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More in U.S. see drug addiction, college affordability and sexism as ‘very big’ national problems

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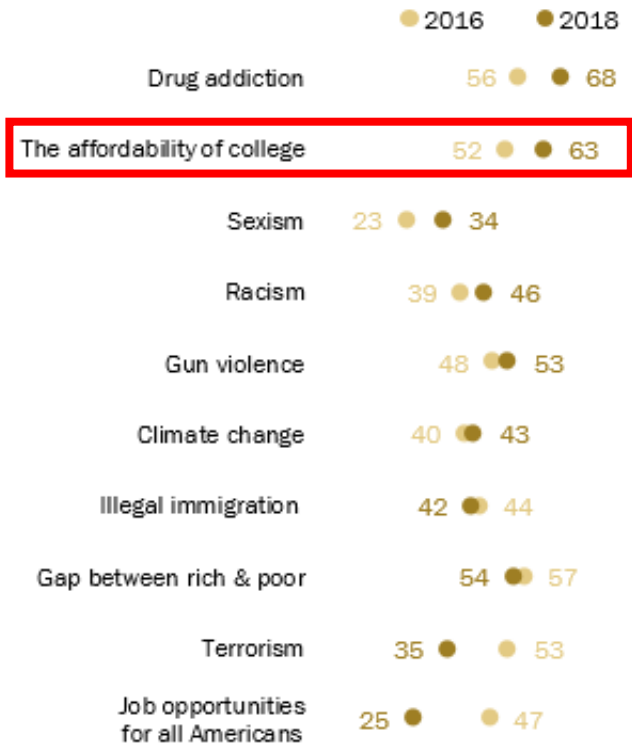
In the nearly two years since the 2016 presidential election, Americans’ views of the seriousness of several national problems have changed, with concerns about drug addiction, college affordability, sexism and racism on the rise.

The share of U.S. adults saying drug addiction is a “very big” problem in the country has increased 12 percentage points since a survey conducted shortly before the November 2016 election, from 56% then to 68% today.

Increasing shares of Americans cite the affordability of a college education (up 11 percentage points) and sexism (also up 11 points) as “very big” problems in the country. The share who say racism is a very big problem has risen 7 points, while the share citing gun violence is up 5 points.

Changing public views of ‘very big’ problems facing the U.S.

% who say each is “a very big problem” in the country today



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 24-Oct. 7, 2018.

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