

Love or Hate Wall Street Fact Sheet

Would Harm Consumers

77% Believe many bankers would harm consumers if they could make money and thought they could get away with it

Don't Earn their Money

66% Believe Wall Street bankers get paid huge amounts of money for "essentially tricking people"

Bankers Less Moral

72% Think Wall Street bankers are "more greedy and selfish" than other people

Wall Street is Essential

64% Believe Wall Street is "essential" because it provides money businesses need to grow, develop new products

Wall Street Offers Benefits

59% Say Wall Street is important for developing life-saving technologies in medicine

Let Banks Get Rich

56% Say banks should be allowed to make as much money as they can, as long as they don't mislead their customers

Love or Hate Regulators Fact Sheet

Have Necessary Knowledge

58% Believe regulators have the knowledge and information necessary to do their jobs

May Prevent Crisis

64% Think government regulators may help prevent another financial crisis (but 72% don't think post-2008 reforms will prevent future crises)

Keep Business Responsive

56% Say government regulation is a good way of making business more responsive to people's needs

Have Helped in the Past

59% Believe many important positive benefits have resulted from government regulation of business

Politically Biased

80% Believe that regulators allow their own political biases and opinions to influence their jobs

Self-Interested

75% Believe regulators care more about their own jobs and ambitions than Americans' overall economic well-being

Don't Effectively Protect

68% Say regulators do a fair or poor job protecting consumers (68%)

Don't Improve Decisions

74% Don't think regulators improve business decisionmaking: 52% say no difference, 22% say regulators make it worse

Don't Better Understand Risk

68% Say bank managers and investors understand better than regulators how much risk their bank can handle