

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**  
**SUMMER 2017 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE RE-INTERVIEW SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**August 15-21, 2017**  
**N=1,893**

**ASK ALL:**

CB.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 15-21, 2017	75	24	1
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	67	27	5
Feb 12-26, 2014 <sup>1</sup>	66	31	3
Mar 11-21, 2010	62	34	4
Gallup: January, 2007 <sup>2</sup>	79	20	1
March, 2006	66	31	3
Gallup: January, 2005	75	24	1
Gallup: January, 2004	76	23	1
February, 2001	73	22	5
Gallup: January, 2001	76	22	2
March, 1994	68	27	5

**NO QUESTIONS 2-3****ASK ALL:**

CB.4 Thinking now about different types of activities. For each of the following, please tell me if it is something you like a lot, like a little, dislike a little, or dislike a lot. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Is [ITEM] something you like a lot, like a little, dislike a little, or dislike a lot?]**

	<u>NET</u> <u>Like</u>	<u>Like</u> <u>a lot</u>	<u>Like</u> <u>a little</u>	<u>NET</u> <u>Dislike</u>	<u>Dislike</u> <u>a lot</u>	<u>Dislike</u> <u>a little</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Going to museums Aug 15-21, 2017	89	54	35	10	3	7	1
b. Going hunting or sport shooting Aug 15-21, 2017	43	24	19	53	35	18	4
c. Exercising Aug 15-21, 2017	87	52	35	12	5	7	1
d. Reading books Aug 15-21, 2017	90	65	25	9	4	6	1
e. Playing computer or video games Aug 15-21, 2017	54	23	31	43	22	21	4
f. Going to casinos Aug 15-21, 2017	38	13	25	58	37	21	4
g. Volunteering Aug 15-21, 2017	89	51	38	9	3	6	2

<sup>1</sup> For February 2014 and March 2010 question read, "And thinking about the local community where you live, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community today?"

<sup>2</sup> For January 10-14, 2001 through January 15-18, 2007 the Gallup question read, "All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your local community?"

**NO QUESTIONS 5-8****ASK ALL:**

CB.9 The term "American Dream" can mean different things to different people. However you define it, do you believe ... **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Aug 15-21 2017		Fox News Jan 15-18 2017
36	Your family has achieved the American Dream	40
46	You're on your way to achieving it	43
17	It is out of reach for your family	15
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	2

**ASK ALL:**

CB.10 I'm going to read you some ways people think about the American Dream, and for each one, tell me how important it is to your own view of the American Dream. First, **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** – is this essential, important but not essential, or not important to your own view of the American Dream? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY AND AT LEAST EVERY 2-3 ITEMS: Is (ITEM) essential, important but not essential or not important to your own view of the American Dream?]**

		<u>Essential</u>	<u>Important, but not essential</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a.	To become wealthy Aug 15-21, 2017	11	49	40	*
b.	To own a home Aug 15-21, 2017	43	48	9	*
c.	To retire comfortably Aug 15-21, 2017	60	36	3	*
d.	To make valuable contributions to your community Aug 15-21, 2017	48	46	5	*
e.	To have freedom of choice in how to live one's life Aug 15-21, 2017	77	22	1	*
f.	To have a successful career Aug 15-21, 2017	43	50	6	1
g.	To have a good family life Aug 15-21, 2017	70	28	2	*

**ASK ALL:**

CB.11 Thinking about your close friends, how many are **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B, KEEP ITEM C LAST]** – a lot, some, just a few or none? How many are **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Just a few</u>	<u>None</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
a.	Democrats Aug 15-21, 2017	38	25	24	7	6
b.	Republicans Aug 15-21, 2017	26	25	31	11	7
c.	Independents Aug 15-21, 2017	17	24	35	17	7

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CB.12 AND CB.13****ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1,9):**

CB.12 At any point in the past ten years, have thought of yourself as a Democrat, or not?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=798]:**

Aug 15-21

2017

18 Yes  
81 No  
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CB.12 AND CB.13****ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2,9):**

CB.13 At any point in the past ten years, have you thought of yourself as a Republican, or not?

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=966]:**

Aug 15-21

2017

14 Yes  
86 No  
\* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**NO QUESTIONS 14-16****ASK ALL:**

CB.17 Thinking about some different professions, how much do you think the following contribute to the well being of our society? Do **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-C FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED ITEMS D-G]** contribute a lot, some, not very much, or nothing at all to the well being of our society? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]? [IF NECESSARY: Do [ITEM] contribute a lot, some, not very much, or nothing at all to the well being of our society]**

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Scientists					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	76	17	3	2	1
	Mar 21-Apr 8, 2013 (REL)	65	23	5	3	4
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	70	23	3	2	3
b.	Police officers					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	75	19	4	2	1
c.	Artists					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	41	41	12	5	*
	Mar 21-Apr 8, 2013 (REL)	30	42	17	6	4
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	31	43	15	7	4
d.	Members of the military					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	84	13	2	1	*
	Mar 21-Apr 8, 2013 (REL)	78	15	3	2	2
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	84	11	3	1	1
e.	Lawyers					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	30	47	17	5	1
	Mar 21-Apr 8, 2013 (REL)	18	43	23	11	5
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	23	46	18	9	5

**CB.17 CONTINUED...**

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
f.	Business executives					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	28	48	18	5	1
	Mar 21-Apr 8, 2013 (REL)	24	42	21	7	6
	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	21	43	22	9	5
g.	Farmers					
	Aug 15-21, 2017	89	9	1	1	*

**ASK ALL:**

CB.18 How big a problem is racism in our society today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	<u>Big problem</u>	<u>Somewhat of a problem</u>	<u>Small problem</u>	<u>Not a problem</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Aug 15-21, 2017	58	29	9	3	1
Kaiser/CNN: Aug 25-Oct 3, 2015	49	33	9	7	2
Jul 14-20, 2015	50	33	11	4	2
Kaiser/WaPo: Oct 6-Nov 2, 2011 <sup>3</sup>	28	48	16	8	1
ABC/WaPo: Apr 22-25, 2010	33	42	19	5	1
ABC/WaPo: Jan 13-16, 2009	26	48	22	4	*
Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo: Early July, 1996	54	35	8	3	1
Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo: Mid July, 1996	53	35	8	3	2
Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo: October, 1995	48	36	9	6	1
Kaiser/Harvard/WaPo: September, 1995	41	42	12	4	1

**NO QUESTIONS 19-25****ASK ALL:**

CB.26 How frequently, if ever, do you do each of the following. First, do you **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** more than once a week, about once a week, about once or twice a month, a few times a year, or rarely or never? What about **[NEXT ITEM]...? [READ AS NECESSARY: Do you (ITEM) more than once a week, about once a week, about once or twice a month, a few times a year, or rarely or never?]**

	<u>More than once a week</u>	<u>About once a week</u>	<u>About once or twice a month</u>	<u>A few times a year</u>	<u>Rarely or never</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>NO ITEM a</b>						
b. Take public transportation, such as a bus, subway, or train						
Aug 15-21, 2017	9	3	6	13	70	*
c. Eat dinner at a restaurant						
Aug 15-21, 2017	21	30	31	9	9	*
<b>NO ITEM d</b>						
e. Talk to your neighbors						
Aug 15-21, 2017	41	26	13	6	14	*

**NO QUESTIONS 27-35**

<sup>3</sup> In November 2011 and September 1995 the question was asked following a series of items on race and racial attitudes. In both July 1996 polls the question was asked in a list with other potential societal problems (E.g., violence, poverty, drug abuse, etc.). These surveys are shown in grayscale because the context of this question is different.

**ASK ALL:**

CB.36 Thinking about important issues facing the country today, overall, would you say you tend to agree with Donald Trump on **[READ IN ORDER; ROTATE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**?

Aug 15-21

2017

15	All or nearly all issues
18	Many, but not all issues
21	A few issues
45	No or almost no issues
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

CB.37 Now thinking NOT about issues, but just about the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president, would you say you ... **[READ IN ORDER; ROTATE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**?

Aug 15-21

2017

16	Like the way he conducts himself
25	Have mixed feelings about the way he conducts himself
58	Don't like the way he conducts himself
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

CB.38 As I name some traits, please tell me how well each describes Donald Trump. First, does **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** describe Donald Trump very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Does (ITEM) describe Donald Trump very well, fairly well, not too well or not at all well?]**

		Very <u>well</u>	Fairly <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Intelligent Aug 15-21, 2017	28	24	18	30	1
b.	Even tempered Aug 15-21, 2017	9	17	22	51	2
c.	Honest Aug 15-21, 2017	18	19	17	45	1
d.	Selfish Aug 15-21, 2017	46	19	14	19	3
e.	Decisive Aug 15-21, 2017	28	21	21	28	2
f.	Prejudiced Aug 15-21, 2017	35	20	15	26	4

**NO QUESTIONS 39-40**

**ASK ALL:**

CB.41 Do you currently have a valid United States passport, or not?

Aug 15-21 <u>2017</u>		Apr 12-19 <u>2016</u>	Jan 4-8 <u>2012</u>	Apr 7-10 <u>2011</u> <sup>4</sup>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> November <u>2004</u>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> May <u>1993</u>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> May <u>1989</u>
50	Yes	49	45	42	36	20	23
49	No	50	54	57	64	79	77
*	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	1	1	*	-	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

OWNRENT Do you own or rent your home?

Aug 15-21 <u>2017</u>	
59	Own
34	Rent
6	Other arrangement ( <b>VOL.</b> )
*	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )

**ASK ALL:**

CB.42 Thinking about your cell phone, do you think you could live without it, is it something you would miss having but could probably do without, or is it something you can't imagine living without?

Aug 15-21 <u>2017</u>		(INT) Mar 15-Apr 3 <u>2012</u> <sup>5</sup>	(INT/AP) March <u>2006</u>
31	Could live without	37	29
38	Would miss, but could do without	33	45
30	Can't imagine living without	29	26
2	Don't have a cell phone ( <b>VOL.</b> )	--	--
*	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	*	*

**ASK ALL:**CB.43 How do you usually watch television these days? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** **[IF NECESSARY: which is the PRIMARY way you watch television these days?]**

Aug 15-21 <u>2017</u>		<i>CBS</i> Sep 9-13 <u>2016</u> <sup>6</sup>
9	A digital antenna	10
59	A cable or satellite subscription	63
28	A streaming service on the internet	20
1	Some other way ( <b>VOL.</b> )	2
3	Don't watch television ( <b>VOL.</b> )	4
*	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	1

<sup>4</sup> In April 2011 item was asked as part of a list. May 1993 survey asked whether respondents had a "valid passport."

<sup>5</sup> In Mar 15-Apr 3, 2012 and March 2006 surveys, question asked only of cell phone owners. Current survey includes "Don't have a cell phone" volunteered response option for landline respondents.

<sup>6</sup> In 2016, CBS question did not include interviewer instruction.

**ASK IF NOT DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1, 9) [N=927]:**

CB.44 When it comes to the major issues facing the nation, do you think Donald Trump should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** to Republicans who have experience working in government?

Aug 15-21

2017

59	Listen more
32	Listen less
2	Listen same amount as now <b>(VOL.)</b>
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 45-49****ASK ALL:**

INVEST Do you have any money invested in the stock market – including retirement accounts like IRAs or 401ks – or not?

Aug 15-21

2017

55	Yes
44	No
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

CB.50 Do you have any major credit cards, or not? **[IF NECESSARY: by credit cards we mean cards such as a Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express]**

*CBS News:*

Aug 15-21

2017

66	Yes
33	No
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

Mar 13-17

2013<sup>7</sup>

55
44
1

Aug 27-31

2009

65
34
1

Dec 5-9

2007

63
35
2

**ASK ALL:**

CB.50 Do you have any major credit cards, or not? **[IF NECESSARY: by credit cards we mean cards such as a Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express]**

**ASK IF HAVE CREDIT CARD (CB.50=1):**

CB.51 Do you generally carry a balance on any of your credit cards, or do you generally pay off your balances in full each month?

Aug 15-21

2017

66	Yes
25	Generally carry balances
40	Generally pay off balances in full each month
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>
33	No
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 52-59**

<sup>7</sup> In March 2013 and CBS trends, question did not include interviewer instruction. In Aug 2009, CBS question did not include "or not."

**ASK ALL:**

CB.60 Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, please tell me whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can [ITEM]?**

		Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Make wise decisions about the use of nuclear weapons Aug 15-21, 2017	22	18	14	44	2
b.	Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries Aug 15-21, 2017	27	23	16	33	1
c.	Make good appointments to the federal courts Aug 15-21, 2017	24	22	15	37	2
d.	Make wise decisions about immigration policy Aug 15-21, 2017	23	17	15	43	1

**ASK ALL:**

CB.61 Overall, would you say Donald Trump is **[READ; RANDOMIZE FIRST TWO OPTIONS, KEEP THIRD LAST]** in dealing with Russia?

Aug 15-21

2017

6	Too tough
52	Not tough enough
35	About right
6	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 62-70****ASK ALL:**

CB.71 In general, do you think affirmative action programs designed to increase the number of black and minority students on college campuses are a good thing or a bad thing?

Aug 15-21

2017

71	Good thing
22	Bad thing
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

Feb 27-Mar 16

2014

63
30
8

May

2003<sup>8</sup>

60
30
10

**NO QUESTIONS 72-79**

<sup>8</sup> In May 2003, question appeared after a series of questions about affirmative action.



**ASK ALL:**

CB.80 Which comes closest to your view about doing things that protect the environment? **[READ; READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

Aug 15-21 2017		CBS Apr 11-15 2017
53	It's so important that I do things in my own life to help the environment, even if it costs time or money	50
37	It's important, but I don't have the time or money that it takes to help the environment right now	39
9	It's not that important right now	9
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

**ASK ALL:**

CB.81 Thinking about taxes ... do you think tax rates on **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** should be **[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR BOTH ITEMS]** raised a lot, raised a little, lowered a little, lowered a lot] or should they be kept the same as they are now? How about tax rates on **[NEXT ITEM]**?

		NET Raised	Raised <i>a lot</i>	Raised <i>a little</i>	NET Lowered	Lowered <i>a lot</i>	Lowered <i>a little</i>	Kept the same as they are now	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.	Household income over \$250,000								
	Aug 15-21, 2017	43	14	29	24	8	16	29	4
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>								
	Oct 20-25, 2016	38	--	--	21	--	--	34	7
b.	Large businesses and corporations								
	Aug 15-21, 2017	52	25	27	24	10	14	21	3

**ASK ALL:**

CB.82 From what you've read and heard, do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Black Lives Matter movement?

Aug 15-21 2017		(SDT) Feb 29-May 3 2016 <sup>9</sup>
27	Strongly support	25
28	Somewhat support	35
13	Somewhat oppose	13
21	Strongly oppose	18
4	Neither support nor oppose (VOL.)	6
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4

**ASK ALL:**

VET1 Have you or has anyone in your household ever served in the U.S. military or the military reserves? **[IF YES: Is that you or someone else?]**

Aug 15-21 2017	
10	Yes, self
35	Yes, someone else in household
3	Yes, both
52	No, nobody in household has served

<sup>9</sup> In 2016, question was asked of those who had heard a lot/a little about the Black Lives Matter movement.

\* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

LABOR2 Are you, or is your spouse, a member of a labor union?

**ASK IF RESPONDENT OR SPOUSE NOT A MEMBER OF LABOR UNION (LABOR2=2,9):**

LABOR3 Have you or has your spouse ever been a member of a labor union?

Aug 15-21

2017

32 NET Yes, ever member of a labor union  
12 Self or spouse current member  
21 Self or spouse member in the past  
67 No, never member of a labor union  
\* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 83-90****ASK ALL:**

CB.91 Thinking about cigarette smoking, have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your ENTIRE LIFE  
**[INTERVIEWER NOTE: 5 packs=100 cigarettes]?**

**ASK IF HAS SMOKED 100 CIGARETTES (CB.91=1):**

CB.92 Do you NOW smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?

Aug 15-21

2017

46 Yes  
14 Every day  
5 Some days  
27 Not at all  
\* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**  
54 No  
\* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

41  
12  
5  
24  
0  
58  
\*

Jan 4-8

2012

47  
16  
6  
24  
0  
53  
\*

June

2003

50  
20  
6  
24  
0  
50  
\*

**ASK ALL:**

CB.93 Do you have a family member or close friend who is or has been addicted to drugs, or not?

Aug 15-21

2017<sup>10</sup>

46 Yes  
53 No  
\* Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(REL) Pew Research Religion  
(INT) Pew Research Internet  
(SDT) Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends

<sup>10</sup> Question wording was changed after first day in the field. On Aug 15 only, question was worded: "Do you have a close friend or family member who is a drug addict or recovering addict, or not?"