**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

**WAVE 24.5 MODE STUDY**

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**[RANDOMIZE POL1DT/POL1DTSTR and SATISF]**

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (POL1DT=1,2):**

POL1DTSTR Do you **[**approve/disapprove**]** very strongly, or not so strongly?

1 Very strongly

2 Not so strongly

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

**ASK ALL:**

GOVFEEL Some people say they are basically content with the federal government, others say they are frustrated, and others say they are angry. Which of these best describes how you feel?

1 Basically content

2 Frustrated

3 Angry

ASK ALL:

TRVLBAN As you may know, Donald Trump recently issued an executive order that would temporarily prevent people from entering the U.S. from a number of majority-Muslim countries. Do you approve or disapprove of this action?

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1 Thinking about the nation’s economy…

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

1 Excellent

2 Good

3 Only fair

4 Poor

**ASK ALL:**

FOLNEWS Would you say you follow the news…

1 All or most of the time

2 Some of the time

3 Only now and then

4 Hardly ever

**ASK ALL:**

JOURINTOUCH Overall, would you say that journalists are mostly in touch or out of touch with the American public?

1 In touch

2 Out of touch

**ASK ALL:**

STOPTALK Have you ever stopped talking to someone about political news, whether in person or online, because of something they said about government and politics?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject…

DISCRIM Please tell us how much discrimination there is against each of these groups in our society today. **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Blacks

b. Hispanics

c. Gays and lesbians

d. Women

e. Muslims

f. Whites

g. Jews

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Only a little

4 None at all

**ASK ALL:**

**[RANDOMIZE DTIMPRESSa AND DTIMPRESSc]:**

DTIMPRESSa Does Donald Trump impress you as trustworthy or not trustworthy?

1 Trustworthy

2 Not trustworthy

DTIMPRESSc Does Donald Trump impress you as a strong leader or not a strong leader?

1 A strong leader

2 Not a strong leader

**POLICY QUESTIONS**

**ASK ALL:**

IMMALLOW Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally

2 There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met

**ASK ALL:**

IMMDEPORT Do you think there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally, or should that not be done?

1 Should be national law enforcement effort to deport

2 Should not be national law enforcement effort to deport

**ASK ALL:**

FAVWALL All in all, would you favor or oppose building a wall along the entire border with Mexico?

1 Favor

2 Oppose

**ASK ALL:**

FREETRADE In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

**ASK ALL:**

ACAAPPRV Do you approve or disapprove of the health care law passed by Barack Obama and Congress in 2010?

1 Approve

2 Disapprove

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your personal finances...

PERSFIN How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in…

1 Excellent shape

2 Good shape

3 Only fair shape

4 Poor shape

**ASK ALL:**

FINASSIST In the past 12 months, have you received any money or financial assistance from your parents or other family members, or not?

1 Yes, have received

2 No, have not

**ASK ALL:**

FAMASSIST Now thinking about things family members sometimes do for each other.  We’d like to know if you think each is a responsibility or is it not really a responsibility, regardless of whether it might be a good thing to do. **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Parents providing financial assistance to an adult child if he or she needs it

b. Adult children providing financial assistance to an elderly parent if he or she needs it

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Responsibility

2 Not really a responsibility

**ASK PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 WHO ARE EMPLOYED (KIDS1=1 AND E3=1,2):**

WORKLIFE How difficult would you say it is for you personally to balance the responsibilities of your job with the responsibilities of your family?

1 Very difficult

2 Somewhat difficult

3 Not too difficult

4 Not at all difficult

**ASK ALL:**

**RACEATTN In general, do you think there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of attention paid to race and racial issues in our country these days?**

1 Too much attention

2 Too little attention

3 About the right amount

**ASK ALL:**

QFAV What is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME, ONE NAME PER SCREEN, RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-e WITH e ALWAYS LAST]**?

1. Donald Trump
2. Mike Pence
3. Elizabeth Warren
4. Barack Obama
5. Vladimir Putin **[ALWAYS LAST]**

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Very favorable

2 Mostly favorable

3 Mostly unfavorable

4 Very unfavorable

Now thinking about some issues…

**ASK ALL:**

TERRPRVNT Which of the following comes closer to your view about the federal government’s efforts to prevent terrorism? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Muslims living in the U.S. should be subject to more scrutiny than people in other religious groups

2 Muslims living in the U.S. should NOT be subject to additional scrutiny solely because of their religion

**ASK ALL:**

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

IDEOCONSIST Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

**[SPLIT ITMES INTO TWO SCREENS, ITEMS a-f ON ONE SCREEN AND g-r ON ANOTHER, RANDOMIZE WITHIN EACH SCREEN]**

a. Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient

Government often does a better job than people give it credit for

b. Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest

Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good

c. Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing anything in return

Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to help them live decently

d. The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt

The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy

**NO ITEM e**

f. Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days

Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition

g. Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their hard work and talents

Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, housing and health care

h. The best way to ensure peace is through military strength

Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace

i. Business corporations make too much profit

Most corporations make a fair and reasonable amount of profit

**NO ITEMS j-l**

m. Homosexuality should be accepted by society

Homosexuality should be discouraged by society

**NO ITEM n**

o. Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy

Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost

**ASK ALL:**

EXTRMSPRT In your opinion, how much support for extremism, if any, is there among Muslims living in the U.S.?

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Not much

4 None at all

**ASK ALL:**

SOCTRNDS Please indicate if you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for our society, a bad thing for our society, or doesn’t make much difference. **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. More gay and lesbian couples raising children

b. More mothers of young children working outside the home

c. More people of different races marrying each other

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Good thing for society

2 Bad thing for society

3 Doesn’t make much difference

**ASK ALL:**

PRAY      People practice their religion in different ways.  Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

           1          Several times a day

            2          Once a day

            3          A few times a week

            4          Once a week

            5          A few times a month

            6          Seldom

            7          Never

**ASK ALL:**

USEFORCE Some people think targeting and killing civilians can be justified in order to further a political, social or religious cause. Other people believe that, no matter what the reason, this kind of violence can never be justified. Do you personally feel that this kind of violence can…

1 Often be justified

2 Sometimes be justified

3 Rarely be justified

4 Never be justified

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