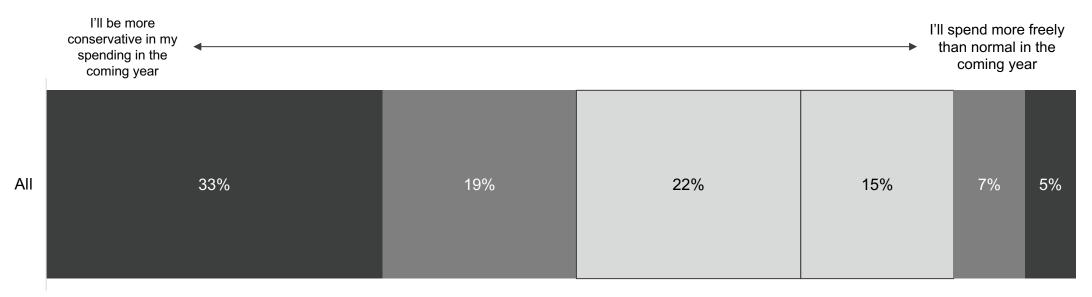
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Interestingly, more than one-third (36%) of respondents and a majority of Gen Z have some heart for those who express a desire to leave the country if they don't like the outcome of the election.

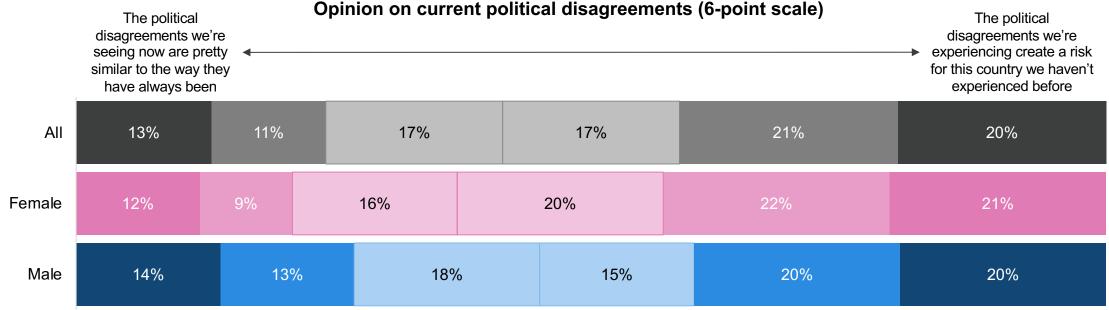


Nearly three-quarters (74%) of respondents report that they plan to be more conservative with their spending in the coming year.



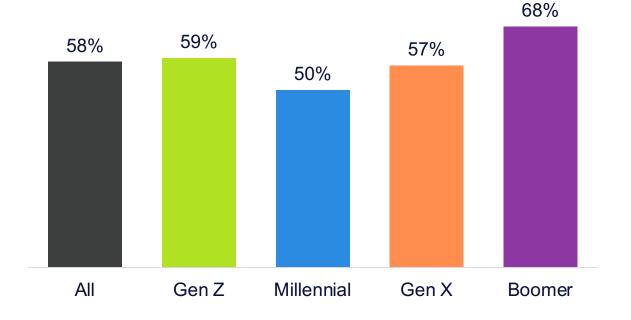
Approach to spending in 2024 (6-point scale)

58% of respondents report that the current political disagreements are unlike any the nation has experienced previously. Women are slightly more likely than men to express this sentiment.



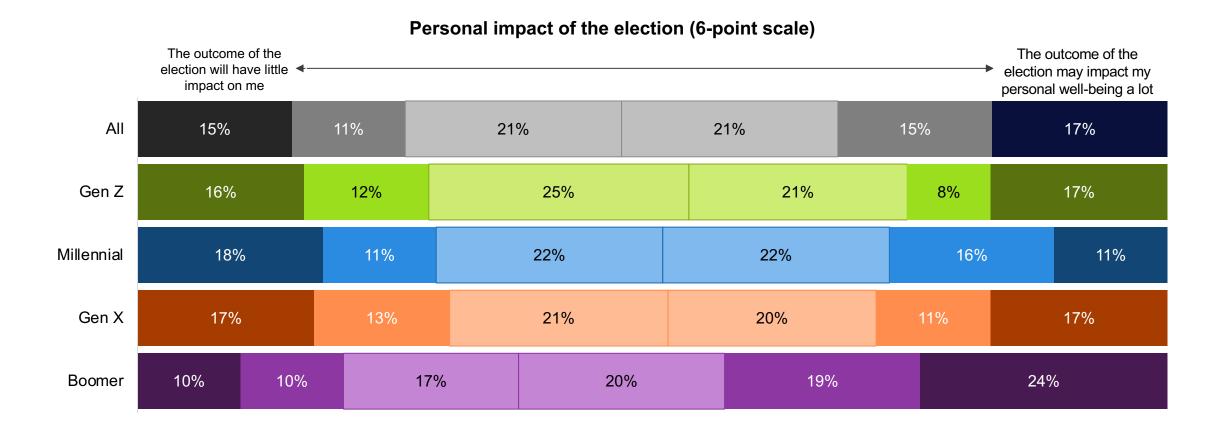
It's interesting that Boomers, most of whom experienced at least a portion of the turmoil of the 1960s and early 70s, are the most likely to say the current environment is unique.

> Opinion on current political disagreements: "The political disagreements we're experiencing create a risk for this country we haven't experienced before"

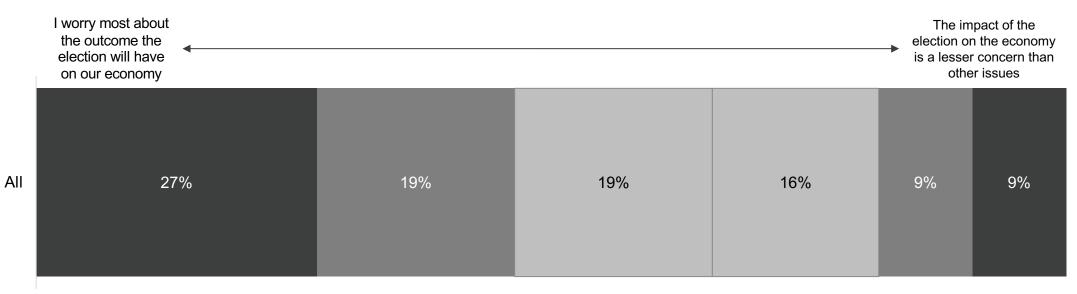




More than half (53%) of the sample and nearly two-thirds of Boomers (63%) feel the outcome of the election will have some impact on their well-being.

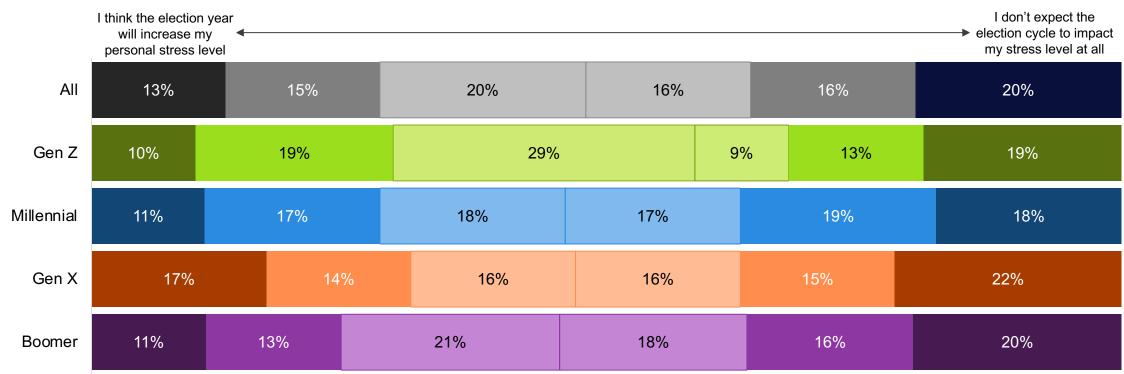


Nearly two-thirds (65%) of respondents are more concerned about the impact the election will have on the economy than on other issues.



Impact of election on the economy (6-point scale)

Nearly half of the respondents (48%) and 59% of Gen Z feel the election will increase their stress levels.



Stress from election (6-point scale)

Consumer Pulse



N = 872 MOE ± 3.32% Panel: General Population Collected: 11/20/23-11/23/23









Gen Z 11%

Millennial 32%

Gen X

Baby Boomer 30%



Female 51% Male 49%

27%

Rural 25%

Urban

38%

Suburban 37%



Northeast 17%

Midwest 21%

> South 38%

West 24%

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