Socially responsible investments – investments that aim to promote environmental stewardship, consumer protection, human rights, and diversity; while avoiding certain businesses, for instance those involved in the production of alcohol, tobacco, fossil fuels, and/or weapons.

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Almost one in three (30%) investors have considered making socially responsible investments

Women are more likely than men to consider making socially responsible investments

Q50. Base: All Respondents n=1,056
Millennials are more likely to consider making socially responsible investments compared to other generations.

One in four (25%) Boomers are likely to consider making socially responsible investments.

Q50. Base: All Respondents n=1,056
45% of investors consider socially responsible investing important

One in five (19%) of investors consider socially responsible investing very important

Q53. Base: All Respondents n=1,056
60% of Millennials view investing in socially responsible investment/vehicles as important

While only 36% of Boomers feel the same.
Investors favor social, environmental factors (67%) over financials (30%).

Rate of return is a priority only for 17% of investors who considered socially responsible investments.

Q51. Base: Those who considered making socially responsible investments n=314
Millennials care most about the goals of the companies when it comes to considering socially responsible investments

Out of all generations, members of Gen X care most about the rate of return
More than half (51%) of those who’ve considered social responsible investments claim to have at least 21 percent of their total holdings dedicated to socially responsible investments.

Three in four (75%) investors who’ve considered making socially responsible investments have at least some of their holdings in these types of investment vehicles.

Q52. Base: Those who considered making socially responsible investments n=314

I am not currently invested in a socially responsible holding.
Three out of five (60%) Millennials who have considered socially responsible investments have at least 21% of their total holdings dedicated to this area. Gen X places second with 49%, while Boomers stand at 45%.

Q52. Base: Those who considered making socially responsible investments n=314
Human rights is the most important value for investors who consider social values, closely followed by environmental impact, and diversity.

19% of investors who consider social values say human rights is most important; 16% say environmental impact.

Q55. Base: Those who consider social values while investing. Respondents n=792.
Boomers vs. Millennials: Which value is most important to them?

Boomers who consider social values favor human rights, religious beliefs, and diversity, while Millennials prioritize environmental impact and human rights.

Q55. Base: Those who consider social values while investing Respondents n=792
Men vs. Women: Which value is most important to them?

Women favor human rights and gender equality, while men prioritize diversity.

- **Human rights**
  - Men: 16%
  - Women: 21%

- **Diversity**
  - Men: 15%
  - Women: 9%

- **Gender equality**
  - Men: 2%
  - Women: 7%

Q55. Base: Those who consider social values while investing Respondents n=792
Nearly a third (30%) of investors would move their investment account to a different firm to gain broader access to socially responsible investment offerings.

Women are more likely than men to move their investment account.

Q56. Base: All Respondents n=1,056
Almost half (47%) of Millennials would move their investment account to a different firm to gain broader access to socially responsible investment offerings.

Less than a quarter of Boomers would do the same.