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## **“Money Without Borders Survey”:** Only 27% of Teens Think National Governments Have Most Influence on Global Economy

*Junior Achievement and CNBC to Host Virtual Summit “Money Without Borders,”  
Examining How Innovation is Changing Economic Influence*

(Colorado Springs, CO) – A new survey of 1,009 teens conducted for Junior Achievement by the research company ENGINE Insights shows that only one-in-four teens (27%) think that national governments (such as the U.S., China, and EU) have the most influence on the global economy, followed closely by “mega-rich” individuals (20%), and large corporations (19%). Less influential in the minds of teens are “average people” (7%), small business (4%), and the creators of new markets, like crypto, NFTs, and similar investments (3%). The survey of 1,009 13- to 17-year-olds was conducted by ENGINE Insights from March 31 to April 5, 2022.

Teens were also asked how they would invest if they had the money to do so. While stocks were the top choice of survey respondents (39%), crypto (29%), and real estate (29%) were also high on the list. Despite this, a majority of teens (51%) admitted that they don’t understand crypto well. In terms of learning about it and other investments, most teens said they turn to online videos (51%), family members (32%), investment company websites (32%), parents/caregivers (30%), and social media influencers (26%). Only one-in-five (21%) learned about these kinds of investments from a teacher or in school.

“There’s a perception among teens that how the global economy works and who has influence is changing,” said Jack E. Kosakowski, President and CEO of Junior Achievement USA. “They appear to be interested about the prospect of having influence

themselves, but don't really understand how to get there. That's why Junior Achievement is partnering with CNBC for the 'Money Without Borders' virtual summit."

In response to these concerns, Junior Achievement and *Invest in You: Ready. Set. Grow.*, CNBC's award-winning financial wellness and education initiative in partnership with Acorns, will host a "Money Without Borders" virtual summit on April 21 at 11 am ET.

Hosted by CNBC Senior Markets Correspondent Bob Pisani, this unique interactive event will give teens from around the world direct access to some of the country's most knowledgeable experts on financial technology and innovation. The panelists will offer simple, straightforward answers to help participants understand changing influence in the global economy, the role of new investments like crypto, NFTs and similar investments, and more.

"As the global economy continues to evolve, it becomes more complex and increasingly harder to understand," said Mary Duffy, Vice President and Senior Executive Producer for Talent Development at CNBC. "Our goal at CNBC is to teach everyone across the world the importance of financial education and offering content like our 'Money Without Borders' event in partnership with Junior Achievement serves as a way to help attendees make an informed decision about investing for their future."

Panelists include:

- **David Andolfatto**, SVP of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- **Sam Bankman-Fried**, CEO and Co-Founder, FTX Group
- **Perianne Boring**, Founder and CEO, Chamber of Digital Commerce
- **Brian Kelly**, Founder and CEO, BKCM, LLC
- **Cleve Mesidor**, Executive Director, Blockchain Foundation
- **Jack Kosakowski**, President and CEO of Junior Achievement USA

Students, parents, and teachers interested in participating in the virtual summit can learn more and register at [www.CNBC.com/FinancialEd](http://www.CNBC.com/FinancialEd).

### **Methodology**

This Youth CARAVAN survey was conducted by ENGINE INSIGHTS among a sample of 1,009 13-17 year olds. This survey was live on March 31 to April 5, 2022.

Respondents for this survey were selected from among those who have volunteered to participate in online surveys and polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, error associated with nonresponse, error associated with question wording and response options, and post-survey weighting and adjustments. It is nationally representative with set quotas based on census data. The 1,009 completes are all who qualified and completed based on the demographic quota requirements. The MoE is +/- 3.1%.

### **About Junior Achievement USA® (JA)**

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Today, JA reaches more than 2.5 million students per year in 103 markets across the United States, as part of 10 million students served by operations in 100 other countries worldwide. Junior Achievement USA is a member of JA Worldwide. Visit [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org) for more information.

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