# **AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey**

Losing Sleep due to Politics

## **Survey Methodology**

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine commissioned an online survey of 2,010 adults in the U.S. The overall margin of error fell within +/-2 percentage points with a confidence interval of 95 percent. Fieldwork took place between Feb. 17-24, 2022. Atomik Research is an independent market research agency



### Question

How often have you lost sleep at night due to worries about politics?

## **Results**

- Nearly 60% (58%) of Americans report that worrying about politics keeps them up at night.
  - Note: This reflects those answering ("always or almost always," "often," "sometimes" and "rarely")

### **Overall Results**

Total	2,010
Always or almost always	179 (9%)
Often	261 (13%)
Sometimes	291 (14%)
Rarely	445 (22%)
Never	834 (41%)

22% of Americans report that worrying about politics always, almost always or often keeps them awake at night.

### **Results by Gender**

	Male	Female
Total	1,002	1,008
Always or almost always	111 (11%)	68 (7%)
Often	148 (15%)	113 (11%)
Sometimes	159 (16%)	132 (13%)
Rarely	204 (20%)	241 (24%)
Never	380 (38%)	454 (45%)

62% of males lose sleep at night due to worries about politics, which is 7% higher than females (55%).

**Results by Age Group** 

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total	302	401	461	341	242	263
Always or almost						
always	47 (16%)	54 (13%)	35 (8%)	29 (9%)	10 (4%)	4 (2%)
Often	45 (15%)	69 (17%)	66 (14%)	39 (11%)	21 (9%)	21 (8%)
Sometimes	56 (19%)	51 (13%)	74 (16%)	42 (12%)	36 (15%)	32 (12%)
Rarely	45 (15%)	83 (21%)	109 (24%)	87 (26%)	55 (23%)	66 (25%)
Never	109 (36%)	144 (36%)	177 (38%)	144 (42%)	120 (50%)	140 (53%)

65% of adults ages 18-34 have lost sleep due to worries about politics.



**Results by Generation** 

	Gen Z (18-25)	Millennial (26-41)	Gen X (42-57)	Baby Boomer (58-75)	Silent Generation (76+)
Total	347	702	539	364	58
Always or					
almost always	57 (16%)	73 (10%)	40 (7%)	8 (2%)	1 (2%)
Often	53 (15%)	108 (15%)	67 (12%)	30 (8%)	3 (5%)
Sometimes	61 (18%)	107 (15%)	66 (12%)	51 (14%)	6 (10%)
Rarely	54 (16%)	160 (23%)	127 (24%)	91 (25%)	13 (22%)
Never	122 (35%)	254 (36%)	239 (44%)	184 (51%)	35 (60%)

32% of Gen Zs reported to always or often lose sleep at night due to politics compared to only 10% of Baby Boomers.

Results by Region

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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total	382	481	703	444
Always or				
almost always	41 (11%)	48 (10%)	58 (8%)	32 (7%)
Often	49 (13%)	66 (14%)	79 (11%)	67 (15%)
Sometimes	55 (14%)	64 (13%)	89 (13%)	83 (19%)
Rarely	70 (18%)	109 (23%)	164 (23%)	102 (23%)
Never	167 (44%)	194 (40%)	313 (45%)	160 (36%)

45% Americans living in the South have never lost sleep due to worries about politics.

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