

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
SEPTEMBER 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2018  
N=1,754**

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

<sup>1</sup> 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...**

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Late December, 2007	27	66	7	March, 2001	47	45	8
October, 2007	28	66	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
February, 2007	30	61	9	January, 2001	55	41	4
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
December, 2006	28	65	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	April, 2000	48	43	9
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
July, 2006	30	65	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
May, 2006*	29	65	6	November, 1998	46	44	10
March, 2006	32	63	5	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	September, 1997	45	49	6
February, 2005	38	56	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
January, 2005	40	54	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
December, 2004	39	54	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
July, 2004	38	55	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
May, 2004	33	61	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
December, 2003	44	47	9	March, 1994	24	71	5
October, 2003	38	56	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
August, 2003	40	53	7	September, 1993	20	75	5
April, 2003	50	41	9	May, 1993	22	71	7
January, 2003	44	50	6	January, 1993	39	50	11
November, 2002	41	48	11	January, 1992	28	68	4
September, 2002	41	55	4	November, 1991	34	61	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
May, 2002	44	44	12	August, 1990	47	48	5
March, 2002	50	40	10	May, 1990	41	54	5
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	January, 1989	45	50	5
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
June, 2001	43	52	5				

**RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2 BLOCK****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>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	38	55	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	40	54	6
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	39	54	6
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

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**NO QUESTIONS 3-6****ASK ALL:**

The Congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

CAMPNII How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district ... very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	<u>Very</u> <u>closely</u>	<u>Fairly</u> <u>closely</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>closely</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>closely</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2018 Election</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	26	35	21	17	1
Jun 5-12, 2018 <sup>2</sup>	20	31	28	21	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	19	32	26	23	*
<b>2014 Election</b>					
Oct 15-20, 2014	22	34	21	22	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	14	30	31	24	1
<b>2010 Election</b>					
Oct 27-30, 2010	27	35	17	20	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	24	34	22	19	1
Jun 16-20, 2010	15	33	31	20	*
<b>2006 Election</b>					
Early November, 2006	27	37	18	17	1
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	27	45	17	11	*
Early October, 2006	21	38	25	15	1
Early September, 2006	16	32	28	23	1
August, 2006	20	29	28	22	1
June, 2006	18	30	29	21	2
May, 2006	18	28	30	23	1
<b>2002 Election</b>					
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	27	46	18	9	*
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	28	34	24	13	1
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	21	46	22	10	1
Early September, 2002	17	29	29	24	1
<b>1998 Election</b>					
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	26	45	20	9	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	21	43	24	11	1
Early September, 1998	17	32	28	23	*

<sup>2</sup> In May 2018 and calendar dates before September, question was worded "How closely have you been following news..."

**CAMPNII CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early August, 1998	13	30	28	23	1
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1
April, 1998	16	33	24	27	*
<b>1994 Election</b>					
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*
Late October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*
<b>1990 Election</b>					
November, 1990	38	34	17	11	*
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*

**ASK ALL:**

Q.7 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 IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.7=3,9):**

Q.8 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.7; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1439]:**

	<u>Rep/ Lean Rep</u>	<u>Dem/ Lean Dem</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
<b>2018 Election</b>			
Sep 18-24, 2018	42	52	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	43	48	8
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	43	48	9
Jan 10-15, 2018	39	53	8
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	40	53	7
<b>2014 Election</b>			
Oct 15-20, 2014	42	48	10
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	47	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	47	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	45	47	9
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	47	43	9
Feb 12-26, 2014	44	46	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
<b>2012 Election</b>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
<b>2010 Election</b>			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
<b>2008 Election</b>			
June, 2008	37	52	11
<b>2006 Election</b>			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13

**Q.7/Q.8 CONTINUED...**

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
<b>2004 Election</b>			
June, 2004	41	48	11
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12
<b>2000 Election</b>			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
<b>1996 Election</b>			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
<b>1994 Election</b>			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

**NO QUESTIONS 9-10**

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.11 Compared to previous congressional elections, are you more enthusiastic about voting than usual, or less enthusiastic?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1439]:**

	<u>More</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>(VOL.) Same</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
<b>2018 Election</b>				
Sep 18-24, 2018	61	22	14	2
Jun 5-12, 2018	51	34	13	2
<b>2014 Election</b>				
Sep 2-9, 2014	40	41	15	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	13	3
<b>2010 Election</b>				
Oct 27-30, 2010	47	34	15	3
Oct 13-18, 2010	47	31	19	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	46	36	16	2
<b>2006 Election</b>				
November, 2006	44	35	19	2
Late October, 2006	41	34	23	2
Early October, 2006	39	36	21	4
September, 2006	37	40	20	3
June, 2006	38	40	18	4
<b>2002 Election</b>				
June, 2002	41	33	23	3
<b>1998 Election</b>				
June, 1998	38	45	15	2
<b>1994 Election</b>				
Gallup: October, 1994 <sup>3</sup>	34	44	20	2

**ASK ALL:**

- Q.12 Will the issue of which party controls Congress, the Republicans or the Democrats, be a factor in your vote for Congress this year, or not?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1439]:**

	<u>Yes, will be a factor</u>	<u>No, will not</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
<b>2018 Election</b>			
Sep 18-24, 2018	72	25	3
Jun 5-12, 2018	68	29	2
Jan 10-15, 2018	63	32	5
<b>2014 Election</b>			
Oct 15-20, 2014	62	34	4
Jul 8-14, 2014	58	39	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	53	43	4
<b>2012 Election</b>			
Jun 7-17, 2012	49	48	3
<b>2010 Election</b>			
Oct 27-30, 2010	62	34	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	61	36	3
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	56	41	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	58	39	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	45	6
<b>2008 Election</b>			
June, 2008	44	51	5
<b>2006 Election</b>			
November, 2006	61	36	3

<sup>3</sup> In October, 1994 Gallup asked "Compared to previous elections..." and did not specify congressional elections.

**Q.12 CONTINUED...**

	Yes, will be <u>a factor</u>	No, <u>will not</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Late October, 2006	61	36	3
Early October, 2006	57	40	3
September, 2006	55	41	4
June, 2006	58	39	3
April, 2006	56	39	5
<b>2004 Election</b>			
June, 2004	43	51	6
<b>2002 Election</b>			
Early November, 2002	48	49	3
Early October, 2002	42	55	3
Early September, 2002	44	51	5
June, 2002	47	50	3
February, 2002	46	49	5
<b>2000 Election</b>			
Early October, 2000	46	50	4
July, 2000	46	49	5
<b>1998 Election</b>			
Late October, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 1998	47	49	4
Early September, 1998	41	56	3
Early August, 1998	44	53	3
June, 1998	45	51	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.13 Do you think of your vote for Congress as a vote FOR Donald Trump, as a vote AGAINST Donald Trump, or isn't Donald Trump much of a factor in your vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1439]:**

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>2018 Election (Trump)</b>				
Sep 18-24, 2018	23	37	37	2
Jun 5-12, 2018	26	34	39	2
Jan 10-15, 2018	21	33	42	3
<b>2014 Election (Obama)</b>				
Oct 15-20, 2014	20	32	45	3
Jul 8-14, 2014	19	29	49	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	16	26	54	4
<b>2010 Election (Obama)</b>				
Oct 27-30, 2010	26	28	42	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	27	30	39	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	30	42	3
Jun 16-20, 2010	23	28	47	2
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	20	51	5
<b>2006 Election (Bush)</b>				
November, 2006	21	35	41	3
Late October, 2006	20	37	38	5
Early October, 2006	18	39	40	3
September, 2006	20	36	40	4
August, 2006	17	35	43	5
June, 2006	15	38	44	3
April, 2006	17	34	46	3
February, 2006	18	31	47	4
<b>2002 Election (Bush)</b>				
Early November, 2002	29	16	49	6
Early October, 2002	30	20	44	6
Early September, 2002	29	15	51	5

## Q.13 CONTINUED...

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
February, 2002	34	9	50	7
<b>1998 Election (Clinton)</b>				
Late October, 1998	20	17	58	5
Early October, 1998	19	23	52	6
Early September, 1998	18	16	63	3
Late August, 1998	20	17	61	2
Early August, 1998	21	18	57	4
June, 1998	20	18	57	5
March, 1998	21	15	59	5
<b>1996 Election (Clinton)</b>				
Early September, 1996	24	18	51	7
<b>1994 Election (Clinton)</b>				
November, 1994	17	21	55	7
Late October, 1994	17	21	57	5
Early October, 1994	17	23	54	6
<b>1990 Election (GHW Bush)</b>				
CBS/NYT: October 28-31, 1990	19	15	61	6
<b>1986 Election (Reagan)</b>				
CBS/NYT: October 24-28, 1986	26	12	55	7
CBS/NYT: Sep 28-Oct 1, 1986	26	16	51	7
<b>1982 Election (Reagan)</b>				
CBS/NYT: October 23-28, 1982	23	21	51	5

## NO QUESTIONS 14-27

## ASK ALL:

- Q.28 As you think about the elections for Congress this November, how important are each of the following issues to you. Is the issue of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about **[SECOND ITEM]**? As you think about the elections for Congress this November, is the issue of **[SECOND ITEM]** very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important to you? And, how about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: As you think about the elections for Congress this November, is the issue of [ITEM] very, somewhat, not too, or not at all important to you?] [INTERVIEWER: PLEASE RE-READ RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY TO REMIND RESPONDENTS OF OPTIONS. IF RESPONDENT VOICES THEIR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO AN ISSUE, CLARIFY: "this question is not about your position on each issue, just how important each issue will be to your vote."]**

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1439]:

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. The economy					
Sep 18-24, 2018	74	23	2	1	*
Jun 15-26, 2016 <sup>4</sup>	84	13	1	1	*
Sep 22-27, 2015	83	15	1	1	*
Sep 2-9, 2014	83	15	1	1	*
Sep 12-16, 2012 <sup>5</sup>	87	11	1	1	*
Apr 4-15, 2012	86	11	1	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	90	9	1	*	*
Mid-October, 2008	91	7	2	*	*
August, 2008	87	12	1	*	*

- 4 In 2016 and 2015, the question read "In making your decision about who to vote for in the 2016 presidential election, will the issue of **[INSERT ITEM]** be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How important will the issue of [ITEM] be to you in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2016 presidential election?]**"
- 5 In all 2012 and 2008 trends, the question read "In making your decision about who to vote for this fall, will the issue of **[INSERT ITEM]** be very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: How important will the issue of [ITEM] be to you in making your decision about who to vote for this fall?]**"



**Q.28 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
Late May, 2008	88	9	1	1	1
October, 2007	79	18	1	1	1
June, 2007	74	22	2	1	1
Mid-October, 2004	78	18	3	1	*
August, 2004	76	22	1	1	*
<b>b. Health care</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	75	19	3	2	*
Jun 15-26, 2016	74	20	4	2	*
Sep 22-27, 2015	73	22	3	1	*
Sep 2-9, 2014	77	18	3	2	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	74	20	3	2	1
Apr 4-15, 2012	74	19	5	2	*
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	78	17	3	1	*
Mid-October, 2008	77	19	2	1	1
August, 2008	73	21	5	1	*
Late May, 2008	78	17	3	2	*
October, 2007	76	18	4	1	1
June, 2007	71	23	4	2	*
Mid-October, 2004	73	22	4	1	*
August, 2004	72	21	5	2	*
<b>c. Immigration</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	65	25	6	3	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	70	21	6	2	1
Sep 22-27, 2015	59	31	6	3	*
Sep 2-9, 2014	62	28	5	5	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	41	37	13	6	2
Apr 4-15, 2012	42	35	15	6	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	58	29	8	4	1
Mid-October, 2008	49	32	13	5	1
August, 2008	52	33	10	4	1
Late May, 2008	54	32	9	3	2
October, 2007	56	31	7	4	2
June, 2007	54	34	7	3	2
<b>BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=697]:</b>					
<b>d.F1 Abortion</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	53	23	11	11	2
Jun 15-26, 2016	45	26	17	9	3
Sep 22-27, 2015	41	31	13	12	2
Sep 2-9, 2014	46	24	11	16	3
Sep 12-16, 2012	46	24	13	14	3
Apr 4-15, 2012	39	25	14	18	4
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	24	13	17	3
Mid-October, 2008	41	29	16	12	2
August, 2008	39	26	17	15	3
Late May, 2008	40	27	15	15	3
October, 2007	39	26	17	13	5
June, 2007	40	30	13	14	3
Mid-October, 2004	47	27	12	11	3
August, 2004	45	25	13	14	3
<b>e.F1 Terrorism</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	62	24	9	4	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	80	14	3	3	1
Sep 22-27, 2015	71	20	6	2	1
Sep 2-9, 2014	75	17	4	3	1

**Q.28 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
	Sep 12-16, 2012	60	27	7	4	2
	Apr 4-15, 2012	59	25	9	5	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	71	18	6	3	1
	Mid-October, 2008	69	20	7	3	1
	August, 2008	72	20	5	2	1
	Late May, 2008	68	23	6	2	1
	October, 2007	69	22	5	3	1
	June, 2007	69	24	4	2	1
	Mid-October, 2004	77	17	3	2	1
	August, 2004	75	19	3	2	1
f.F1	The federal budget deficit					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	60	26	8	5	2
	Sep 22-27, 2015	68	23	5	3	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	65	25	5	3	2
	Sep 12-16, 2012	68	23	6	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	74	19	4	2	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	69	22	5	2	2
	Late May, 2008	69	21	4	3	3
	October, 2007	61	28	8	1	2
	Mid-October, 2004	57	32	7	3	1
	August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*
g.F1	Medicare					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	67	24	6	4	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012	65	26	6	2	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	66	24	7	2	*
h.F1	How gay, lesbian and transgender people are treated					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	47	26	11	14	2
	Jun 15-26, 2016	40	30	15	13	2
i.F1.	The environment					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	63	25	8	4	*
	Jun 15-26, 2016	52	30	11	7	*
	Sep 22-27, 2015	55	31	10	4	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	54	32	9	5	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	57	33	7	3	1
	Mid-October, 2008	57	31	8	3	1
	August, 2008	59	31	6	3	1
	Late May, 2008	62	27	8	3	*
	October, 2007	58	31	8	2	1
	June, 2007	55	36	6	3	*
	Mid-October, 2004	53	37	7	2	1
	August, 2004	55	35	7	3	*
<b>BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=742]:</b>						
j.F2	Taxes					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	66	27	5	1	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	66	26	5	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	61	28	8	2	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	68	24	6	2	1
	Mid-October, 2008	71	24	3	1	1
	Late May, 2008	68	24	5	2	1
	October, 2007	63	28	6	1	2
	June, 2007	62	29	7	2	*
	Mid-October, 2004	59	31	7	2	1

**Q.28 CONTINUED...**

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
k.F2	Supreme Court Appointments					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	76	17	4	3	1
	Jun 15-26, 2016	65	22	8	3	2
l.F2	How racial and ethnic minorities are treated					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	65	22	4	7	2
	Jun 15-26, 2016	63	22	6	7	2
m.F2	Gun policy					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	68	20	7	4	1
	Jun 15-26, 2016	72	18	5	4	1
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
	<i>Gun control</i>					
	Apr 4-15, 2012	47	23	15	13	1
	Mid-October, 2004	45	31	14	8	2
n.F1	Social Security					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	66	26	5	2	*
	Jun 15-26, 2016	67	21	10	2	*
	Late May, 2008	75	19	4	1	1
	October, 2007	68	25	5	2	*
	Mid-October, 2004	65	27	6	2	*
o.F2	Trade policy					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	55	36	5	2	1
	Jun 15-26, 2016	57	31	7	3	2
	August, 2008	49	38	8	2	3
	Late May, 2008	51	38	6	1	4
p.F2	Drug addiction					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	53	27	12	8	*

**NO QUESTIONS 29-32****ASK ALL:**

Q.33 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Donald Trump. (First,) does Donald Trump impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Next, **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: "Does Donald Trump impress you as ..."]**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:				(VOL.)	
		Trustworthy	Not trustworthy	Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1	Sep 18-24, 2018	34	61	2	3
	Jan 10-15, 2018	35	59	2	3
	Feb 7-12, 2017	37	59	1	3
		Able to get things done	Not able to get things done	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
b.F1	Sep 18-24, 2018	50	46	2	3
	Jan 10-15, 2018	50	46	2	3
	Feb 7-12, 2017	54	40	1	4

**Q.33 CONTINUED...**

		<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong <u>leader</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c.F1	Sep 18-24, 2018	43	54	1	2
	Jan 10-15, 2018	44	54	1	1
	Feb 7-12, 2017	49	49	1	1
d.F1		Someone who cares about <u>people like me</u>	Someone who doesn't care about people <u>like me</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Sep 18-24, 2018	36	61	1	2
	Jan 10-15, 2018	35	62	1	2
	Feb 7-12, 2017	40	56	1	3

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

e.F2		Even <u>tempered</u>	Not even <u>tempered</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Sep 18-24, 2018	24	70	2	4
	Jan 10-15, 2018	25	68	3	4
	Feb 7-12, 2017	28	68	1	4
f.F2		Well <u>informed</u>	Not well <u>informed</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Sep 18-24, 2018	38	57	2	3
	Jan 10-15, 2018	37	61	1	1
	Feb 7-12, 2017	39	57	1	2
g.F2		Keeps his <u>promises</u>	Doesn't keep <u>his promises</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Sep 18-24, 2018	49	45	2	4
	Jan 10-15, 2018	39	54	3	4
	Feb 7-12, 2017	60	31	3	6
h.F2		Someone who stands up for what he <u>believes in</u>	Someone who DOESN'T stand up for what he <u>believes in</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Sep 18-24, 2018	68	24	2	5

**NO QUESTIONS 34-43****RANDOMIZE Q.44a/Q.44b BLOCK WITH Q.45a/Q.45b BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation's economy ...

Q.44a How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Only <u>fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	13	38	34	14	1
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

**Q.44a CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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

**Q.44a CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
Late February, 2004 <sup>6</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

**RANDOMIZE Q.44a/Q.44b BLOCK WITH Q.45a/Q.45b BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.44b 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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	32	25	41	3
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

<sup>6</sup> Earlier trends available from Gallup.

**Q.44b CONTINUED...**

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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
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
<i>Newsweek</i> : 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
<i>Newsweek</i> : January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

**RANDOMIZE Q.44a/Q.44b BLOCK WITH Q.45a/Q.45b BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your personal finances ...

Q.45a                      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>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	11	38	36	14	2
Mar 7-14, 2018	11	39	32	17	1

**Q.45a CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.) DK/Ref</b>
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
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



**Q.45a CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
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.44a/Q.44b BLOCK WITH Q.45a/Q.45b BLOCK****ASK ALL:**

Q.45b 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?

	<u>Improve a lot</u>	<u>Improve some</u>	<u>Get a little worse</u>	<u>Get a lot worse</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Stay the same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	15	53	13	4	12	3
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

**Q.45b 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>
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
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
U.S. News: August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5

**ASK ALL:**

As you may know, it has been 10 years since the 2008 financial crisis...

Q.46 Thinking about the U.S. economic system in general, do you think it is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Sep 18-24 <u>2018</u>		<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:<sup>7</sup></b>	
		Feb 18-22 <u>2015</u>	Sep 4-8 <u>2013</u>
48	More secure today than it was before the 2008 economic crisis	34	33
46	No more secure today than it was before the 2008 economic crisis	63	63
7	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	4	4

**NO QUESTIONS 47-49****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties ...

Q.50 Please tell me if you think each phrase I read better describes the REPUBLICAN Party and its leaders or the DEMOCRATIC Party and its leaders. (First,) which party do you think is better described by the phrase... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Which party **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:</b>					
a.F1 Is more extreme in its positions Sep 18-24, 2018	48	39	5	1	7

<sup>7</sup> In February 2015 and September 2013, question was worded: "Thinking about the U.S. economic system in general, compared with before the 2008 financial crisis, do you think the U.S. economic system is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?"

**Q.50 CONTINUED...**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jan 4-9, 2017	58	33	4	1	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	52	35	5	2	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	51	35	5	2	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	54	35	5	2	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	55	34	5	1	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	53	33	4	1	9
Mar 7-11, 2012	50	35	5	1	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	53	33	4	1	9
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	50	38	3	1	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	50	35	4	2	9
<b>b.F1 Is more concerned with the needs of people like me</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	31	56	2	5	7
Jan 4-9, 2017	44	45	1	7	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	53	2	10	4
Oct 15-20, 2014	31	53	2	9	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	32	52	3	9	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	34	54	1	7	4
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	35	51	1	6	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	51	2	11	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	54	2	5	8
Oct 13-18, 2010	36	46	2	8	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	33	53	2	7	5
Jun 16-20, 2010	34	50	2	9	5
Feb 3-9, 2010	31	51	3	8	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	51	4	10	7
October, 2007	25	54	4	8	9
March, 2007	26	55	2	7	10
Early October, 2006	27	55	3	8	7
April, 2006 <sup>8</sup>	28	52	3	10	7
Early October, 2005	30	52	5	7	6
July, 2004	30	50	5	8	7
Early September, 1998	31	46	5	9	9
March, 1998	30	51	4	8	7
August, 1997	31	49	3	10	7
July, 1996	35	50	2	7	6
April, 1995	39	49	2	7	3
July, 1994	35	49	4	8	4
May, 1990	21	42	12	18	7
May, 1988	23	51	8	11	7
January, 1988	22	47	11	13	7
<b>c.F1 Governs in a more honest and ethical way</b>					
Sep 18-24, 2018	32	46	3	12	6
Jan 4-9, 2017	37	41	2	17	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	29	45	3	19	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	31	42	3	16	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	31	41	3	19	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	45	2	16	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	42	2	20	7
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	33	42	3	14	8
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	35	4	16	9
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	41	4	18	6
August 27-30, 2009	26	42	4	20	9
October, 2007	26	40	6	19	9

<sup>8</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Is concerned with the needs of people like me."

**Q.50 CONTINUED...**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
March, 2007	25	43	4	18	10
Early October, 2006	27	41	4	18	10
April, 2006 <sup>9</sup>	28	36	4	23	9
January, 2006	30	37	4	19	10
Early October, 2005	30	40	6	18	6
July, 2004	34	37	5	15	9
Early September, 1998	31	28	6	23	12
March, 1998	28	32	7	24	9
August, 1997	28	33	5	26	8
July, 1996	38	37	2	18	5
April, 1995	35	36	4	19	6
July, 1994	32	35	6	21	6

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

d.F2 Is more willing to work with political leaders from the other party

Sep 18-24, 2018	33	45	1	14	8
Oct 15-20, 2014	28	51	2	13	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	27	52	1	13	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	32	50	2	11	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	27	53	2	10	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	25	51	3	12	10
Jul 20-24, 2011	26	51	1	12	9
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	32	49	2	10	6

e.F2 Can better manage the federal government

Sep 18-24, 2018	40	43	2	8	7
Jan 4-9, 2017	43	43	3	7	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	40	41	3	12	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	38	40	2	12	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	40	41	2	11	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	42	39	3	10	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	45	2	10	7
Mar 7-11, 2012	39	42	1	9	9
Dec 7-11, 2011	35	41	3	13	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	40	38	2	14	7
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	41	39	2	8	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	43	36	2	11	8
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	41	41	3	8	7
Jun 16-20, 2010	41	37	3	12	7
Feb 3-9, 2010	40	40	4	9	8
Aug 27-30, 2009	34	38	4	14	10
October, 2007	32	44	5	9	10
March, 2007	31	47	3	8	11
Early October, 2006	34	44	3	9	10
April, 2006 <sup>10</sup>	35	39	3	15	8
January, 2006	34	40	4	12	10
Early October, 2005	35	41	3	13	8
Early September, 1998	37	32	8	12	11
August, 1997	39	33	4	16	8
July, 1996	45	32	4	12	7
April, 1995	49	30	3	13	5
July, 1994	43	31	4	17	5
May, 1993	36	32	2	17	13
July, 1992	30	36	1	23	10

<sup>9</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Governs in an honest and ethical way."<sup>10</sup> In April 2006 and earlier, the item was worded: "Able to manage the federal government well."

**Q.50 CONTINUED...**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May, 1990	28	20	12	31	9
May, 1988	33	30	10	17	10
January, 1988	30	28	12	20	10
May, 1987	24	25	13	28	10

**ASK ALL:**

Q.51 Which party could do a better job of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Which party could do a better job of ITEM?]****[IF NECESSARY READ CATEGORIES: The Republican Party or the Democratic Party]**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:**

a.F1 Dealing with the economy

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	40	41	6	5	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	45	36	8	6	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	38	41	11	7	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	46	43	5	5	2
Apr 12-19, 2016	45	41	4	6	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	37	4	9	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	41	44	4	8	4
Feb 18-22, 2015	44	41	7	6	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	39	6	8	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	47	39	4	6	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	42	38	10	7	3
Oct 9-13, 2013	44	37	5	9	5
May 1-5, 2013	42	38	6	8	6
May 25-30, 2011	38	40	5	8	8
Sep 16-19, 2010	38	37	8	10	8
May 20-23, 2010	33	34	9	14	10
Feb 3-9, 2010	38	41	7	6	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	32	42	6	12	9
February, 2008	34	53	2	5	6
October, 2006	32	45	4	5	14
September, 2006	32	46	5	5	12
February, 2006	36	46	5	5	8
Mid-September, 2005	38	44	5	7	6
July, 2004	34	46	5	5	10
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	37	40	5	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	37	41	4	5	13
Early September, 2002	36	36	9	6	13
January, 2002	43	34	--	5	18
May, 2001 <sup>11</sup>	33	44	8	5	10
June, 1999	37	43	8	3	9
March, 1999	39	44	5	3	9
Early September, 1998	40	38	8	4	10
March, 1998	40	40	12	3	5
October, 1994	45	33	5	7	10
Gallup: October, 1992 (RVs)	36	45	10	--	9
Gallup: October, 1990	37	35	--	--	28

b.F1 Making wise decisions about foreign policy

Sep 18-24, 2018	37	45	6	5	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	36	44	8	6	7
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	44	7	9	6

<sup>11</sup>

In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

**Q.51 CONTINUED...**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Apr 5-11, 2017	36	49	5	6	4
Apr 12-19, 2016	46	38	4	8	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	38	41	5	8	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	48	35	6	6	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	40	39	6	9	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	43	39	5	7	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	38	10	4	7
Apr 21-26, 2010	39	34	8	8	11
August 27-30, 2009	31	44	7	8	9
February, 2008	40	45	4	4	7
July, 2004	38	40	4	4	14
Early September, 2002	40	30	10	6	14
May, 2001	39	34	11	3	13
June, 1999	37	36	7	6	14
March, 1999	42	37	6	4	11
Early September, 1998	40	31	11	5	13
March, 1998	41	33	12	4	10
October, 1994	47	30	7	5	11
July, 1994 <sup>12</sup>	51	31	4	6	8
December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

c.F2 Dealing with immigration

Sep 18-24, 2018	39	46	4	5	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	34	48	6	6	6
Oct 25-30, 2017	38	44	6	7	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	50	2	6	3
Apr 12-19, 2016	42	44	3	7	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	40	3	9	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	40	42	4	9	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	43	45	4	4	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	41	40	5	7	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	42	40	4	7	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	38	39	8	8	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	40	39	4	8	9
May 1-5, 2013	38	38	7	8	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	35	44	5	6	10
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	45	37	3	6	9
May 25-30, 2011	39	37	4	9	11
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	9	12	16
May 20-23, 2010	35	27	10	14	14
Apr 21-26, 2010	36	35	7	11	12
Aug 27-30, 2009	31	36	6	13	13
February, 2008	38	43	4	6	9
October, 2006	35	33	6	8	18
September, 2006	32	37	5	10	16
April, 2006	27	43	6	11	13
February, 2006	34	38	8	9	11

d.F2 Dealing with health care

Sep 18-24, 2018	35	51	3	5	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	32	48	8	7	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	32	50	6	9	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	35	54	2	6	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	36	46	4	9	5

<sup>12</sup>

In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

**Q.51 CONTINUED...**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	(VOL.) Both equally	(VOL.) Neither	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	47	4	7	2
Oct 15-20, 2014	38	46	3	7	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	40	45	4	6	5
Jan 15-19, 2014	37	45	3	6	8
Sep 4-8, 2013 (U)	40	39	6	9	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	38	48	4	4	6
Mar 7-11, 2012	35	49	1	7	8
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	38	49	3	4	6
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	40	42	6	5	7
Oct 13-18, 2010	32	39	5	11	13
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	6

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:***Reforming the U.S. health care system*

Feb 3-9, 2010	32	45	6	10	7
Aug 27-30, 2009	27	46	4	14	9
February, 2008	26	56	3	8	7
October, 2006	25	46	4	8	17
September, 2006	24	48	5	10	13
February, 2006	27	49	6	9	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	4	10	7
July, 2004	23	50	4	10	13
Early July, 2003	31	38	6	10	15

*Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans*

January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22

*Reforming the U.S. health care system*

Early September, 1998	31	43	7	7	12
March, 1998	25	53	6	8	8
October, 1994	34	41	5	10	10
July, 1994	34	48	2	8	8

*Reforming health care*

December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
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*Improving health care in the U.S.*

January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

**NO QUESTIONS 52-57**

Now, thinking about the outcome of the Congressional elections...

Q.58F1 If Republicans keep control of Congress this fall, how concerned are you, if at all, that they will not focus enough on oversight of the Trump administration? **[READ]**

**BASED ON FORM 1 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=697]:**

Sep 18-24 2018		Jun 5-12 2018 <sup>13</sup>
46	Very concerned	39
19	Somewhat concerned	20
14	Not too concerned [OR]	19
20	Not at all concerned	22
2	Don't know/Refused <b>[VOL.]</b>	1

<sup>13</sup>

In June 2018, the order of Q.58 and Q.59 were randomized by form. Results shown are for only those who got Q.58 first.

Q.59F2 If Democrats take control of Congress this fall, how concerned are you, if at all, that they will focus too much on investigating the Trump administration? **[READ]**

**BASED ON FORM 2 REGISTERED VOTERS [N=742]:**

Sep 18-24 2018		Jun 5-12 2018 <sup>14</sup>
31	Very concerned	34
24	Somewhat concerned	25
18	Not too concerned [OR]	19
26	Not at all concerned	22
1	Don't know/Refused <b>[VOL.]</b>	1

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*How concerned are you, if at all, that Republicans controlling Congress will lead to them spending too much time investigating the Obama administration and the Democrats in Congress? **[READ]***

Nov 6-9 2014	
27	Very concerned
30	Fairly concerned
26	Not too concerned
15	Not at all concerned
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

*How concerned are you, if at all, that if the Democrats take control of the Congress this fall they will spend too much time investigating the Bush administration and the Republicans in Congress?*

October 2006	
26	Very concerned
26	Fairly concerned
26	Not too concerned
18	Not at all concerned
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**NO QUESTIONS 60-63**

On a different topic,

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:**

Q.64F1 In your opinion, which is generally more often to blame if a person is poor? Lack of effort on his or her own part, or circumstances beyond his or her control?

	Lack of <u>effort</u>	Circumstances <u>beyond control</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Both</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 18-24, 2018	31	52	12	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	34	53	10	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	37	48	11	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	39	50	8	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	35	50	11	4
Apr 4-15, 2012	38	46	11	5
Mar 11-21, 2010	32	49	14	5
October, 1997	39	44	14	3
CBS/NYT: 1995	35	42	18	4
CBS/NYT: 1994	44	34	18	4
LAT: 1992	27	52	18	3
NYT: December, 1990	30	48	20	2

<sup>14</sup> In June 2018, the order of Q.58 and Q.59 were randomized by form. Results shown are for only those who got Q.59 first.



**Q.64F1 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Lack of effort</u>	<u>Circumstances beyond control</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Both</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Gallup: May, 1990</i>	35	45	17	3
<i>Gallup: 1989</i>	38	42	17	3
<i>Gallup: 1988</i>	40	37	17	6
<i>Gallup: 1984</i>	33	34	31	2
<i>CBS/NYT: 1982</i>	37	39	17	7
<i>Gallup: 1967</i>	42	19	36	3
<i>Gallup: 1965</i>	40	29	28	3
<i>Gallup: November, 1964</i>	31	31	34	5
<i>Gallup: September, 1964</i>	34	25	38	3
<i>Gallup: March, 1964</i>	34	29	32	6

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

Q.65F2 In your opinion, which generally has more to do with why a person is rich **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

		Apr 5-11 <u>2017</u>	Dec 8-13 <u>2015</u>	(U) Jan 15-19 <u>2014</u>
Sep 18-24 <u>2018</u>				
43	Because he or she worked harder than most other people	45	40	38
42	Because he or she had more advantages in life than most other people	43	49	51
10	Both <b>(VOL.)</b>	9	8	7
5	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	3	4	4

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

	Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because of their hard work, ambition or <u>education</u>	Most rich people today are wealthy mainly because they know the right people or were born into <u>wealthy families</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Neither/Both equally</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Other</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Dec 6-19, 2011 (SDT)	43	46	8	*	3
Jan 24-Feb 19, 2008 (SDT)	42	46	8	*	4

**ASK ALL:**

Q.66 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 BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR, EXCEPT FOR ITEMS B AND C WHICH SHOULD HAVE STATEMENTS RANDOMIZED WITHIN PAIR]. [IF NECESSARY: Next/How about/And], [NEXT PAIR]. [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]**

**ASK ALL:**

	Government regulation of business is necessary to <u>protect the public interest</u>	Government regulation of business usually does <u>more harm than good</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Both/Neither/DK/Ref</u>
a.			
Sep 18-24, 2018	49	43	8
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	50	45	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	45	48	7
Aug 9-16, 2016	44	51	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	50	5

**Q.66 CONTINUED...**

	Government regulation of business is necessary to <u>protect the public interest</u>	Government regulation of business usually does <u>more harm than good</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	47	47	5
Feb 8-12, 2012 <sup>15</sup>	40	52	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	45	8
December, 2008	47	43	10
October, 2008	50	38	12
January, 2008	41	50	9
December, 2004	49	41	10
July, 2002	54	36	10
February, 2002	50	41	9
August, 1999	48	44	8
October, 1996	45	46	9
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	43	51	6
October, 1994	38	55	7
July, 1994	41	54	5

**ASK ALL:**

b.	The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	63	33	4
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	65	32	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	66	31	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	65	31	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014	62	34	4

**ASK ALL:**

c.	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who <u>we are as a nation</u>	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our <u>identity as a nation</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	68	26	6
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	68	29	3

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:**

d.F1	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making <u>compromises with them</u>	In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its OWN national interests even when its allies <u>strongly disagree</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	55	38	7
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	51	42	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 <sup>16</sup>	53	36	11
December, 2004	53	37	10

<sup>15</sup> In Feb 8-12, 2012 survey, question was asked as a stand-alone item.

<sup>16</sup> In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.

**ASK ALL:**

e.	Our country has made the changes needed to give blacks equal rights with <u>whites</u>	Our country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights <u>with whites</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	35	59	6
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	35	61	4
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	37	57	6
Feb 29-May 8, 2016 (SDT)	30	61	9
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	59	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	49	46	5
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	49	45	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	48	45	8
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	47	43	10

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

f.F2	Other countries generally treat the United States about as fairly as we treat <u>them</u>	Other countries often take unfair advantage of the <u>United States</u>	(VOL.) Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	42	51	7
September, 1999	24	70	6
July, 1994	19	78	3

**NO QUESTIONS 67-72**

Next,

**ASK ALL:**

Q.73 What do you think is more important – to protect the right of Americans to own guns, OR to control gun ownership?

	Protect right of Americans <u>to own guns</u>	Control <u>gun ownership</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	44	52	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	47	51	2
Aug 9-16, 2016	52	46	3
Jul 14-20, 2015	47	50	3
Dec 3-7, 2014	52	46	3
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	49	48	3
May 1-5, 2013	48	50	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	46	50	4
Jan 9-13, 2013	45	51	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	42	49	9
July 26-29, 2012	46	47	6
Apr 4-15, 2012	49	45	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	47	49	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	47	6
Jan 13-16, 2011	49	46	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	46	50	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	46	46	7
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	45	49	6
April, 2008	37	58	5
November, 2007	42	55	3
April, 2007	32	60	8
February, 2004	37	58	5
June, 2003	42	54	4
May, 2000	38	57	5
April, 2000	37	55	8
March, 2000	29	66	5
June, 1999	33	62	5

**Q.73 CONTINUED...**

	Protect right of Americans to own guns	Control gun ownership	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May, 1999	30	65	5
December, 1993	34	57	9

**ASK ALL:**

Q.74 Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

	Yes, government responsibility	No, not government responsibility	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	60	37	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	60	38	2
Mar 17-26, 2016	51	46	2
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	47	50	3
Gallup: Nov 7-10, 2013	42	56	2
Gallup: Nov 15-18, 2012	44	54	2
Gallup: Nov 3-6, 2011	50	46	4
Gallup: Nov 4-7, 2010	47	50	3
Gallup: Nov 5-8, 2009	47	50	3
Gallup: November, 2008	54	41	5
Gallup: November, 2007	64	33	3
Gallup: November, 2006	69	28	3
Gallup: November, 2005	58	38	4
Gallup: November, 2004	64	34	2
Gallup: November, 2003	59	39	2
Gallup: November, 2002	62	35	3
Gallup: November, 2001	62	34	4
Gallup: September, 2000	64	31	5
Gallup: January, 2000	59	38	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.74 Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

**ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (Q.74=1) [N=996]:**

Q.74a Should health insurance [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

**ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (Q.74=2) [N=699]:**

Q.74b Should the government [READ AND RANDOMIZE]?

Sep 18-24 2018		Jun 8-18 2017	Jan 4-9 2017	Jan 23-Feb 9 2014
60	Yes, government responsibility	60	60	47
	Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government			
31		33	28	21
	Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs			
25		25	29	23
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	3	2
37	No, not government responsibility	39	38	50
	Not be involved in providing health insurance at all			
4		5	5	6
	Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor			
31		33	32	43
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	2	3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.75 What should be the priority for dealing with illegal immigration in the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE; (one) better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws; OR (two) creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet certain requirements]** OR should BOTH be given equal priority?

	Better border security and stronger enforcement of our immigration laws	Creating a way for immigrants already here illegally to become citizens if they meet certain requirements <sup>17</sup>	Both should be given equal priority	(VOL.) None of these	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	19	33	46	1	1
Aug 9-16, 2016	24	29	45	*	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	23	41	1	2
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	25	47	1	2
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	27	42	1	2
Nov 9-14, 2011	29	24	43	2	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	35	21	42	1	2
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	30	23	44	1	1
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	33	22	42	1	3

Next,

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=867]:**

Q.76F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the tax law passed by Donald Trump and Congress last year?

Sep 18-24 <u>2018</u>		Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u> <sup>18</sup>
36	Approve	37
46	Disapprove	46
18	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	17

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

Q.77F2 As you may know, the Trump administration recently increased tariffs or fees on imported goods from a number of countries. In response, some of these countries, including China and Canada, have increased tariffs on American goods. Overall, do you think these increased tariffs between the U.S. and its trading partners will be good or bad for the United States?

Sep 18-24 <u>2018</u>	
38	Good for the United States
53	Bad for the United States
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Overall, do you think these increased tariffs between the U.S. and its trading partners will be good or bad for the United States?*

Jul 11-15 <u>2018</u> <sup>19</sup>	
40	Good for the United States
49	Bad for the United States
11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

<sup>17</sup> In August 2014 and earlier surveys, response option was worded "(two) creating a way for illegal immigrants already here to become citizens if they meet certain requirements."

<sup>18</sup> In January 2018, question was worded "Do you approve or disapprove of the tax law passed by Donald Trump and Congress last month?"

<sup>19</sup> In July 2018, question was preceded by the following question, "As you may know, the Trump administration recently increased tariffs or fees on imported goods from a number of countries. In response, some of these countries, including China and Canada, have increased tariffs on American goods. How much, if anything, have you heard about these tariffs between the U.S. and some of its trading partners?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.78 Do you think abortion should be **[READ IN ORDER TO RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, IN REVERSE ORDER TO OTHER HALF OF SAMPLE]**?

	Legal in all <u>cases</u>	Legal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in most <u>cases</u>	Illegal in all <u>cases</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref	NET <i>Legal in all/most</i>	NET <i>Illegal in all/most</i>
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	34	22	15	5	58	37
Jun 8-18, 2017	25	33	24	16	3	57	40
Oct 20-25, 2016	22	36	23	14	4	59	37
Mar 17-26, 2016	24	33	24	16	3	56	41
Sep 22-27, 2015	20	31	25	18	6	51	43
Sep 2-9, 2014	22	34	26	14	5	55	40
Jul 17-21, 2013	20	34	24	15	7	54	40
Oct 24-28, 2012	23	32	25	13	7	55	39
Apr 4-15, 2012	23	31	23	16	7	53	39
Nov 9-14, 2011	20	31	26	17	6	51	43
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	19	35	25	16	5	54	41
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	18	36	26	16	4	54	42
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	17	33	27	17	7	50	44
August 11-27, 2009	16	31	27	17	8	47	45
April, 2009	18	28	28	16	10	46	44
Late October, 2008	18	35	24	16	7	53	40
Mid-October, 2008	19	38	22	14	7	57	36
August, 2008	17	37	26	15	5	54	41
June, 2008	19	38	24	13	6	57	37
November, 2007	18	33	29	15	5	51	44
October, 2007	21	32	24	15	8	53	39
August, 2007	17	35	26	17	5	52	43
AP/Ipsos-Poll: February, 2006	19	32	27	16	6	51	43
ABC/WaPo: December, 2005	17	40	27	13	3	57	40
ABC/WaPo: April, 2005	20	36	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: December, 2004	21	34	25	17	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: May, 2004	23	31	23	20	2	54	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2003	23	34	25	17	2	57	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 2001	22	27	28	20	3	49	48
ABC/BeliefNet: June, 2001	22	31	23	20	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: January, 2001	21	38	25	14	1	59	39
ABC/WaPo: September, 2000 (RVs)	20	35	25	16	3	55	41
ABC/WaPo: July, 2000	20	33	26	17	4	53	43
ABC/WaPo: September, 1999	20	37	26	15	2	57	41
ABC/WaPo: March, 1999	21	34	27	15	3	55	42
ABC/WaPo: July, 1998	19	35	29	13	4	54	42
ABC/WaPo: August, 1996	22	34	27	14	3	56	41
ABC/WaPo: June, 1996	24	34	25	14	2	58	39
ABC/WaPo: October, 1995	26	35	25	12	3	61	37
ABC: September, 1995	24	36	25	11	4	60	36
ABC/WaPo: July, 1995	27	32	26	14	1	59	40

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.79 Do you think the use of marijuana should be made legal, or not?

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	62	34	4
Oct 25-30, 2017	61	37	3
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	57	37	5
March 25-29, 2015	53	44	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	52	45	3
Feb 12-26, 2014	54	42	3

**Q.79 CONTINTUED...**

	<u>Yes, legal</u>	<u>No, illegal</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 13-17, 2013	52	45	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	45	50	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	41	52	7
<b>Gallup</b>			
October, 2012	48	50	1
October, 2011	50	46	3
October, 2010	46	50	4
October, 2009	44	54	2
October 2005	36	60	4
November, 2003	34	64	2
August, 2001	34	62	4
August, 2000	31	64	5
August, 1995	25	73	2
May, 1985	23	73	4
June, 1980	25	70	5
May, 1979	25	70	5
April, 1977	28	66	6
January, 1973	16	78	6
March, 1972	15	81	4
October, 1969	12	84	4
<b>General Social Survey</b>			
2012	43	49	8
2010	44	47	9
2008	35	57	8
2006	32	60	7
2004	33	59	9
2002	32	61	6
2000	31	63	6
1998	27	67	6
1996	25	70	5
1994	22	73	5
1993	22	73	5
1991	17	78	5
1990	16	81	3
1989	16	81	3
1988	17	79	4
1987	16	81	3
1986	17	80	2
1984	22	74	4
1983	19	77	3
1980	24	73	3
1978	30	66	4
1976	28	69	3
1975	20	74	5
1973	19	79	2

**NO QUESTIONS 80-82**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.83 Next, would you say your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? 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 heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
a. The Republican Party								
Sep 18-24, 2018	43	10	33	52	26	27	*	4
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
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



## Q.83 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly		
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								
Sep 18-24, 2018	53	13	40	42	20	22	*	4
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

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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>		
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

## ASK ALL:

Q.84 Is your overall opinion of Pope Francis 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 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>		
Sep 18-24, 2018	51	13	38	27	11	15	3	19
Jan 10-15, 2018	62	26	37	18	7	11	3	16
Jan 4-9, 2017	70	30	40	19	7	13	2	9

**Q.84 CONTINUED...**

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Oct 1-4, 2015	68	35	33	12	5	7	5	15
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	64	29	35	10	4	5	8	19
Feb 18-22, 2015	70	29	40	15	5	10	5	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	66	30	36	11	4	7	7	16
Sep 4-8, 2013	58	21	37	12	4	7	10	20
Mar 28-31, 2013	57	22	35	14	6	9	6	22
Feb 14-17, 2013 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	49	14	34	27	12	16	4	20
April, 2008 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	61	22	39	17	8	9	4	18
March, 2008 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	52	18	34	18	6	12	7	23
August, 2007 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	50	14	36	18	6	12	8	24
July, 2005 ( <b>Benedict XVI</b> )	44	10	34	11	4	7	4	41
June, 1996 ( <b>John Paul II</b> )	76	28	48	13	4	9	1	10
May, 1990 ( <b>John Paul II</b> )	79	31	48	11	4	7	1	9
May, 1987 ( <b>John Paul II</b> )	76	28	48	14	4	10	1	9

**NO QUESTIONS 85-92****ASK ALL [N=1622]:**

Next ...

Q.93 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election? **[READ]**

Sep 18-23 <u>2018</u>		Jun 5-12 <u>2018</u>	Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u>
54	A lot	56	55
26	A little	33	33
10	Nothing at all	11	11
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	*	1

**NO QUESTIONS 94-95****ASK ALL [N=1622]:**

Q.96 How confident, if at all, are you that the Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller **[PRONOUNCED: "MULL-er"]** is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election **[READ]**?

Sep 18-23 <u>2018</u>		Jun 5-12 <u>2018</u> <sup>20</sup>	Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>	Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u>	Nov 29-Dec 4 <u>2017</u>
27	Very confident	28	25	27	25
23	Somewhat confident	27	36	29	30
14	Not too confident	19	19	21	20
20	Not at all confident	21	18	16	16
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	5	3	8	8

<sup>20</sup> In June 2018 survey and previous surveys, question was worded "How confident, if at all, are you that the Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller **[PRONOUNCED: "MULL-er"]** will conduct a fair investigation..."

**ASK ALL [N=1622]:**

And,

Q.97 How confident, if at all, are you that Donald Trump is handling matters related to the special counsel investigation appropriately **[READ]? [CLARIFY IF NECESSARY: special counsel Mueller's [PRONOUNCED: "MULL-er"] investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election]**

Sep 18-23 2018		Jun 5-12 2018 <sup>21</sup>
15	Very confident	18
20	Somewhat confident	23
15	Not too confident	20
39	Not at all confident	37
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

Thinking about Afghanistan...

Q.98F2 Do you think the United States' initial decision to use military force in Afghanistan in 2001 was the right decision or the wrong decision?

	Right decision	Wrong decision	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 18-24, 2018	45	39	16
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) <sup>22</sup>	51	41	8
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	56	37	8
Jun 15-19, 2011	57	35	8
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	52	38	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 <sup>23</sup>	56	34	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	64	25	11
Feb, 2008	65	24	11
Dec, 2006	61	29	10
Jan, 2006	69	20	11

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=887]:**

Q.99F2 Overall, do you think the United States has mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

Sep 18-24 2018		May 12-18 2015	(U) Jan 15-19 2014
35	Mostly succeeded	36	38
49	Mostly failed	56	52
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	7	10

<sup>21</sup> In June 2018, question was worded "How confident, if at all, are you that Donald Trump will handle matters..."

<sup>22</sup> In all previous surveys except October 2009, the question was worded: "Do you think the United States' made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?"

<sup>23</sup> In October 2009, question was worded "Do you think the United States' initial decision to use force in Afghanistan was the right decision or the wrong decision?"

**Q.99F2 TREND FOR COMPARISON...**

*Regardless of what you think about the original decision to use military force in Afghanistan, do you now believe that the United States will definitely succeed, probably succeed, probably fail, or definitely fail in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?*<sup>24</sup>

	Definitely/ Probably succeed	Definitely/ Probably fail	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Jun 15-19, 2011	58	34	8
May 5-8, 2011	62	24	13
May 2, 2011	63	26	10
Dec 1-5, 2010	49	39	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	59	33	8
Mar 10-14, 2010	58	29	12
Dec 9-13, 2009	59	32	10
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	29	9

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2) [N=336]:**

Q.100 How would you rate the job the pope is doing in [INSERT; RANDOMIZE]? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job? How about [INSERT NEXT ITEM]? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Is the pope doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job [REPEAT ITEM]?]**

	Excellent	Good	Only fair	Poor	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Spreading the Catholic faith					
Sep 18-24, 2018	21	34	29	8	8
Jan 10-15, 2018	31	39	20	5	4
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	41	43	8	2	6
Feb 14-23, 2014	34	47	12	2	5
b. Addressing the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church					
Sep 18-24, 2018	13	18	27	36	6
Jan 10-15, 2018	13	33	27	19	8
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	19	36	22	12	11
Feb 14-23, 2014	18	36	24	15	8
c. Standing up for traditional moral values					
Sep 18-24, 2018	20	35	27	9	9
Jan 10-15, 2018	27	43	21	5	4
May 5-Jun 7, 2015	33	47	10	2	7
Feb 14-23, 2014	29	51	14	2	4
d. Appointing new bishops and cardinals					
Sep 18-24, 2018	9	34	32	7	17
Jan 10-15, 2018	18	41	20	4	17

**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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	32	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	31	38	3	1	2	15	18
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	27	28	38	4	1	2	14	19
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18

<sup>24</sup> Trend for comparison shows the net of answers "Definitely succeed" and "Probably succeed" and the net of answers "Definitely fail" and "Probably fail." See June 2011 topline for full trend.

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.) No	(VOL.) Other	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	party		Rep	Dem
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
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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
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	--	--	--	--	--

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1)[N=755]:**

Q.101 Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Sep 18-24 <u>2018</u>		Apr 5-11 <u>2017</u>
39	Republicans in Congress have an obligation to support Donald Trump's policies and programs because he is a Republican president	43
57	Republicans in Congress do NOT have an obligation to support Donald Trump's policies and programs if they disagree with him	55
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2

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

(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends
(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls