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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL SURVEY OF PARENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARD
SCIENCE EDUCATION
ESTME WEEK/SUMMIT ON SCIENCE**

Survey Questions:

Do you feel you have more or less science education than your children?

	Total	Male	Gender Female	Race White	Race Black	Race Hispanic	<40	Age of Parent 41-44	Age of Parent 45-49	Age of Parent 50+
More	50.6%	54.4%	48.1%	51.2%	51.6%	47.2%	56%	49.2%	51.3%	47.5%
Less	37.3%	34.0%	39.5%	37.1%	36.1%	40.5%	33.3%	35%	38%	42.6%
Same	9.3%	8.4%	9.9%	8.9%	7.7%	12.2%	8.9%	12.2%	9.1%	6.0%
(Volunteered)										

How comfortable are you with helping your children with their science homework?

	Total	Male	Gender Female	Race White	Race Black	Race Hispanic	<40	Age of Parent 41-44	Age of Parent 45-49	Age of Parent 50+
Very Uncomfortable	11.9%	8.7%	14.0%	12.1%	7.2%	14.5%	13.1%	14.0%	8.6%	12.9%
Somewhat Uncomfortable	12.8%	8.2%	16.0%	13.8%	11.1%	5.6%	10%	13.9%	15.1%	9.6%
Somewhat Comfortable	30.9%	30.4%	31.2%	33.2%	26.9%	21.0%	25.4%	35.5%	34.8%	32.0%
Very comfortable	41.1%	50.2%	34.9%	37.1%	54.8%	59%	48.5%	33.9%	39.5%	41.3%

How proactive are you in encouraging your child/children to take science-related courses?

	Total	Male	Gender Female	Race White	Race Black	Race Hispanic	<40	Age of Parent 41-44	Age of Parent 45-49	Age of Parent 50+
Very Proactive	51.3%	44.9%	55.5%	50.2%	54.6%	67.2%	54.2%	46.7%	49.1%	53.4%
Somewhat Proactive	34.0%	37.7%	31.5%	36.3%	24.8%	26.5%	32.8%	41.2%	34.6%	28.4%
Not Proactive	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%	6.8%	2.8%	6.7%	2.8%	6.9%	5.9%
Not Involved	7.1%	10.1%	5.1%	6.0%	13.8%	3.6%	5.1%	7.4%	8.3%	9.1%

How important do you think a science education is to your child's future success in a globally competitive workforce?

	Total	Male	Gender Female	Race White	Race Black	Race Hispanic	<40	Age of Parent 41-44	Age of Parent 45-49	Age of Parent 50+
Very Important	60.6%	58.6%	61.9%	57%	71.1%	66.1%	56.5%	59.4%	57.0%	69.4%
Somewhat Important	33.6%	35.3%	32.5%	35.9%	22.9%	33.9%	38.3%	37.2%	36.0%	22.5%
Not Very Important	3.9%	3.8%	4.0%	4.2%	6.0%	0%	3.3%	1.9%	5.6%	6.2%
Not Important At All	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	1.0%	0%	0%	1.3%	0.5%	0%	0%

