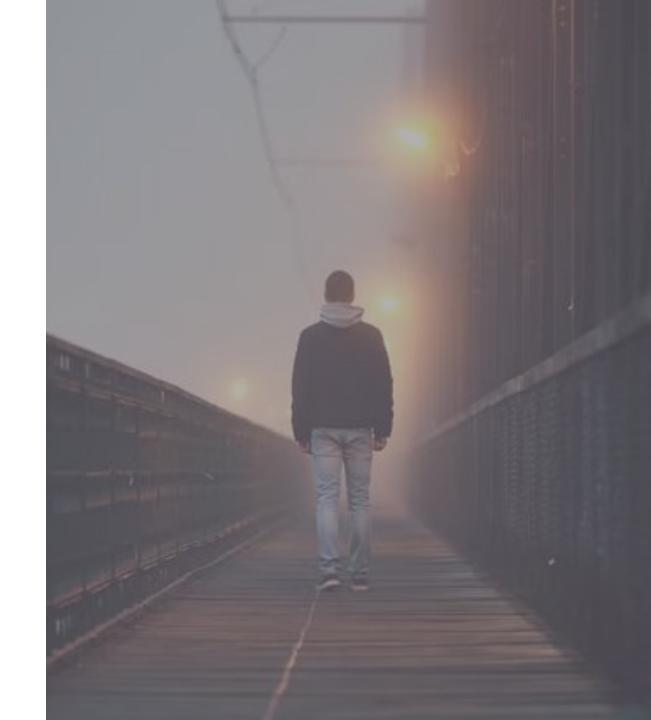


turning questions into answers

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In this series we will look at some of the relevant data around feelings of loneliness in America, and what that may mean for our culture and society.

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People in America are really pretty lonely.



How often do you feel that people are around you but not with you?

How often do you feel alone?

How often do you feel left out?

How often do you feel part of a group of friends?

48% Often/Sometimes

45%

Often/Sometimes

40% Often/Sometimes

28% Rarely/Never

Nearly half of all Americans experience 2 or more lonely sentiments frequently.



Using these questions...

47%

Are categorized as <u>lonely</u> (expressing 2 or more lonely sentiments)

53%

Are categorized as <u>not lonely</u> (expressing 1 or no feelings of loneliness)

Gen Zers are much more likely to experience these feelings of loneliness.



Loneliness Matrix	Overall	Gen Z (18-28)	Millennial (29-44)	Gen X (45-60)	Baby-Boomers/ Silent Generation (61-97)
Lonely on Two or More Measures	47%	65%	54%	51%	32%

Loneliness may have profound implications for our culture as more lonely Americans withdraw from public life.



Percentage who say their interest in the 2026 election is a 9-10 on ten-point scale.

40% Among the Lonely

64% Among the Not Lonely



The lonely feel increasingly at odds with America.

	Total Agree With Statement			
	Overall	Lonely	Not Lonely	
The United States is the Greatest Country in the World	80%	72 %	88%	
I Feel More and More Like a Stranger in My Own Country	62%	70%	54%	
It May Be Necessary at Some Point for Citizens to Take Up Arms Against the Government	46%	54%	38%	