**PEW RESEARCH CENTER**

**AUGUST 2016 RDD NONRESPONSE SURVEY**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

**TOTAL N =1,201**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Aug 23-Sep 2,  2016 |  |
| 36 | Excellent |
| 44 | Good |
| 16 | Only fair **[OR]** |
| 3 | Poor |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)** |
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**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 During the last twelve months, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors – basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month, less than once a month, or not at all?

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| --- | --- |
| Aug 23-Sep 2,  2016 |  |
| 25 | Basically every day |
| 34 | A few times a week |
| 16 | A few times a month |
| 9 | Once a month |
| 7 | Less than once a month |
| 8 | Not at all |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)** |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.3 We’d like to know how much you trust people in your neighborhood. Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust all the people, most of the people, some of the people, or none of the people in your neighborhood?

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| --- | --- |
| Aug 23-Sep 2,  2016 |  |
| 19 | All the people |
| 42 | Most of the people |
| 30 | Some of the people |
| 7 | None of the people |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)** |
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**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election . . . Quite a lot or only a little?

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| --- | --- |
| Aug 23-Sep 2,  2016 |  |
| 69 | Quite a lot |
| 4 | Some **(VOL.)** |
| 21 | Little |
| 4 | None **(VOL.)** |
| 1 | Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)** |
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**ASK ALL:**

REG Which of these statements best describes you? **[READ IN ORDER] [INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS THAT THEY ARE IN NORTH DAKOTA AND DON’T HAVE TO REGISTER, PUNCH 1]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

74 Are you ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address

5 Are you PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance your registration has lapsed

20 Are you NOT registered to vote at your current address

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

**ASK ALL:**

FOLGOV Would you say you follow what’s going on in government and public affairs **[READ]**?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

60 Most of the time

25 Some of the time

9 Only now and then

5 Hardly at all

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.8 If the presidential election were being held TODAY, would you vote **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1/2 IN BLOCKS WITH OPTIONS 3/4 WITH 1/2 ALWAYS FIRST]**?

**ASK IF OTHER OR DK IN Q.8 (Q.8=5,9):**

Q.8a As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.8]**?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=947]:**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

For the Democratic ticket of Hillary Clinton and

46 Tim Kaine/Lean Clinton-Kaine

For the Republican ticket of Donald Trump and

31 Mike Pence/Lean Trump-Pence for the Libertarian Party ticket headed by

8 Gary Johnson/Lean Johnson For the Green Party ticket headed by

4 Jill Stein/Lean Stein

2 Other candidate **(VOL.)**

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PLANTO1 Thinking ahead to November, do you yourself plan to vote in the election this November, or not?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

82 Yes

14 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.9 What's your opinion of the presidential candidates for this year? Would you say that you are very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the choices?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

10 Very satisfied

20 Fairly satisfied

31 Not too satisfied

34 Not at all satisfied

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

**ASK ALL:**The next few questions are about recent elections…

**ASK IF REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1):**

PVOTE12A In the 2012 presidential election between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=947]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

81 Voted

18 Did not vote

1 Don't remember/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

PES1 This question is about LOCAL elections, such as for mayor or a school board. Do you always vote in local elections, do you sometimes vote, do you rarely vote, or do you never vote?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

37 Always vote

29 Sometimes vote

12 Rarely vote

21 Never vote

0  **[VOL. DO NOT READ]** Other

0 Don't remember/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER (REG=1):**

PRIMARY 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? {ew 08}

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=947]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

63 Voted

35 Did not vote

1 Don’t remember if voted (**VOL.**)

0 Refused (**VOL.)**

**ASK IF VOTED IN PRIMARY (PRIMARY=1) AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2012 (PVOTE12A=2-9):**

FIRST1 Had you voted before this year’s primary, or was this the FIRST time you voted? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: CODE RESPONSE=2 IF RESPONDENT MENTIONS HAVING VOTED IN ANY PRIOR ELECTION]ASK IF DID NOT VOTE IN PRIMARY (PRIMARY=2, 8, 9) AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2012 (PVOTE12A = 2-9) AND PLAN TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER (PLANTO1=1):**

FIRST2 Have you voted before, or will this election be your first time voting?

**BASED ON SURVEY DESIGN C REGISTERED VOTERS [N=947]:**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

8 First time voter this year

*5 First time in primary/caucus*

*3 First time in general*

89 Voted previously

0 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Overall, how would you describe the presidential election campaign so far – is it **[READ ITEM a. FIRST, THEN RANDOMIZE ITEMS b. THRU c.]**

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| a. | Interesting | Dull | **(VOL.)** Neither | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 71 | 19 | 8 | 3 |
| b. | Too negative | Not too negative | **(VOL.)** Neither | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 68 | 25 | 5 | 3 |
| c. | Focused on important policy debates | Not focused on important policy debates | **(VOL.)** Neither | **(VOL.)** DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 26 | 64 | 5 | 5 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.11 Next, please tell me if you think each of the following is having a POSITIVE or NEGATIVE effect on the way things are going in this country today? First, (is/are) **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE]** having a positive or negative effect on the way things are going in the country these days? How about **[NEXT ITEM] [INTERVIEWER: IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** “Overall do you think (it is/they are) having a POSITIVE or NEGATIVE effect on the way things are going in this country today?” **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

**(VOL.)**

Neither/

No Influence/ **(VOL.)**

Positive Negative Mixed DK/Ref

a. The national news media

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 22 70 5 3

b. Large corporations

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 28 56 10 6

c. Banks and other financial institutions

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 34 50 9 6

d. Labor unions

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 43 36 10 10

e. Colleges and universities

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 57 30 7 5

f. Churches and religious organizations

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 57 27 11 5

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

50 Smaller government, fewer services

41 Bigger government, more services

4 Depends **(VOL.)**

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12x Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

21 Strongly favor

27 Favor

28 Oppose

14 Strongly oppose

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

**ASK ALL:**

INT1 Do you use the internet, at least occasionally?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

87 Yes

13 No

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

**ASK IF DOES NOT USE THE INTERNET (INT1=2,9) [N=135]:**

INT2     Do you send or receive email, at least occasionally?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

14 Yes

86 No

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

**ASK IF DOES NOT USE THE INTERNET OR EMAIL (INT2=2,9) [N=117]:**

INT3M  Do you access the internet on a cell phone, tablet or other mobile handheld device, at least occasionally?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

5 Yes

94 No

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

**ASK IF INTERNET USER (INT1=1 OR INT2=1 OR INT3M=1) [N=1,090]:**

INTFREQ\_CPS How often did you USUALLY access the Internet over the last year? Consider time spent on the Internet from any computer or mobile device at home, work, or any other location. Did you usually access the Internet… **[READ IN ORDER]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

82 Every day

9 More than once a week, but not everyday

4 Once a month

2 Once a week

1 Less than once a month **[OR]**

1 Never

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

**ASK ALL:**

SOCIALWhat about social networking? Do you use social networks such as Facebook or Twitter?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

72 Yes

28 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the nation’s economy…

Q.12y How would you rate economic conditions in this country today… as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

3 Excellent

25 Good

39 Only fair

33 Poor

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.12z 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?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

26 Better

20 Worse

44 Same

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

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.13 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]?** **[IF NECESSARY:** would you say your overall opinion of **[ITEM]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

**(VOL.) (VOL.)**

----- Favorable ----- ---- Unfavorable ---- Never Can’t rate/

Total *Very Mostly* Total *Very Mostly* heard of Ref

a. The Federal Bureau of

Investigation, the FBI

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 71 *18 52* 21 *8 12* 0 8

b. The Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention, the CDC

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 79 *25 53* 14 *4 10* 2 6

c. The National Aeronautic and

Space Administration, NASA

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 73 *28 46* 12 *4 8* 2 13

d. The Internal Revenue Service,

the IRS

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 50 *11 39* 45 *21 24* 0 5

e. The Environmental Protection

Agency, the EPA

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 62 *17 44* 30 *13 18* 2 6

f. The Department of Veterans

Affairs, the VA

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 48 *14* *34* 43 *18 25* 1 8

g. The National Security Agency,

the NSA

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 59 *12 47* 27 *9 18* 4 10

h. The Justice Department

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 56 *14 42* 37 *16 20* \* 7

**ASK ALL:**

Q.14 Here are some pairs of statements. For each 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... **[INSERT FIRST PAIR; RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR]**.The next pair is **[INSERT NEXT PAIR]**.

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| a. | The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values | The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society | **(VOL.)** Both/Neither/DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 35 | 56 | 9 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| b. | Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get ahead these days | Blacks who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for their own condition | **(VOL.)** Both/Neither/DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 32 | 54 | 15 |

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| c. | Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient | Government often does a better job than people give it credit for | **(VOL.)** Both/Neither/DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 54 | 40 | 6 |

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| d. | The best way to ensure peace is through military strength | Good diplomacy is the best way to ensure peace | **(VOL.)** Both/Neither/DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 36 | 57 | 7 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| e. | Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt the economy | Stricter environmental laws and regulations are worth the cost | **(VOL.)** Both/Neither/DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 39 | 54 | 7 |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| f. | Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside of our control | Everyone has it in their own power to succeed | **(VOL.)** Both/Neither/DK/Ref |
| Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 | 13 | 82 | 5 |

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Next, **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

29 Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values **[OR]**

67 Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 In the last 12 months, that is between August 2015 and now, have you contacted or visited a public official - at any level of government - to express your opinion?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

25 Yes

74 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject, I have a few questions about the September 11TH terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon…

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17     Do you happen to remember EXACTLY where you were or what you were doing the MOMENT you heard the news about the September 11thterrorist attacks?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

91 Yes, remember where they were/what they were doing

9 No, don’t remember

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18     Do you happen to recall in what year the September 11th terrorist attacks occurred? **[IF “YES”**

**PROBE:**Which year?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

3 Yes, 2000 or earlier

68 Yes, 2001

8 Yes, 2002 or later

21 No, don’t remember

0 Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 Overall, do you think the ability of terrorists to launch another major attack on the U.S. is greater, the same, or less than it was at the time of the September 11th terrorist attacks?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

40 Greater

31 The same

25 Less

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.20 What concerns you more about the government’s anti-terrorism policies? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

33 That they have gone too far in restricting the average person’s civil liberties **[OR]**

49 That they have not gone far enough to adequately protect the country

6 Both **(VOL.)**

8 Neither/Approve of policies **(VOL.)**

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

**ASK ALL:**

HH1 How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

17 1 person

30 2 people

36 3-4 people

16 5 or more people

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

**ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HH (HH1>1) [N=980]:**

HH3 How many, including yourself, are adults, age 18 and older?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

4 1 adult

59 2 adults

32 3-4 adults

4 5 or more adults

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.21 At any time during 2015, did **[IF HH1=1:** you**;** **IF HH1>1:** anyone in your household**]** receive any State or Federal unemployment compensation?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

6 Yes

93 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

SNAP Did **[IF HH1=1: you; IF HH1>1: anyone in your household]** get food stamps or use a food stamp benefit card at any time during 2015? **[INTERVIEWER NOTE:** do not include benefits from WIC, the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program**]**

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

15 Yes

83 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

ANYCOV Do you now have any type of health plan or health coverage?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

87 Yes

12 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.22 Would you say your health in general is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

25 Excellent

26 Very good

29 Good

15 Fair

4 Poor

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 The next question is about cigarette smoking. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your ENTIRE LIFE **[INTERVIEWER NOTE:** 5 packs=100 cigarettes**]**?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

41 Yes

58 No

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

**ASK IF HAS SMOKED 100 CIGARETTES (Q.28=1) [N=501]:**

Q.24 Do you NOW smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all? {2015 NHIS} {QID:tk}

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

29 Every day

13 Some days

57 Not at all

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.25 Since August 2015 have you worked with people in your neighborhood to fix or improve something? {CPS VoluntSuppl2014}

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

46 Yes

54 No

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

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 Next, I will give you a list of types of groups or organizations in which people sometimes participate. Have you participated in any of these groups during the last 12 months, that is since August 2015:

**(VOL.)**

Yes NoDK/Ref

a. A school group, neighborhood,

or community association such as PTA

or neighborhood watch group?

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 33 67 0

b. A service or civic organization

such as American Legion or Lions Club?

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 15 84 1

c. A sports or recreation organization

such as a soccer team or tennis club?

Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 25 75 0

**ASK ALL:**

We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did through or for an organization, even if you only did them once in a while.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.27 In the last 12 months, that is since August of last year, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

50 Yes

49 No

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

**ASK IF HAVE NOT VOLUNTEERED (Q.27=2,9) [N=555]:**

Q.28 Sometimes people don’t think of activities they do infrequently or activities they do for children’s schools or youth organizations as volunteer activities. Since August of last year, have you done any of these types of volunteer activities?

Aug 23-Sep 2

2016

17 Yes

82 No

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