

Summary of Survey on the American Dream---In order, strong to weak preferences:

Live within fifteen minutes of work.....1.8

One car per adult in the household.....2.0

Live on at least a one-half acre lot.....2.4

Live in a high rise condo close to downtown.....2.5

Live in a mixed use, New Urbanism community where I can walk.....2.6

Be able to walk to shopping and restaurants.....2.6

Live 5 or 10 minutes from suburban shopping mall.....3.0

Live in central city.....3.0

Live in a suburb.....3.1

Live in a classic suburban house on cul de sac.....3.3

Live in an apartment close to downtown.....3.3

Live within 30 to 50 minutes of where I work.....3.5

Live in rural area or small town.....3.6

One person per household commutes to work on public transportation.....3.7

One car per family.....4.4

Male and female have similar preferences except that females are a little more likely to prefer the New Urbanism than males.

In rank order males and females prefer as a place to live:

New Urbanism
Central City
Suburban
Rural

One analysis of 2000 Presidential Election that relied on exit polls:

83% of Bush voters thought honesty was the most important factor in the election.

80% of Gore voters thought “caring” was the most important factor.

With the exception of Jimmy Carter, all Presidents since JFK have been caught lying or manipulating public opinion unnecessarily.

- Johnson promised to not commit land troops in large numbers to Viet Nam.
- Nixon denied knowing about “dirty tricks” in the Watergate episode.
- Reagan denied knowing about or condoning the “Iran Contra Affair”.
- Bush said to “read my lips” in the 1988 campaign (no new taxes) and then raised taxes the next year.
- Clinton said, “I did not have sexual relationships with that women”.