

Poll: Americans among most stressed people in the world

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(HealthDay)—Americans are more likely to be stressed and worried than



people living in poorer parts of the world, and Americans' concerns are increasing, according to the *Gallup 2019 Global Emotions Report*.

The report measured people's positive and negative daily experiences through more than 151,000 interviews with adults in more than 140 countries in 2018.

According to the <u>survey results</u>, when asked about their feelings the previous day, the majority of Americans (55 percent) said they had experienced <u>stress</u> during much of the day, nearly half (45 percent) said they felt worried much of the day, and more than one in five (22 percent) said they felt anger much of the day. Stress, worry, and anger were most pronounced in younger Americans (between the ages of 15 and 49 years), with two in three saying they were stressed a lot, half saying they felt worried a lot, and at least one in four or more saying they felt anger a lot. Further, the lowest-income Americans report more <u>negative emotions</u> than the highest-income Americans. Among the poorest 20 percent of the U.S. population, nearly 70 percent reported experiencing stress the previous day and 56 percent worried a lot compared with 48 and 41 percent, respectively, among Americans in the richest 20 percent.

"The disconnect between a strong economy and Americans' increasing negative emotions illustrates how gross domestic product and other hard economic data only tell part of the story," according to a Gallup news release. "In fact, the levels of negative emotions in the past several years are even higher than during the U.S. recession years."

More information: <u>Gallup 2019 Global Emotions Report</u> More Information

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