**2016 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

**WAVE 21 SEPTEMBER**

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**ROTATE SATISF AND SATISFPERS BY FORM (SATISF FIRST ON FORM 1; SATISFPERS FIRST ON FORM 2)**

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

**ROTATE SATISF AND SATISFPERS BY FORM (SATISF FIRST ON FORM 1; SATISFPERS FIRST ON FORM 2)**

**ASK ALL:**

SATISFPERS Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in YOUR LIFE today?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

**ASK IF FORM 1 AND DISSATISFIED IN SATISFPERS (SATISFPERS=2):**

SATISFPERSOE What about the way things are going in your life today are you most dissatisfied with?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]**

**ASK IF FORM 2 AND DISSATISFIED IN SATISF (SATISF=2):**

SATISFOE What about the way things are going in this country today are you most dissatisfied with?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]**

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSINTERP Thinking about the news media in general, which comes closer to your view about how the news media should cover events? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1           Present the facts with some interpretation

2           Present the facts without interpretation

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2016 presidential election…

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not too closely

4 Not at all closely

**ASK ALL FORM 1:**

THOUGHTA How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election?

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Not much

4 None at all

**ASK ALL FORM 2:**

THOUGHTB How much thought have you given to the coming November election?

1 Quite a lot

2 Some

3 Only a little

4 None

**ASK ALL:**

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 Most of the time

2 Some of the time

3 Only now and then

4 Hardly at all

**ASK ALL:**

MATTERS Thinking about how you feel about the 2016 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1🡪4]**

1 1 - Really matters who wins

2 2

3 3

4 4 - Doesn’t really matter who wins

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEGENA If the 2016 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 Donald Trump, the Republican

2 Hillary Clinton, the Democrat

3 Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party candidate

4 Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate

5 Vote for none/Other

**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGENA=5 OR MISSING):**

VOTEGENB As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

1 Lean more toward Donald Trump

2 Lean more toward Hillary Clinton

3 Lean more toward Gary Johnson

4 Lean more toward Jill Stein

5 None/Other

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Display choice 5 None/Other only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1,2,3 or 4]**

*Soft Prompt: If you would not support any of the candidates, please select answer choice None/Other. If you would like to skip, click Next…*

**ASK IF SELECTED TRUMP OR CLINTON (VOTEGENA=1,2):**

VOTEGENC And would you say…

1 You are certain to vote for **[**Trump/Clinton**]**

2 There is a chance you might change your mind

**ASK IF JOHNSON/STEIN IN VOTEGENA (VOTEGENA=3,4) OR VOTEGENB (VOTEGENB=3,4):**

VOTEGEND And even though you don’t plan to support Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, if you had to choose, would you say you … **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

1 Lean more toward Donald Trump

2 Lean more toward Hillary Clinton

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPFEEL How have you been feeling about the 2016 presidential campaign recently?

*[Check all that apply]* **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Interested

2 Excited

3 Optimistic

4 Indifferent

5 Frustrated

6 Disgusted

7 Scared

8 None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

PRESCOVERAGENow thinking about how news organizations have been covering the presidential candidates in the campaign so far, would you say news organizations have given too much, too little, or about the right amount of coverage to… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A & B IN SAME ORDER AS PRESTOUGH]**

1. Hillary Clinton

1          Too much

2          Too little

3          About the right amount

1. Donald Trump

1          Too much

2          Too little

3          About the right amount

**ASK ALL:**

PRESTOUGHThinking about recent news coverage, would you say the press has been too easy, too tough or fair in the way it has covered**… [RANDOMIZE ITEMS A & B IN SAME ORDER AS PRESCOVERAGE]**

1. Hillary Clinton

1          Too easy

2          Too tough

3          Fair

1. Donald Trump

1          Too easy

2          Too tough

3          Fair

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: USE THE “SCANDIDATES” EXCEL FOR AUTOFILL LANGUAGE. DISPLAY ANSWER CHOICE 5 ONLY IF S\_SEN\_STATE\_W21=22 (LA) or 46 (SD). DO NOT ASK IF STATE IS NOT IN “CANDIDATES” EXCEL FILE.**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

SEN If the elections for the U.S. Senate in **[S\_SEN\_STATE\_W21]** were being held TODAY, would you vote for…

1 **[CANDIDATE1]**

2 **[CANDIDATE2]**

5 **[CANDIDATE3]**

3 Another candidate

4 Not sure

*Program an answer choice of “Live in different state” that will appear only when a soft prompt is used.*

*Soft prompt: If you do not live in [RSTATE] please select choice Live in different state. If you would like to skip, click Next.*

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: USE THE “SCANDIDATES” EXCEL FOR AUTOFILL LANGUAGE. DISPLAY ANSWER CHOICE 5 ONLY IF S\_SEN\_STATE\_W21=22 (LA) or 46 (SD). DO NOT ASK IF STATE IS NOT IN “CANDIDATES” EXCEL FILE.**

**ASK IF ANSWERED NOT SURE (SEN=4) OR IF NO RESPONSE TO SEN (SEN=99):**

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

SENA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. Senate?

1 **[CANDIDATE1]**

2 **[CANDIDATE2]**

5 **[CANDIDATE3]**

3 Another candidate

4 Not sure

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: USE THE “HCANDIDATES” EXCEL FOR AUTOFILL LANGUAGE.**

**DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC OR IF SEN=Live in different state, ELSE ASK ALL:**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for…

1 **[CANDIDATE1]**

2 **[CANDIDATE2]**

3 Another candidate

4 Not sure

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: USE THE “HCANDIDATES” EXCEL FOR AUTOFILL LANGUAGE.**

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

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

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

1 **[CANDIDATE1]**

2 **[CANDIDATE2]**

3 Another candidate

4 Not sure

**ASK ALL:**

WHOWIN Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2016 presidential election…  **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Donald Trump

2 Hillary Clinton

**ASK IF RESPONDED TO WHOWIN (WHOWIN = 1,2):**

WINMARGIN And do you think **[PIPE RESPONSE FROM WHOWIN]** will win… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 In a close election

2 By a lot

**ASK ALL:**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote?

1 Always

2 Nearly always

3 Part of the time

4 Seldom

**ASK ALL:**

PGENERAL How likely are you to vote in **[**the general election**] [IF RSTATE=22 LOUISIANA:** the election**]** this November?

1. Definitely will vote
2. Probably will vote
3. Probably will not vote
4. Definitely will not vote

**ASK IF DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE IN GENERAL (PGENERAL=1,2)**

PLAN2 Do you plan to cast your vote in **[**the general election**] [IF RSTATE=22 LOUISIANA:** the November election**]**...

1 Before Election Day

2 On Election Day

3 Not sure

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE EARLY (PLAN2=1) and state is NOT WA, OR, CO (RSTATE != 8,41, OR 53):**

EARLY1 Do you plan to vote in **[**the general election**] [IF F\_STATE\_FINAL=22 LOUISIANA:** the November election**]** in person or will you mail in your ballot?

1 Vote in person

2 Mail in ballot

3 Not sure

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE IN PERSON OR NOT SURE (SKIP IF EARLY1=2, ELSE ASK ALL)**

WHEREVT Do you happen to know where people in your area go to vote?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE BY MAIL (EARLY1=2):**

WHEREVTM Do you happen to know what people in your area need to do in order to get a mail ballot?

1 Yes

2 No

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: ASK ALL ITEMS ON ONE SCREEN; INCLUDE INTRO PARAGRAPH AT TOP; DO NOT USE THERMOMETER IMAGE**

**ASK ALL**

THERMO We'd like to get your feelings toward the presidential candidates on a “feeling thermometer.” A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the group at 50 degrees if you don’t feel particularly positive or negative toward the group.

How do you feel toward **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**?  *[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]*

**ASK ALL:**

THERMCLINTON Hillary Clinton

THERMTRUMP Donald Trump

Enter number here:

**SOFT PROMPT TEXT:** “*Please enter the “degree” or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next.”*

**ASK ALL REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1):**

CONGTRUMPSUPP         Thinking about the candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district, if the Republican candidate in your district strongly supports Donald Trump, would this make you feel… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1          More favorably toward the Republican candidate in your district

2          Less favorably toward the Republican candidate in your district

3          Wouldn’t matter

**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2):**

CONGCLINTONSUPP     Thinking about the candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district, if the Democratic candidate in your district strongly supports Hillary Clinton, would this make you feel… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1          More favorably toward the Democratic candidate in your district

2          Less favorably toward the Democratic candidate in your district

3          Wouldn’t matter

**ASK ALL:**

MARITAL           Which of these best describes you?

            1          Married

            2          Living with a partner

            3          Divorced

            4          Separated

            5          Widowed

            6          Never been married

***[UPDATE FRAME FILE VARIABLE F\_MARITAL\_FINAL WITH RESPONSE FROM MARITAL]***

**ASK THOSE NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=3-6, REFUSED):**

MAR2 Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK THOSE MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MAR2=1):**

PARTNERTLK How often do you talk with your (**IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1):** spouse/**IF COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=2 OR MAR2=1):** partner) about politics?

1 Very often

2 Somewhat often

3 Not too often

4 Not at all often

**ASK THOSE MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MAR2=1):**

PARTNERSPT Do you happen to know who your (**IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1):** spouse/**IF COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=2 OR MAR2=1):** partner) is planning to vote for in the presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 Hillary Clinton

2 Donald Trump

3 Other candidate

9 Don’t know

**ASK THOSE MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MAR2=1):**

ARGUESPT Have you ever gotten into an argument with your (**IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1):** spouse/**IF COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP(MARITAL=2 OR MAR2=1):** partner) about the 2016 presidential election?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF DID NOT RESPOND TO WAVE 18 (F\_RESPONDED\_W18=2-99)**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS]:**

SONS              Are you the parent of any SONS who are…

*[Check all that apply]*

1          0-5 years old

2          6-12 years old

3          13-17 years old

4          18 years old or older

5          I do not have any sons **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK IF DID NOT RESPOND TO WAVE 18 (F\_RESPONDED\_W18=2-99)**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS]:**

DAUGHTERS     Are you the parent of any DAUGHTERS who are…

*[Check all that apply]*

1          0-5 years old

2          6-12 years old

3          13-17 years old

4          18 years old or older

5          I do not have any daughters **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18 ((SONS\_W21=1-3 or DAUGHTERS\_W21=1-3) OR IF SONS\_W21 AND DAUGHTERS\_W21 ARE NOT ASKED, F\_KIDS1\_FINAL=1):**

For the next few questions, please think about your child or children who are under 18.

CHILDTLK1         How often, if at all, do you talk about the 2016 election with your children?

1          Very often

2          Somewhat often

3          Not too often

4          Not at all often

5          Do not have children under 18

**IF AT LEAST SOMEWHAT OFTEN (CHILDTLK1=1,2)**

CHILDTLK2       When you talk about the election with your children, is this mostly because: **[RANDOMIZE]**

1          You bring it up in conversation

2          Your child(ren) brings it up in conversation

**ASK ALL:**

TCFACTS          When it comes to important issues facing the country, would you say most Trump and Clinton supporters… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1          Can agree on the basic facts, even if they often disagree over plans and policies

2          Not only disagree over plans and policies, but they also cannot agree on the basic facts

**ASK ALL:**

CONCEDE Thinking about the results of the presidential election this November, how important do you think it is for a losing candidate to publicly acknowledge the winner as the legitimate president of the country?

1 Very important

2 Somewhat important

3 Not too important

4 Not at all important

**ASK ALL:**

CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD Here’s a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities in the PAST YEAR.

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE; ALWAYS DISPLAY “NONE OF THESE” LAST]**

a. Attended a political rally, speech, or campaign event

b. Attended an organized protest of any kind

c. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate, or campaign

d. Been an active member of any group that tries to influence public policy or government, not including a political party

**No item e**

g. Contacted any elected official

h. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate

i. Displayed a poster or bumper-sticker or worn clothing or a button related to a political campaign

j. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media

k. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD\_h=1):**

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

1          Less than $100

2          $100 to less than $250

3          More than $250

**ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD\_h=1):**

CONTRWHO                  Which of the following groups have you contributed to?

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE a & b, c & d, ITEM e FOLLOWED BY ITEM f ALWAYS LAST]**

a.         Donald Trump’s campaign

b.         Hillary Clinton’s campaign

c.         Other Republican candidates

d.         Other Democratic candidates

e. Other groups working to elect a candidate

f.         None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject…

STATEIDLAW As far as you know, does your state require voters to present photo identification to be allowed to vote on Election Day?

1 Yes

2 No

**[RANDOMIZE CANDACCURACY AND CANDOFFENSE]**

**ASK ALL:**

CANDACCURACY Thinking about how the news media covers the presidential campaign and candidates, if a candidate makes a statement that is inaccurate, which comes closer to your view about what the news media should do? **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS CANDOFFENSE]**

1 Emphasize the statement because it is important for the public to know

2 NOT emphasize the statement because it unfairly gives the candidate extra attention

**[RANDOMIZE CANDACCURACY AND CANDOFFENSE]**

**ASK ALL:**

CANDOFFENSE Thinking about how the news media covers the presidential campaign and candidates, if a candidate makes a statement that many people might find offensive, which comes closer to your view about what the news media should do? **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS CANDACCURACY]**

1 Emphasize the statement because it is important for the public to know

2 NOT emphasize the statement because it unfairly gives the candidate extra attention

**ASK ALL:**

CANDRESP More broadly, in covering political campaigns and candidates, how much of a responsibility is it of the news media to correct statements that a candidate makes that are inaccurate?

1 A major responsibility

2 A minor responsibility

3 Not a responsibility

**ASK ALL:**

SCALE10 Please rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1.

Definitely will vote --- (10)

(9)

(8)

(7)

(6)

(5)

(4)

(3)

(2)

Definitely will not vote --- (1)

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1 OR IF REG\_W21 IS NOT ASKED, F\_REG\_FINAL=1):**

PRIMARYPAST In this year’s presidential primary election, did you have a chance to vote in your state’s primary or caucus, or did things come up that kept you from voting?

1 Voted

2 Did not vote

**ASK IF VOTED IN PRIMARY (PRIMARYPAST=1):**

PTYPRIMARYPAST Did you vote in a... **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Republican primary or caucus

2 Democratic primary or caucus

**ASK IF VOTED IN PRIMARY (PRIMARYPAST=1) AND (DID NOT VOTE IN 2012 (F\_PVOTE12A\_FINAL OR PVOTE12A\_W21=2, REFUSED) AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2014 (F\_VOTE14\_RF1=2,99, missing)):**

FIRSTPRIM Had you EVER voted before voting in this year’s primary, or was the primary the FIRST time you ever voted?

1 First time

2 Had voted before

**ASK IF DID NOT VOTE IN PRIMARY (PRIMARYPAST=2, REFUSED) AND (DID NOT VOTE IN 2012 (F\_PVOTE12A\_FINAL OR PVOTE12A\_W21=2, REFUSED) AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2014 (F\_VOTE14\_RF1=2,99, missing)):**

FIRSTGELECTb Have you EVER voted before, or not?

1 Yes, I have voted before

2 No, I have never voted before

1. Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists. Lines across page designate a page break. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)