



# UN75: American Voices

To help mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, UN Secretary-General António Guterres launched UN75 to gather ideas and opinions from people everywhere. The United Nations Association of the USA (UNA-USA) gathered Americans' voices from all 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico in order to understand what Americans think about the current and future state of the world.

**80+ Consultations • 1,850 Participants • 50+ States and Territories**

## THREE KEY QUESTIONS:



Are we on track to secure a better world?



What kind of future do we want to create?



What action is needed to help us achieve a brighter future?

## ARE WE ON TRACK TO SECURE A BETTER WORLD?

*Participants cited the following barriers to a better world:*

- Conflict and human rights violations
- Displacement and homelessness
- Growing inequity of access and opportunity
- Health risks and lack of access to healthcare
- Impact of climate change
- Lack of education equity
- Lack of gender equity
- Lack of leadership
- Lack of trust in and cooperation across governments
- Limited and declining resources
- Poverty, income gaps, job losses
- Systemic racism, including policy racism



# WHAT KIND OF FUTURE DO WE WANT TO CREATE?

## America's Vision For The Future

Almost half of consultations reported quality education, reduced inequalities, climate action, and peace, justice and strong institutions as critical for the future.

Constituents believe driving progress on these four Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will enable progress on other goals.



The following chart indicates the importance that consultation participants placed upon each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to achieve a brighter future.



## WHAT ACTION IS NEEDED FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE?

The following stakeholders are those that were identified by consultation participants as having a role to play in shaping the future that we want.

### UNITED NATIONS

Address global issues and create change through advocacy, education, community engagement, international policy coordination and accountability measurement and tracking

### UNA-USA

Engage local U.S. constituents (individuals, organizations, governments) in the UN's efforts to drive positive change around global issues

### INDIVIDUALS

Promote positive change by:

- Activism and community engagement, including engagement with local organizations
- Civic engagement
- Education of oneself and others
- Sustainable lifestyle choices

### ORGANIZATIONS

Address world issues through:

- Public private partnerships (community-based programs, government partnerships, education)
- Sustainable business solutions, including alignment with SDGs and progress tracking
- Future growth investment
- Equitable policy development

### GOVERNMENTS

Foster action and collaboration through:

- Sustainable policies and services, including incorporating SDGs into policy development
- Global collaboration, including ongoing engagement with the UN
- Community engagement, support, and services
- Public private partnerships

This report is comprised of insights from UN75 consultations designed and conducted by UNA-USA. Participants volunteered to take part. The number and demographics of participants varied between states. Official polling methods were not used to collect this data. If you would like to share your opinions about how the UN can play a role in the world we want, visit <http://un75.online/partner/una-usa>