

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
MARCH 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
MARCH 7-14, 2018
N=1,466**

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	66	4	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5
Jan 10-15, 2018	32	62	6	Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	68	6	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70	5	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	December, 2008	13	83	4
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	August, 2008	21	74	5
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	March, 2008	22	72	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	February, 2007	30	61	9
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6				
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6				
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4				

¹ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

Q.1 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	January, 2001	55	41	4
December, 2006	28	65	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	September, 2000	51	41	8
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
July, 2006	30	65	5	April, 2000	48	43	9
May, 2006*	29	65	6	August, 1999	56	39	5
March, 2006	32	63	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
January, 2006	34	61	5	November, 1998	46	44	10
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	February, 1998	59	37	4
February, 2005	38	56	6	January, 1998	46	50	4
January, 2005	40	54	6	September, 1997	45	49	6
December, 2004	39	54	7	August, 1997	49	46	5
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
July, 2004	38	55	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
May, 2004	33	61	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	October, 1995	23	73	4
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	June, 1995	25	73	2
December, 2003	44	47	9	April, 1995	23	74	3
October, 2003	38	56	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
August, 2003	40	53	7	March, 1994	24	71	5
April, 2003	50	41	9	October, 1993	22	73	5
January, 2003	44	50	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
November, 2002	41	48	11	May, 1993	22	71	7
September, 2002	41	55	4	January, 1993	39	50	11
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	January, 1992	28	68	4
May, 2002	44	44	12	November, 1991	34	61	5
March, 2002	50	40	10	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	August, 1990	47	48	5
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	May, 1990	41	54	5
June, 2001	43	52	5	January, 1989	45	50	5
March, 2001	47	45	8	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
February, 2001	46	43	11				

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	39	54	7
Jan 10-15, 2018	37	56	7
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	32	63	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	59	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	55	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	54	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	56	6

See past presidents' approval trends: [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

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.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Its scientific achievements					
	Mar 7-14, 2018	16	38	33	10	4
	Aug 15-25, 2014 ²	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

NO QUESTIONS 8-11

² 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."

ASK ALL:

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

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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 <u>2018</u>		Mar 17-26 <u>2016</u>	Aug 27- Sep 13 <u>2015</u>	January <u>2007</u>	October <u>1997</u>	<i>Gallup</i> September <u>1964</u>
10	Very great deal	9	9	13	11	14
32	Good deal	25	26	44	53	63
44	Not very much	51	49	34	32	19
12	None at all	14	14	8	3	1
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	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]**?**

	<u>Big difference</u>	<u>Some difference</u>	<u>No difference</u>	<u>(VOL.) 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 COMPARISON³:

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

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

³ 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...

	<u>Big difference</u>	<u>Some difference</u>	<u>No difference</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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

RANDOMIZE Q.25a/Q.25b BLOCK WITH Q.26a/Q.26b BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy ...

Q.25a How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 7-14, 2018	11	42	34	13	1
Oct 25-30, 2017	6	35	38	20	1
Feb 7-12, 2017	5	37	39	18	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	3	28	44	24	1
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	3	25	39	33	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	3	25	44	28	1
Mar 17-26, 2016	3	26	43	28	1
Dec 8-13, 2015	3	24	45	28	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	3	21	43	33	*
May 12-18, 2015	3	24	43	30	*
Feb 18-22, 2015	2	23	43	31	*
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1

Q.25a CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	1	12	42	44	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12	43	44	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010	*	11	39	49	1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010	1	7	38	53	1
Dec 9-13, 2009	1	7	41	50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	*	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007	3	23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 (RVs)	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2

Q.25a CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late February, 2004 ⁴	2	29	42	26	1

RANDOMIZE Q.25a/Q.25b BLOCK WITH Q.26a/Q.26b BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.25b A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	34	25	40	1
Oct 25-30, 2017	32	29	37	1
Feb 7-12, 2017	38	32	28	2
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	37	28	33	2
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	26	20	44	10
Jun 15-26, 2016	29	13	54	5
Mar 17-26, 2016	22	17	55	6
Dec 8-13, 2015	20	22	54	4
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	23	21	53	3
May 12-18, 2015	25	20	53	2
Feb 18-22, 2015	27	20	52	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	25	36	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6

⁴ Earlier trends available from Gallup.

Q.25b CONTINUED...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5
February, 2007	17	20	58	5
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
Newsweek: January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

RANDOMIZE Q.25a/Q.25b BLOCK WITH Q.26a/Q.26b BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your personal finances ...

Q.26a How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	11	39	32	17	1
Oct 25-30, 2017	9	39	33	18	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	9	37	33	19	1
Oct 20-25, 2016	10	37	37	15	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	10	36	37	15	1
Dec 8-13, 2015	8	35	39	17	1
May 12-18, 2015	8	35	37	19	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1

Q. 26a CONTINUED...

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6	31	39	22	2
Dec 9-13, 2009	7	28	39	24	2
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	5	30	40	25	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	32	38	22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	22	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	20	1
December, 2008	6	32	40	21	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	37	19	2
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

RANDOMIZE Q.25a/Q.25b BLOCK WITH Q.26a/Q.26b BLOCK**ASK ALL:**

Q.26b Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse?

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Mar 7-14, 2018	14	58	13	4	10	2
Oct 25-30, 2017	13	51	17	6	11	3
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	13	49	13	5	15	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	10	50	14	5	13	7
Jun 15-26, 2016	12	54	12	4	13	5
Dec 8-13, 2015	9	53	17	6	14	2
May 12-18, 2015	11	52	13	7	16	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	11	56	14	5	12	2
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	7	13	4
December, 2008	7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3

Q.26b CONTINUED...

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Get a <u>little worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	(VOL.) Stay the <u>same</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>U.S. News: October, 1992</i>	9	51	14	3	15	8
<i>U.S. News: August, 1992</i>	6	50	20	5	14	5
<i>U.S. News: May, 1992</i>	8	49	22	4	13	4
<i>U.S. News: January, 1992</i>	9	46	19	5	16	5

ASK ALL

- Q.27 Not all people face the same financial pressures ... Thinking about YOUR own household's financial situation [do/does] **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little, or not at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little, or not at all?]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The availability of jobs in your area				
Mar 7-14, 2018	34	32	33	1
Mar 14-17, 2013 ⁵	39	25	34	2
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 ⁶	42	26	30	1
b. How the stock market is doing				
Mar 7-14, 2018	21	40	35	4
Mar 14-17, 2013	23	33	40	4
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	24	37	34	5

NO ITEM c.**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=759]:**

d.F1	Prices for food and consumer goods				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	48	40	11	1
	Mar 14-17, 2013	58	32	9	1
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	58	34	7	1
e.F1	The cost of health care				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	53	31	15	*
f.F1	Real estate values in your area				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	37	35	25	2
	Mar 14-17, 2013	32	33	32	3
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 ⁷	35	28	34	3

NO ITEM g.**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=707]:**

h.F2	Gas prices				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	37	42	21	*
	Mar 14-17, 2013	64	25	10	1
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	69	23	7	1
i.F2	The federal budget deficit				
	Mar 7-14, 2018	22	42	32	5
	Mar 14-17, 2013	39	36	20	5
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	43	34	19	4

⁵ In 2013 and 2011 surveys, question stem was worded: "Not all people face the same financial pressures. Please tell me how much each of the following affects your own household's financial situation. First, **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** – does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little, or not at all? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Does this affect your household's financial situation a lot, a little or not at all?]**"

⁶ In 2011, item read "The job situation."

⁷ In 2011, item read "Real estate values."

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."]**

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	
a. The Republican Party								
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
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

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
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
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

Q.40. CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
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
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

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	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
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
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

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		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
		<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
	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
	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

Q.40 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
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
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

ASK IF APPROVE OF TRUMP (Q.2=1) [N=595]:

Q.41 What's your impression of people who do NOT approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

Mar 7-14

2018

44 Even though they feel differently than you do about Trump, they probably share many of your other values and goals

51 They feel differently than you do about Trump, and they also probably DO NOT share many of your other values and goals

6 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP (Q.2=2) [N=796]:

Q.42 What's your impression of people who approve of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?
[READ; RANDOMIZE]

Mar 7-14

2018

39 Even though they feel differently than you do about Trump, they probably share many of your other values and goals
56 They feel differently than you do about Trump, and they also probably DO NOT share many of your other values and goals
5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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

2018

20 Individuals and organizations should be able to spend as much money as they want
77 There should be limits on the amount of money individuals and organizations can spend
3 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Aug 27-Sep 13

2015

20
77
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 be effective	No, new laws would not be effective	(VOL.) Don't know/Refused
Mar 7-14, 2018	65	31	4
Aug 27-Sep 13, 2015	62	35	3
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:⁸			
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

ASK ALL:

Q.48 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about Russian efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election? [READ]

TREND FOR COMPARISON

Mar 7-14

2018

61 A lot
26 A little
12 Nothing at all
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Jan 10-15

2018⁹

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33
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The question was asked in very different contexts in earlier surveys that warrant caution when making comparisons.

⁹

In the January 10-15, 2018 survey, question was worded: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election?"

ASK ALL:

Q.49 Do you think Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

Mar 7-14

2018

43	Benefited Donald Trump's campaign
4	Benefited Hillary Clinton's campaign
48	Didn't benefit either one very much
*	Russia did not try to influence election (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.50 How confident are you that the Trump administration will make a serious effort to prevent Russia from influencing future U.S. elections? Are you **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Mar 7-14

2018

21	Very confident
21	Somewhat confident
19	Not too confident
36	Not at all confident
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 ...

Q.51 Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iraq?

	<u>Right</u> <u>decision</u>	<u>Wrong</u> <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 7-14, 2018	43	48	9
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	38	50	12
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	49	45	6
Mar 14-17, 2013	41	44	14
Nov 9-14, 2011	48	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	51	7
January, 2009	43	49	8
November, 2008	39	50	11
Late October, 2008	38	56	6
Mid-October, 2008	40	54	6
Mid-September, 2008	43	50	7
June, 2008	39	55	6
April, 2008	37	57	6
Late February, 2008	38	54	8
Late December, 2007	36	56	8
October, 2007	39	54	7
September, 2007	42	50	8
July, 2007	41	53	6
June, 2007	40	51	9
April, 2007	45	47	8
March, 2007	43	49	8
February, 2007	40	54	6
Mid-January, 2007	40	51	9
Early January, 2007	40	53	7
December, 2006	42	51	7
Mid-November, 2006	41	51	8
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	45	48	7
Late October, 2006	43	47	10
Early October, 2006	45	47	8
Early September, 2006	49	43	8
August, 2006	45	46	9

July, 2006	44	50	6
Q.51 CONTINUED...			
	<u>Right</u> <u>decision</u>	<u>Wrong</u> <u>decision</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 2006	49	44	7
April, 2006	47	46	7
March, 2006	45	49	6
February, 2006	51	44	5
January, 2006	45	47	8
December, 2005	47	48	5
Late October, 2005	48	45	7
Early October, 2005	44	50	6
Mid-September, 2005	49	44	7
July, 2005	49	44	7
June, 2005	47	45	8
February, 2005	47	47	6
January, 2005	51	44	5
December, 2004	49	44	7
November, 2004 (RVs)	48	41	11
Mid-October, 2004	46	42	12
Early October, 2004	50	39	11
September, 2004	53	39	8
August, 2004	53	41	6
July, 2004	52	43	5
June, 2004	55	38	7
May, 2004	51	42	7
Late April, 2004	54	37	9
Early April, 2004	57	35	8
Mid-March, 2004	55	39	6
Late February, 2004	60	32	8
Early February, 2004	56	39	5
Mid-January, 2004	65	30	5
Early January, 2004	62	28	10
December, 2003	67	26	7
October, 2003	60	33	7
September, 2003	63	31	6
August, 2003	63	30	7
Early July, 2003	67	24	9
May, 2003	74	20	6
Mid-April, 2003 tracking	74	19	7
<i>April 10-16, 2003</i>	74	19	7
<i>April 8-9, 2003</i>	74	19	7
March-April, 2003 tracking	72	22	7
<i>April 2-7, 2003</i>	72	20	8
<i>March 28-April 1, 2003</i>	69	25	6
<i>March 25-27, 2003</i>	74	21	5
<i>March 23-24, 2003</i>	74	21	5
<i>March 20-22, 2003</i>	71	22	7
Late January, 1991	77	15	8

ASK ALL:

Q.52 Overall, do you think the United States mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Iraq?

		(U) Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u> ¹⁰	Mar 14-17 <u>2013</u>	Nov 9-14 <u>2011</u>
Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>				
39	Mostly succeeded	37	46	56
53	Mostly failed	52	43	33
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	11	11	10

¹⁰ In 2014 and earlier, question was worded: "Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Iraq?"

Q.52 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Iraq, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Iraq?¹¹

	<u>Definitely/ Probably succeed</u>	<u>Definitely/ Probably fail</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	35	7
Mar 10-14, 2010	59	30	10
Dec 9-13, 2009	63	29	8
Jan, 2009	61	29	10
September, 2008	58	34	8
June, 2008	50	42	8
April, 2008	47	46	7
Late February, 2008	53	39	8
Late December, 2007	45	45	10
November, 2007	48	46	6
October, 2007	46	44	10
September, 2007	42	47	11
July, 2007	43	49	8
April, 2007	45	46	9
February, 2007	47	46	7
November, 2006	53	41	6
Mid-September, 2006	57	35	8
August, 2006	54	40	6

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?

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

NO QUESTION 54

¹¹ Trend for comparison only shows the net of answers "Definitely succeed" and "Probably succeed" and the net of answers "Definitely fail" and "Probably fail." See June 2010 [topline](#) for full trend.

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...

f.		Many of the country's problems could be dealt with more effectively if U.S. presidents didn't have to worry so much about	It would be too risky to give U.S. presidents more power to deal directly with many of the country's	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
		<u>Congress or the courts</u>	<u>problems</u>	
	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
	1982	61	29	10
	1980	70	21	9

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
NES	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 as originally written	What it means in current times	(VOL.) Somewhere in between	(VOL.) DK/Ref
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
Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo: October, 2010	50	46	1	3
ABC News/WaPo: 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 2018		(RVs) Oct 20-25 2016	Mar 17-26 2016
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 2018		Sep 16-Oct 4 2015
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

ASK ALL:

Q.94 Thinking about the investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election... just your impression, do you think senior members of the Trump administration definitely did, probably did, probably did NOT or definitely did NOT have improper contact with Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign?

Mar 7-14 2018		Nov 29-Dec 4 2017
25	Definitely did	30
33	Probably did	29
22	Probably did not	18
17	Definitely did not	12
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

ASK ALL:

Q.95 How confident, if at all, are you that the Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller [PRONOUNCED: "MULL-er"] will conduct a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election [READ]?

Mar 7-14 2018		Jan 10-15 2018	Nov 29-Dec 4 2017
25	Very confident	27	25
36	Somewhat confident	29	30
19	Not too confident	21	20
18	Not at all confident	16	16
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	8

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?

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party			
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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
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:

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