

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 31 JANUARY
FINAL TOPLINE
January 29 – February 13, 2018
TOTAL N=4,656**

ASK ALL:

SATISF All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

Jan 29- Feb 13 2018		Apr 4-18 2017	Feb 28- Mar 12 2017 ¹	Sep 27- Oct 10 2016	Jun 7- Jul 5 2016 ²	Sep 15- Oct 3 2014
36	Satisfied	26	32	23	19	25
63	Dissatisfied	73	68	75	80	75
1	No Answer	0	0	2	1	0

ASK ALL:

CONF How much confidence, if any, do you have in each of the following to act in the best interests of the public? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>A great deal of confidence</u>	<u>A fair amount of confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Elected officials					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	3	22	52	23	*
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	3	24	54	19	1
b. The news media					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	8	32	35	25	*
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	5	33	40	21	1
c. The military					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	39	41	15	4	*
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	33	46	15	5	1
d. Religious leaders					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	40	34	16	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	13	39	32	14	1
e. Business leaders					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	5	40	42	13	*
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	4	37	44	14	1
f. Scientists					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	27	52	17	5	*
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	21	55	18	4	1

¹ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

² SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2):POL1DTSTR Do you [**IF POL1DT=1:** approve; **IF POL1DT=2:** disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President...

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Aug 8-21 <u>2017</u>	Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>	Feb 28- Mar 12 <u>2017</u> ³
38	NET Approve	36	39	44
29	Very strongly	26	27	30
9	Not so	10	12	13
	strongly			
*	No answer	*	*	*
60	NET Disapprove	63	61	56
48	Very strongly	49	45	43
12	Not so	13	15	12
	strongly			
*	No answer	*	*	*
2	No Answer	1	1	1

ASK ALL:

FOLGOV Would you say you follow what is going on in government and public affairs...

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Sep 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	Sep 9- Oct 3 <u>2014</u>
48	Most of the time	40	34
33	Some of the time	37	39
13	Only now and then	16	17
6	Hardly at all	7	11
*	No Answer	1	0

ASK ALL:

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote?

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Sep 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	Sep 9- Oct 3 <u>2014</u>
46	Always	43	35
26	Nearly always	26	27
10	Part of the time	11	11
18	Seldom	19	25
1	No Answer	1	1

³ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

ASK ALL:

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2018 congressional election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1→4; CAPTURE RANDOMIZATION]

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

57	1 = Really matters which party wins control of Congress
19	2
10	3
12	4 = Doesn't really matter which party wins control of Congress
1	No Answer

DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC, ELSE ASK ALL [N=4,642]:

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, who would you vote for? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

ASK IF 'NOT SURE' (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99) DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC:

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]

CONGA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more to for the U.S. House of Representatives?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=4,053]

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

		Oct 3 – 27 <u>2014⁴</u>	Sep 15 – Oct 3 <u>2014</u>	May 30- Jun 30 <u>2014</u>
38	Rep/Lean Rep	39	42	38
47	Dem/Lean Dem	43	47	42
5	Another/Lean to another	4	5	5
10	Not sure	12	6	14
*	No Answer	*	*	*

⁴ In Wave 8 survey and in previous surveys, question was worded: "If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"] for Congress in your district?"

ASK ALL:

Now, thinking about the people you talk with, whether in person, over the phone, or electronically...

TALKPOL How often do you discuss government and politics with others? **[DISPLAY IN ORDER]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Mar 2-28 <u>2016</u>	Mar 19- Apr 29 <u>2014⁵</u>
18	Nearly every day	23	13
33	A few times a week	35	29
23	A few times a month	18	26
26	Less often	23	32
*	No Answer	1	*

ASK ALL:

COREUSDEM Thinking about the fundamental design and structure of American government, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
61	Significant changes to the design and structure are needed to make it work for current times
38	The design and structure serves the country well and does not need significant changes
2	No Answer

ASK ALL:

IMPTUS Now we're going to ask you about the importance of a number of things for the United States.

For each of the following, HOW IMPORTANT is it for the country that... **[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Government policies generally reflect the views of most Americans Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	59	34	4	3	1
b. The government conducts its work openly and transparently Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	22	2	2	*

⁵ In Wave 1 (Mar 19-Apr 29, 2014), 407 non-Internet panelists were surveyed by phone.

IMPTUS CONTINUED...

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
c. The executive, legislative and judicial branches of government each keep the others from having too much power Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	76	18	3	2	1
d. People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	16	5	5	1
e. The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	29	7	3	*
f. Republican and Democratic elected officials work together on important issues Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	78	17	3	2	*
g. Elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	83	12	3	2	*
h. Judges are not influenced by political parties Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	82	13	3	2	*

ASK ALL:

WELLUS Now thinking about how things actually are in the U.S. today, HOW WELL does each of the following describe the country? **[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS, RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS IMPTUS]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Government policies generally reflect the views of most Americans Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	7	29	43	20	1

WELLUS CONTINUED...

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
b. The government conducts its work openly and transparently Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	7	23	40	29	1
c. The executive, legislative and judicial branches of government each keep the others from having too much power Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	44	28	15	1
d. People who give a lot of money to elected officials do not have more political influence than other people Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	15	29	43	1
e. The tone of debate among political leaders is respectful Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	6	19	37	37	1
f. Republican and Democratic elected officials work together on important issues Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	10	33	48	*
g. Elected officials face serious consequences if they engage in misconduct Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	18	37	32	1
h. Judges are not influenced by political parties Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	31	34	22	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=1,157]:

GOVVOTEREP Thinking about a new bill passed in a state with a Republican governor...

If most people in the state support the bill, but most Republicans in the state oppose it, what should the governor do? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

72	Sign the bill
25	Veto the bill
3	No Answer

ASK FORM 3 [N=1,172]:

GOVVOTEDEM Thinking about a new bill passed in a state with a Democratic governor...

If most people in the state support the bill, but most Democrats in the state oppose it, what should the governor do? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

77	Sign the bill
21	Veto the bill
2	No Answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=1,172]:

GOVVOTEGEN Thinking about a new bill passed in a state...

If most people in the state support the bill, but most people who voted for the governor oppose it, what should the governor do? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

75	Sign the bill
23	Veto the bill
2	No Answer

ASK FORM 4 [N=1,155]:

GOVVOTEGENREV Thinking about a new bill passed in a state...

If most people in the state oppose the bill, but most people who voted for the governor support it, what should the governor do? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

22	Sign the bill
77	Veto the bill
2	No Answer

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 [N=2,327]:POLCRCT Which comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Jun 7- Jul 5 <u>2016</u>
45	People need to be more careful about the language they use to avoid offending people with different backgrounds	39
55	Too many people are easily offended these days over the language that others use	59
*	No Answer	2

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 [N=2,329]:POLRULES Which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>
19	In politics, it's sometimes necessary to bend the rules in order to get things done	28
79	In politics, it's important to respect the rules, even if it sometimes makes it harder to get things done	70
1	No Answer	2

ASK ALL:CITIZ_INFL Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Nov 29- Dec 12 <u>2016</u>
52	Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort	58
47	There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington	40
1	No Answer	2

ASK ALL:VOTING Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right? **[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
61	Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things
38	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how government runs things
1	No Answer

ASK ALL:
IMPTUS2

Now thinking again about the importance of a number of things for the United States.

For each of the following, HOW IMPORTANT is it for the country that... **[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
j. The rights and freedoms of all people are respected Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	84	11	2	2	*
k. Everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	82	13	2	2	*
l. The views of people who are not in the majority on issues are respected Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	62	31	4	2	1
m. The military leadership does not publicly express support for one party over the other Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	66	23	7	3	1
n. People are free to peacefully protest Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	20	3	3	*
o. News organizations don't favor one political party Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	70	20	5	4	*
p. People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	60	32	5	2	1
q. News organizations are independent of government influence Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	76	16	4	4	1

ASK ALL:

WELLUS2

Now thinking about how things actually are in the U.S. today...

HOW WELL does each of the following describe the country? **[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS, RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS IMPTUS2]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
j. The rights and freedoms of all people are respected Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	14	33	33	19	*
k. Everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	20	32	29	18	1
l. The views of people who are not in the majority on issues are respected Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	10	30	40	19	1
m. The military leadership does not publicly express support for one party over the other Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	25	49	17	7	1
n. People are free to peacefully protest Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	30	43	18	8	1
o. News organizations don't favor one political party Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	21	31	39	1
p. People agree on basic facts even if they disagree politically Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	24	41	25	1
q. News organizations are independent of government influence Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	12	31	29	27	1

ASK ALL:

DISTRESULT

Thinking about elections for U.S. House of Representatives in the district where you live. What is your impression? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

33	They are usually close contests
64	One candidate usually wins easily
3	No Answer

ASK ALL:

CNTCT_RE

Suppose you contacted your member of the U.S. House of Representatives with a problem. How likely do you think it is that they would help you address it?

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

7	Very likely
30	Somewhat likely
40	Not very likely
21	Not likely at all
1	No Answer

ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 [N=2,329]:

HOUSESZ

[FORM 1: As you may know, when the first Congress met, there were 65 members, each of whom represented an average of about 60,000 people. Currently] **[FORM 2:** As you may know,] there are 435 members of the House of Representatives in Washington, each of whom represents an average of more than 700,000 people.

Do you think the number of members in the House of Representatives should be...

[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2, KEEP 3 LAST]

BASED ON FORM 1 ONLY (N=1,157):

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

34	Increased
21	Decreased
44	Stay the same
1	No Answer

BASED ON FORM 2 ONLY (N=1,172):

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

28	Increased
18	Decreased
51	Stay the same
3	No Answer

ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 [N=2,327]:

SENATESZ As you may know, the Constitution requires that all states have two U.S. senators, regardless of how many people live in the state. **[FORM 3: When the first Congress met, the state with the largest population had about 10 times as many people as the state with the smallest population. Currently, the state with the largest population has about 66 times as many people as the state with the smallest population.]**

Which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

BASED ON FORM 3 ONLY (N=1,172):

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

68	The Constitution should not be changed, and all states should continue to have two senators regardless of the size of their population
29	The Constitution should be amended so that states with larger populations have more senators than smaller states
2	No Answer

BASED ON FORM 4 ONLY (N=1,155):

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

75	The Constitution should not be changed, and all states should continue to have two senators regardless of the size of their population
24	The Constitution should be amended so that states with larger populations have more senators than smaller states
1	No Answer

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 [N=2,327]:

ELECTIMPT Thinking about elections in the United States, HOW IMPORTANT is each of the following?
[RANDOMIZE]

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Elections are free from tampering Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	90	6	3	2	*
b. No INELIGIBLE voters are permitted to vote Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	67	19	8	5	*
c. No ELIGIBLE voters are prevented from voting Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	83	9	4	3	1

ELECTIMPT CONTINUED...

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
d. The way congressional voting districts are determined is fair and reasonable Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	72	19	5	3	1
e. Voters are knowledgeable about candidates and issues Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	78	17	2	2	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,172]

f.F2 There is high voter turnout in presidential elections Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	70	20	6	3	*
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ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=1,155]

g.F4 There is high voter turnout in local elections Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	62	28	7	3	1
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ASK ALL FORMS 2 AND 4 [N=2,327]:

ELECTWELL Next still thinking about elections, HOW WELL does each of the following describe elections in the United States? **[RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS ELECTIMPT]**

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Elections are free from tampering Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	19	39	24	17	2
b. No INELIGIBLE voters are permitted to vote Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	29	32	23	14	2
c. No ELIGIBLE voters are prevented from voting Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	29	36	21	12	2
d. The way congressional voting districts are determined is fair and reasonable Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	12	36	24	25	2
e. Voters are knowledgeable about candidates and issues Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	27	39	21	2

ELECTWELL CONTINUED...

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,172]					
f.F2 There is high voter turnout in presidential elections					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	24	36	26	13	1

ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=1,155]

g.F4 There is high voter turnout in local elections					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	30	37	21	1

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 [N=2,329]:

WINLOSE Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been...

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Apr 5- May 2 <u>2016</u>
29	Winning more often than losing	35
67	Losing more often than winning	60
4	No Answer	5

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 [N=2,329]:

CITIZENIMPORT Thinking about what it means to be a good citizen, how important is it to...
[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Vote in elections					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	74	17	4	4	1
b. Follow what is happening in government and politics					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	49	42	6	3	1
c. Volunteer to help others					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	52	38	7	3	1
d. Serve jury duty if called					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	28	6	4	1
e. Participate in the U.S. Census every 10 years					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	60	27	8	3	1
f. Pay all the taxes you owe					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	71	22	4	3	1
g. Always follow the law					
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	69	27	3	1	*

CITIZENIMPORT CONTINUED...

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,157]					
h.F1 Display the American flag Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	26	21	16	1
ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=1,172]					
i.F3 Know the Pledge of Allegiance Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	50	26	13	11	*
ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 [N=2,329]					
j. Respect the opinions and beliefs of those you disagree with Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	31	4	3	1
k. Protest if you think government actions are wrong Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	45	37	13	4	1

ASK IF FORM 1 [N=1,157]:

CANQUALPRES In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for president in the last several elections has been...

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

3	Very good
38	Somewhat good
38	Somewhat bad
20	Very bad
1	No Answer

ASK IF FORM 2 [N=1,172]:

CANQUALLCL In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running in local elections (such as for mayor or county government) in the last several elections in your area has been...

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018

14	Very good
59	Somewhat good
19	Somewhat bad
7	Very bad
1	No Answer

ASK IF FORM 3 [N=1,172]:

CANQUALCONG In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for Congress in the last several elections in your district has been...

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
11	Very good
53	Somewhat good
25	Somewhat bad
8	Very bad
3	No Answer

ASK IF FORM 4 [N=1,155]:

CANQUALPOL In general, would you say the quality of the candidates running for political office in the last several years has been...

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
7	Very good
40	Somewhat good
36	Somewhat bad
16	Very bad
*	No Answer

ASK FORM 1 [N=1,157]:

CANMTCHPRES Which comes closer to your view of candidates for presidential elections, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
65	I usually feel like there is at least one candidate who shares most of my views
33	I usually feel like none of the candidates represent my views well
2	No Answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=1,172]:

CANMTCHLCL Which comes closer to your view of candidates for local elections for positions like mayor or county government, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
62	I usually feel like there is at least one candidate who shares most of my views
36	I usually feel like none of the candidates represent my views well
3	No Answer

ASK FORM 3 [N=1,172]:

CANMTCHCONG Which comes closer to your view of candidates for congressional elections, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018
63

I usually feel like there is at least one candidate who shares most of my views

34

I usually feel like none of the candidates represent my views well

3

No Answer

ASK FORM 4 [N=1,155]:

CANMTCHPOL Which comes closer to your view of candidates for political office, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-
Feb 13
2018
63

I usually feel like there is at least one candidate who shares most of my views

36

I usually feel like none of the candidates represent my views well

1

No Answer

ASK ALL:

CIVIC_ENG_ACT Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities. **[RANDOMIZE]**

	Yes, in the <u>past year</u>	Yes, in the last 5 years, but not <u>in the past year</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. Attended a political rally, speech or campaign event Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	11	18	71	1

NO ITEM b

c. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	5	11	83	1
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NO ITEMS d THROUGH f

g. Contacted any elected official Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	23	18	59	1
h. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	14	15	71	1

CIVIC_ENG_ACT CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes, in the past year</u>	<u>Yes, in the last 5 years, but not in the past year</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
NO ITEM I				
j. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	29	13	57	1
k. Attended government meetings in your community, such as city or town council meetings Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	10	19	70	1

ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC_ENG_ACT_h=1) [N=1,032]:

CONTRHOWMUCH Thinking about the contributions you have made to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate in the past year, would you say all of those contributions added up to...

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	
53	Less than \$100
31	\$100 to less than \$250
15	More than \$250
*	No Answer

ASK FORM 1 AND 4 [N=2,312]:

SHAREVIEWS Which of the following statements best describes you?

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>		Mar 19- Apr 29 <u>2014</u> ⁶
36	Most of my close friends share my views on government and politics	35
40	Some of my close friends share my views, but many do not	39
23	I don't really know what most of my close friends think about government and politics	26
1	No Answer	*

⁶ In Wave 1 (Mar 19-Apr 29, 2014), 407 non-Internet panelists were surveyed by phone.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED) [N=1,707]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	23	33	29	14	3	18	23

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

The next few questions are a little different. For each, please answer the questions as best as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question, just move on to the next one. We will reveal the correct answers at the end of the survey.

[RANDOMIZE KNOWCIV1-HOUCONTR WITH SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR ALWAYS NEXT TO EACH OTHER]**ASK ALL:**

KNOWCIV1 In the case of a tied vote in the U.S. Senate, is the deciding vote cast by...

[RANDOMIZE]

Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	
54	The vice president (<i>Correct</i>)
9	The president
24	The Senate majority leader
8	The Senate parliamentarian
7	No Answer

ASK ALL:

KNOWCIV2 As you may know, a filibuster in the U.S. Senate can be used to prevent legislation from coming to a vote. Of the 100 U.S. senators, how many votes are needed to end a filibuster?

Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	
32	51
41	60 (<i>Correct</i>)
10	67
7	70
10	No Answer

ASK ALL:KNOWCIV3 How is the number of terms a president can serve determined? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

25	Article II of the U.S. Constitution
6	Custom and precedent
56	The 22 nd Amendment of the Constitution (<i>Correct</i>)
3	There is no limit to the number of terms a president can serve
10	No Answer

NO ITEM KNOWCIV4**ASK ALL:**KNOWCIV5 The U.S. Electoral College... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

5	Trains those who run for political office
7	Supervises the presidential debates
6	Is another name for the U.S. Congress
76	Is an assembly that formally elects the president (<i>Correct</i>)
6	No Answer

ASK ALL:KNOWCIV6 Which of the following rights is guaranteed by the FIRST Amendment to the Constitution? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

86	The right of free speech (<i>Correct</i>)
6	The right to bear arms
3	The right to privacy
3	The right to remain silent
2	No Answer

[RANDOMIZE SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR]**ASK ALL:**

SENCNTR Do you happen to know which political party currently has a majority in the U.S. Senate? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; PRESENT REP/DEM PARTY IN SAME ORDER FOR SENCONTR, HOUCONTR]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u> ⁷		Jun 7- Jul 5 <u>2016</u>
83	Republican Party (<i>Correct</i>)	56
13	Democratic Party	14
-	Don't know	28
4	No Answer	2

[RANDOMIZE SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR]**ASK ALL:**

HOUCONTR Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; PRESENT REP/DEM PARTY IN SAME ORDER FOR SENCONTR, HOUCONTR]**

Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u> ⁸		Jun 7- Jul 5 <u>2016</u>
82	Republican Party (<i>Correct</i>)	58
14	Democratic Party	10
-	Don't know	30
5	No Answer	2

⁷ The Don't know response was not included for question SENCONTR in the Wave 31 survey.

⁸ The Don't know response was not included for question HOUCONTR in the Wave 31 survey.

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QUESTIONS 1, 2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 3-6****ASK ALL:**

Q.7 We'd like you to compare the United States to other developed nations in a few different areas. (First,) what about... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]? [READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN AS NECESSARY: Do you think the U.S. is the BEST IN THE WORLD, above average, average or below average in [ITEM]?]**

		<u>Best in the world</u>	<u>Above average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Below average</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Its scientific achievements					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	16	38	33	10	4
	Aug 15-25, 2014 ⁹	15	39	34	9	3
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	17	47	26	5	4
b.	Its political system					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	15	26	28	29	3
	Aug 15-25, 2014	12	22	32	31	3
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	19	31	29	16	5

NO ITEMS c-d**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=759]:**

e.F1	Its economy					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	15	33	35	16	1
	Aug 15-25, 2014	7	26	36	29	2
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	12	22	33	31	3
f.F1	Its health care					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	11	19	29	38	3
	Aug 15-25, 2014	9	16	32	39	3
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	15	23	32	27	2
g.F1	Its colleges and universities					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	16	35	33	13	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=707]:

h.F2	Its public schools					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	4	15	37	41	4
i.F2	Its military					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	38	41	14	4	4
	Aug 15-25, 2014	39	37	15	5	3
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	42	39	13	3	3
j.F2	Its standard of living					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	16	40	27	15	1
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	22	41	26	9	2

⁹ In 2014 and 2009 surveys, question was worded: "We'd like you to compare the United States to other industrialized nations in a few different areas."

NO QUESTIONS 8-11**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 How well would you say democracy is working in the United States today **[READ]**?

Mar 7-14

2018

18	Very well
40	Somewhat well
27	Not too well
13	Not at all well
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTION 13**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the wisdom of the American people when it comes to making political decisions? A very great deal, a good deal, not very much, or none at all?

Mar 7-14
2018

10	Very great deal
32	Good deal
44	Not very much
12	None at all
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Mar 17-26
2016

Aug 27-
Sep 13
2015

January
2007

October
1997

Gallup
September
1964

9	Very great deal	9	13	11	14
25	Good deal	26	44	53	63
51	Not very much	49	34	32	19
14	None at all	14	8	3	1
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	1	3

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Thinking generally ... Does who is president make a big difference, some difference or no difference for **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does who is president make a big difference, some difference or no difference for [ITEM]?**

		Big <u>difference</u>	Some <u>difference</u>	No <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Your own personal life				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	34	39	25	1
	Oct 20-25, 2016	39	38	21	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=759]:

b.F1 The mood of the country

Mar 7-14, 2018	63	27	8	2
Oct 20-25, 2016	64	26	8	2
TREND FOR COMPARISON¹⁰:				
Time: August, 1984	52	34	9	5
Time: January, 1984	65	28	4	2
Time: September, 1983	70	24	4	2

c.F1 National security

Mar 7-14, 2018	61	27	10	2
Oct 20-25, 2016	71	21	7	2

¹⁰

In Time 1983 and 1984 surveys, question was worded: "Keeping in mind that we have had five different presidents in the past 20 years, please tell me whether WHO is President makes a BIG difference, SOME difference, or NO difference on each of the following" for all items included here as a trend for comparison.

Q.15 CONTINUED...

		Big <u>difference</u>	Some <u>difference</u>	No <u>difference</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=707]:					
d.F2	The standing of the United States in the world				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	69	21	9	1
	Oct 20-25, 2016	75	18	6	2
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	Time: August, 1984	67	24	5	5
	Time: January, 1984	79	17	2	2
	Time: September, 1983	84	13	2	1
e.F2	The health of the economy				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	53	34	12	1
	Oct 20-25, 2016	60	30	8	2
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	Time: August, 1984	54	33	9	4
	Time: January, 1984	68	27	4	2
	Time: September, 1983	70	25	3	1

NO QUESTIONS 16-23**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 How much respect do you think Donald Trump has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		Feb 7-12 <u>2017</u>	Oct 20-25 <u>2016</u>
23	A great deal	18	16
22	A fair amount	22	24
25	Not too much	25	28
29	None at all	34	31
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1

QUESTIONS 25-27 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 28-39****ASK ALL:**

Q.40 Next, would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-d IN BLOCK FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS e-g IN BLOCK]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very UNfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [ITEM] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very UNfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

a.	The Republican Party	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
		Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
	Mar 7-14, 2018	41	10	31	55	25	30	*	4
	Jun 8-18, 2017	40	10	31	54	27	26	*	5
	Apr 5-11, 2017	40	10	30	57	27	30	0	3
	Jan 4-9, 2017	47	12	35	49	20	29	*	5
	Oct 20-25, 2016	40	10	31	55	23	33	*	5
	Aug 9-16, 2016	38	9	29	56	26	31	0	6
	Jun 15-26, 2016	35	9	26	60	30	29	*	5
	Apr 12-19, 2016	33	9	24	62	32	30	*	5

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	37	6	31	58	26	32	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	7	26	60	28	32	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Mar 7-14, 2018	42	8	35	54	24	30	*	4
Jun 8-18, 2017	44	12	32	50	24	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	11	34	51	26	25	*	4
Jan 4-9, 2017	51	13	38	45	18	26	*	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	52	15	37	45	22	22	*	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	49	15	35	46	22	24	*	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	49	17	33	46	23	23	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	45	14	31	50	27	23	*	4
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	10	35	50	24	26	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	12	36	47	22	25	0	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8

Q.40 CONTINUED...

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	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6
c. Congress								
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	4	26	67	27	40	*	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	34	5	29	62	24	38	*	4
Jun 15-26, 2016	31	10	22	63	29	34	*	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	4	23	69	29	40	0	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	25	5	20	69	31	38	*	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	22	4	18	72	34	38	*	5
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	22	4	18	71	34	37	*	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	28	5	23	69	28	41	*	4
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	23	5	18	72	35	37	*	5
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	27	6	21	67	32	35	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	73	32	42	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	21	3	18	70	33	37	*	9
Jan 9-13, 2013	23	4	19	68	32	36	*	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	4	22	67	24	43	1	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	27	5	22	65	30	35	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	23	5	18	69	33	36	*	8
Aug 17-21, 2011	25	4	21	70	30	40	4	6
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	34	4	30	57	21	36	1	8
July 1-5, 2010	33	6	27	56	23	33	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	25	3	22	65	30	36	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	26	3	23	62	23	39	*	12

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Feb 3-9, 2010	41	3	38	50	17	34	0	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	37	4	33	52	20	32	*	11
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	50	10	40	43	15	28	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	52	20	32	*	8
Late May, 2008	41	6	35	51	17	34	0	8
July, 2007	41	6	35	51	16	35	0	8
Early January, 2007	53	11	42	38	9	29	1	8
Late October, 2006	41	5	36	46	15	31	*	13
February, 2006	44	6	38	47	14	33	0	9
Late October, 2005	45	7	38	45	13	32	*	10
July, 2005	49	6	43	40	11	29	*	11
June, 2005	49	6	43	40	10	30	*	11
June, 2004	56	7	49	33	7	26	*	11
July, 2001	57	7	50	32	8	24	*	11
March, 2001	56	6	50	36	10	26	1	7
January, 2001	64	10	54	23	5	18	1	12
September, 2000 (RVs)	61	8	53	32	5	27	*	7
August, 1999	63	8	55	34	7	27	*	3
June, 1999	56	9	47	39	9	30	*	5
February, 1999	52	4	48	44	8	36	0	4
January, 1999	48	7	41	45	15	30	0	7
Early December, 1998	52	11	41	41	12	29	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	62	7	55	33	8	25	0	5
Early September, 1998	66	7	59	27	5	22	0	7
October, 1997	53	5	48	44	11	33	0	3
August, 1997	50	6	44	44	11	33	0	6
June, 1997	52	4	48	42	8	34	0	6
May, 1997	49	5	44	42	10	32	*	9
February, 1997	52	6	46	40	9	31	*	8
January, 1997	56	6	50	40	8	32	*	4
June, 1996	45	6	39	50	12	38	*	5
April, 1996	45	6	39	50	13	37	0	5
January, 1996	42	4	38	54	16	38	*	4
October, 1995	42	4	38	55	13	42	0	3
August, 1995	45	5	40	47	13	34	*	7
June, 1995	53	8	45	42	11	31	*	5
February, 1995	54	10	44	37	10	27	0	9
July, 1994	53	7	46	43	9	34	*	4
May, 1993	43	8	35	48	13	35	0	9
November, 1991	51	7	44	43	9	34	0	6
March, 1991	66	16	50	26	7	19	0	8
May, 1990	59	6	53	34	9	25	1	6
May, 1988	64	8	56	28	5	23	0	8
January, 1988	64	6	58	29	4	25	0	7
May, 1987	74	10	64	20	4	16	*	6
January, 1987	59	7	52	31	8	23	0	10
July, 1985	67	9	58	26	5	21	*	7
d. The Supreme Court								
Mar 7-14, 2018	66	11	55	28	8	20	*	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	60	11	48	32	10	22	*	8
Jun 15-26, 2016	62	16	47	29	9	20	1	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	50	8	42	42	17	25	1	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	9	39	43	17	26	*	9
Mar 25-29, 2015	50	8	42	39	12	26	1	11

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Jul 8-14, 2014	52	8	44	38	14	24	1	9
Apr 23-27, 2014	56	11	44	35	12	23	*	9
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	7	41	38	14	24	1	13
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	7	45	31	10	21	2	15
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	8	45	36	12	24	1	10
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	51	10	41	37	14	23	1	11
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	41	29	10	20	*	18
July 1-5, 2010	58	9	49	25	8	17	1	16
Feb 3-9, 2010	58	8	50	27	8	19	*	15
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	64	8	56	21	6	15	0	15
April, 2008	65	15	50	25	7	18	*	10
July, 2007	57	12	45	29	9	20	0	14
January, 2007	72	18	54	17	3	14	2	9
July, 2006	63	7	56	27	8	19	1	9
February, 2006	60	16	44	28	10	18	*	12
Late October, 2005	62	12	50	27	10	17	*	11
July, 2005	61	12	49	28	10	18	*	11
June, 2005	57	8	49	30	8	22	*	13
July, 2001	70	15	55	20	6	14	*	10
March, 2001	72	15	57	20	5	15	*	8
January, 2001	68	18	50	21	8	13	1	10
October, 1997	77	13	64	18	6	12	*	5
May, 1997	72	16	56	22	5	17	0	6
July, 1994	80	18	62	16	3	13	*	4
May, 1993	73	17	56	18	4	14	0	9
November, 1991	72	18	54	21	5	16	0	7
May, 1990	65	10	55	25	7	18	1	9
January, 1988	79	14	65	13	2	11	*	8
May, 1987	76	13	63	17	2	15	*	7
Roper: March 1985	64	17	47	28	7	21	--	8
e. The federal government in Washington								
Mar 7-14, 2018	35	5	30	61	21	40	*	4
Oct 16-20, 2015	32	6	26	63	28	34	*	5
Apr 23-27, 2014	32	7	26	62	27	36	*	5
Mar 13-17, 2013	28	4	24	65	30	35	2	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	33	7	26	62	25	37	*	5
Feb 2-7, 2011	38	6	32	57	19	37	*	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	43	6	38	50	16	34	*	7
Jul 22-26, 2009	42	4	38	50	18	31	*	8
April, 2008	37	6	31	58	21	37	1	4
January, 2007	45	7	38	46	15	31	1	8
February, 2006	43	6	37	50	16	34	*	7
December, 2005	46	7	39	49	18	31	*	5
Late October, 2005	45	6	39	48	16	32	*	7
February, 2004	59	10	49	36	11	25	*	5
April, 2003	73	14	59	22	5	17	0	5
December, 2002	64	11	53	27	7	20	*	9
Mid-November, 2001	82	17	65	15	3	12	0	3
Late October, 2000 (RVs)	54	7	47	40	10	30	*	6
October, 1997	38	4	34	59	18	41	0	3

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
f. Your STATE government								
Mar 7-14, 2018	58	10	48	39	14	25	*	3
Oct 16-20, 2015	56	11	46	38	13	25	*	5
Apr 23-27, 2014	57	13	45	39	17	22	*	3
Mar 13-17, 2013	57	10	47	38	16	22	*	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	52	11	42	42	15	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	53	10	42	42	14	28	*	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	53	9	44	41	14	27	0	6
Jul 22-26, 2009	50	6	44	44	16	28	*	6
April, 2008	59	9	50	37	16	21	0	4
December, 2005	57	8	49	37	11	26	*	6
December, 2002	62	15	47	31	10	21	1	7
Mid-November, 2001	77	15	62	18	4	14	*	5
October, 1997	66	10	56	29	7	22	*	5
g. Your LOCAL government								
Mar 7-14, 2018	67	12	56	29	10	19	*	4
Oct 16-20, 2015	65	13	52	30	10	20	*	5
Apr 23-27, 2014	65	16	49	31	12	19	*	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	63	12	51	32	12	20	*	5
Apr 4-15, 2012	61	13	48	31	9	22	*	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	63	15	48	32	10	22	1	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	64	11	53	30	10	20	*	6
Jul 22-26, 2009	60	8	52	32	9	23	0	8
April, 2008	63	11	52	33	12	21	1	3
December, 2005	66	12	54	28	10	18	*	6
December, 2002	67	16	51	25	9	16	*	7
Mid-November, 2001	78	15	63	17	4	13	*	5
October, 1997	68	12	56	25	7	18	*	7

QUESTIONS 41-42 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 43-45****ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Thinking about spending on political campaigns and issues, which comes closer to your view [**READ AND RANDOMIZE**]?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		Aug 27-Sep 13 <u>2015</u>
20	Individuals and organizations should be able to spend as much money as they want	20
77	There should be limits on the amount of money individuals and organizations can spend	77
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3

ASK ALL:

Q.47 In general, do you think new laws COULD BE written that would be effective in reducing the role of money in politics, OR don't you think any new laws would be effective?

	Yes, new laws would <u>be effective</u>	No, new laws would not <u>be effective</u>	(VOL.) Don't know/ <u>Refused</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	65	31	4
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	62	35	3
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:¹¹			
October, 2006	51	37	12
February, 2002	55	34	11
February, 2000	59	34	7
September, 1997	62	32	6
<i>Center for Responsive Politics:</i>			
April 1997	62	32	6

QUESTIONS 48-52 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 Thinking for a moment about the way in which the president is elected in this country, which would you prefer – to amend the Constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election, or to keep the current system, in which the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election?

	Amend Constitution <u>to total votes</u>	Keep current Electoral College system	(VOL.) <u>Both/Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	55	41	-	4
<i>Gallup:</i> Nov 28-29, 2016	49	47	1	3
<i>CNN/ORC:</i> Nov 17-20, 2016	51	44	2	3
<i>Gallup:</i> Oct 6-9, 2011	62	35	1	3
<i>Gallup:</i> October, 2004	61	35	1	3
<i>Gallup:</i> December, 2000	59	37	1	3
<i>Gallup:</i> November, 2000	61	35	2	2

NO QUESTION 54

¹¹ The question was asked in very different contexts in earlier surveys that warrant caution when making comparisons.

ASK ALL:

Q.55 As I read some pairs of statements, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS; FOR ITEMS a.-e., RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS. FOR ITEM f., READ STATEMENTS IN ORDER]**. Next, **[NEXT PAIR]? [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"**

	I like elected officials who make compromises with <u>people they disagree with</u>	I like elected officials who <u>stick to their positions</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
a.				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	44	53	3
	Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	58	39	4
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	49	47	3
	Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	56	39	5
	Jan 15-19, 2014 ¹²	49	48	3
	Jan 9-13, 2013 ¹³	50	44	6
	Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	40	54	7
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	40	55	5

	Ordinary Americans would do a better job solving the country's problems than <u>elected officials</u>	Ordinary Americans would do no better solving the country's problems than <u>elected officials</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
b.				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	44	51	5
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	55	39	6

NO ITEM c.

	There are clear solutions to most big issues facing <u>the country today</u>	Most big issues facing the country today don't have <u>clear solutions</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
d.				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	44	54	2
	Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	41	56	3
	Aug 9-16, 2016	44	52	3
	Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	41	56	3

	Most Americans demand more from the government than they are <u>willing to pay taxes for</u>	Most Americans are willing to pay the taxes needed to fund services they expect government to <u>provide</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
e.				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	46	51	4
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	52	44	4
	Gallup: Sep 13-16, 2010	56	41	3

¹² In January 2014 and earlier, response items were not randomized.

¹³ In January 2013, question asked as a stand-alone item.

Q.55 CONTINUED...

	Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about <u>Congress or the courts</u>	It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's <u>problems</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref	
f.				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	21	76	3
	Feb 7-12, 2017 ¹⁴	17	77	6
	Aug 9-16, 2016 ¹⁵	23	72	5

NO QUESTIONS 56-58**ASK ALL:**

Q.59 Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

	Few big interests	Benefit of all	(VOL.) Don't know/ Refused
Mar 7-14, 2018	76	21	3
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	76	19	4
CBS/NYT: Feb 5-10, 2010 ¹⁶	78	18	4
CBS/NYT: July, 2004	64	28	8
CBS/NYT: August, 1995	79	15	6
CBS/NYT: March, 1992	75	19	5
CBS/NYT: Late October, 1990	77	18	5
CBS/NYT: Early October, 1990	71	21	8
CBS/NYT: November, 1988	57	35	8
NYT: December, 1985	54	37	9
CBS/NYT: February, 1985	55	36	9
NYT: November, 1983	59	30	11
NYT: June, 1983	54	33	12
CBS/NYT: Late October, 1976	57	35	8
CBS/NYT: Early October, 1976	61	31	9

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

NES	2012	71	23	6
	2008	69	29	2
	2004	56	40	4
	2002	48	51	2
	2000	61	35	5
	1998	64	32	4
	1996	69	27	3
	1994	76	19	5
	1992	75	20	4
	1990	71	24	5
	1988	64	31	5
	1984	55	39	6

¹⁴ In February 2017, item was asked as a standalone question.

¹⁵ In August 2016, the first statement read: "Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about Congress or the Supreme Court."

¹⁶ Selected trend points excluded due to context concerns.

Q.55 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

		Few big interests	Benefit of all	(VOL.) Don't know/ Refused
<i>NES</i>	1982	61	29	10
	1980	70	21	9
	1978	67	24	9
	1976	66	24	10
	1974	66	25	9
	1972	53	38	9
	1970	50	41	9
	1968	40	51	9
	1966	33	53	13
	1964	29	64	7

NO QUESTION 60**ASK ALL:**

Q.61 Should the U.S. Supreme Court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution meant as it was originally written, or should the court base its rulings on its understanding of what the U.S. Constitution means in current times?

	What it meant <u>as originally written</u>	What it means <u>in current times</u>	(VOL.) <u>Somewhere in between</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	41	55	1	3
Oct 20-25, 2016	46	46	2	7
Feb 12-26, 2014	46	49	2	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	2	4
<i>Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo</i> : October, 2010	50	46	1	3
<i>ABC News/WaPo</i> : July, 2005	46	50	3	1

NO QUESTION 62**ASK ALL:**

Q.63 And thinking about politics and elections, would you say that personally insulting political opponents is [READ; RANDOMIZE]?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		(RVs) Oct 20-25 <u>2016</u>	Mar 17-26 <u>2016</u>
31	Sometimes fair game	43	31
68	Never fair game	54	67
*	Other/Depends (VOL.)	1	1
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1

NO QUESTIONS 64-89

ASK ALL:

Q.90 In general, do you think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong or don't you think about politics in this way?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		Sep 16-Oct 4 <u>2015</u>
42	Think about politics as a struggle between right and wrong	44
57	Don't think about politics in this way	54
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

NO QUESTIONS 91-93**QUESTIONS 94-95 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18
Jan 10-15, 2018	26	33	34	3	1	3	12	18
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	20	32	40	4	1	3	13	19
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Yearly Totals								
2017	23.6	31.4	39.4	3.3	.6	1.7	15.8	18.7
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
