

Attitudes around materialism

Global GfK survey



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Methodology

Countries covered, methodology and sample size



GfK interviewed in summer 2016 more than 22,000 consumers (aged 15 and older) in 17 countries online. The data have been weighted to reflect the demographic composition of the online population age 15+ in each market. The global/total sample average shows the percentage for the weighted proportion of the target population relative to the other countries within a global, regional or other multi-country total and it is not a numerical addition of the average percentages from each country.

- Argentina (online/n=1007)
- Australia (online/n=1001)
- Belgium (online/n=1004)
- Brazil (online/n=1500)
- Canada (online/n=1002)
- China (online/n=1510)
- France (online/n=1501)
- Germany (online/n=1502)
- Italy (online/n=1503)

- Japan (online/n=1500)
- Mexico (online/n=1000)
- Netherlands (online/n=1003)
- Russia (online/n=1501)
- South Korea (online/n=1000)
- Spain (online/n=1500)
- UK (online/n=1501)
- USA (online/n=1536)



Question





Please indicate how strongly you personally agree or disagree with each of the following statements, using this scale where "1" means "disagree strongly" and "7" means "agree strongly." Select one answer for each item.

- I would rather have more time than more money
- Experiences are more important than possessions

Data used in this presentation represents top 2 boxes (agreement) and bottom 2 boxes (disagreement).

Global results





- GfK asked 22,000 people across 17 countries how strongly they agree or disagree with two statements: "I would rather have more time than more money" and "Experiences are more important than possessions"
- Three out of ten people (31 percent) firmly prefer to have more time than more money compared to only nine percent firmly disagree with that
- This preference for more time than more money is especially important for people in China (41 percent), Brazil (37 percent) and Argentina (32 percent)
- Over four out of ten (44 percent) firmly believe that experiences are more important than possession – compared to just three percent who firmly disagree with that
- Agreement with experiences being more important than possessions is highest in Mexico (57 percent), Argentina and the USA (both 53 percent)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across 17 countries





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across 17 countries





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across 17 countries I would rather have more time Experiences are more important than possessions than more money 38% 50% High income 6% 2% 32% 46% Medium high 7% 2% income 30% 43% Medium low 9% 3% income 27% 38% Low income 14% 5%

Each income band represents a quarter of the total income within that market, e.g., high income = the top ca. 25% earners

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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism – Country comparison agreement

I would rather have more time than more money



Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)



Attitudes around materialism - Country comparison agreement

Experiences are more important than possessions



Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)



Country results – Europe

Belgium



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Belgium





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Belgium





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Belgium





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

France



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across France





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across France





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across France





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Germany







Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Germany





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Germany





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Italy



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Italy





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Italy





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Italy





within that market, e.g., high income = the top ca. 25% earners

Netherlands

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across the Netherlands





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across the Netherlands





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

I would rather have more time than more money

Experiences are more important than possessions





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Netherlands





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

I would rather have more time than more money

Experiences are more important than possessions





Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

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Russia



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Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Russia




Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Russia





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Spain





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Spain





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Spain





United Kingdom



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across the United Kingdom





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across the UK





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across the UK





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Country results – North America

Canada



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Canada





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Canada





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Canada





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)



USA

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across the USA





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across the USA





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across the USA





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Country results – Latin America

Argentina



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Argentina





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Argentina





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Argentina





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Brazil



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Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Brazil





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Brazil





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Brazil





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Mexico



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Mexico





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Mexico





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Mexico





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Country results – Asia-Pacific

Australia



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Australia





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Australia





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Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Australia





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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)
China



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across China





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across China





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across China









Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across Japan





11% 12% 3%



27%

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across Japan





I would rather have more time than more money

Experiences are more important than possessions





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Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across Japan





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

I would rather have more time than more money

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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes) Each income band represents a quarter of the total income within that market, e.g., high income = the top ca. 25% earners

South Korea



Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement across South Korea





Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per age-group across South Korea





Attitudes around materialism Agreement and disagreement per income-group across South Korea







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Disagreement (Bottom 2 Boxes)

Agreement (Top 2 Boxes)

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