

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
OCTOBER 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
OCTOBER 25-30, 2017
N=1,504**

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 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.) DK/Ref</u>
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

See past presidents' approval trends: [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.1=1,2):**

Q.1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	25	8	1	59	51	8	*	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	29	9	2	55	47	7	1	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	30	8	1	54	44	10	1	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	29	8	1	56	46	9	1	6

RANDOMIZE Q.1/Q.1a BLOCK AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>		<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
	Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70		5	Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5

Q.2 CONTINUED...

	Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref		Satis- fied	Dis- satisfied	(VOL.) DK/Ref
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Early October, 2006	30	63	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6	July, 2006	30	65	5
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6	May, 2006*	29	65	6
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4	March, 2006	32	63	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5	January, 2006	34	61	5
Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4	Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4	Early October, 2005	29	65	6
Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4	July, 2005	35	58	7
May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8	Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
May 2, 2011	32	60	8	February, 2005	38	56	6
Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5	January, 2005	40	54	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5	December, 2004	39	54	7
Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6	Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7	July, 2004	38	55	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8	May, 2004	33	61	6
Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7	Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5	Early January, 2004	45	48	7
Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9	December, 2003	44	47	9
May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7	October, 2003	38	56	6
Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5	August, 2003	40	53	7
Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6	April, 2003	50	41	9
Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5	January, 2003	44	50	6
Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7	November, 2002	41	48	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6	September, 2002	41	55	4
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4	Late August, 2002	47	44	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7	May, 2002	44	44	12
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7	March, 2002	50	40	10
Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6	March, 2001	47	45	8
Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5	February, 2001	46	43	11
Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8	January, 2001	55	41	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
December, 2008	13	83	4	June, 2000	47	45	8
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	April, 2000	48	43	9
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	August, 1999	56	39	5
August, 2008	21	74	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
July, 2008	19	74	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
June, 2008	19	76	5	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
March, 2008	22	72	6	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
October, 2007	28	66	6	September, 1997	45	49	6
February, 2007	30	61	9	August, 1997	49	46	5
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
December, 2006	28	65	7	March, 1996	28	70	2
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	October, 1995	23	73	4
				June, 1995	25	73	2
				April, 1995	23	74	3
				July, 1994	24	73	3
				March, 1994	24	71	5
				October, 1993	22	73	5

¹ 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.2 CONTINUED...

	<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref		<u>Satis- fied</u>	<u>Dis- satisfied</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
September, 1993	20	75	5	<i>Gallup: Late Feb, 1991</i>	66	31	3
May, 1993	22	71	7	August, 1990	47	48	5
January, 1993	39	50	11	May, 1990	41	54	5
January, 1992	28	68	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
November, 1991	34	61	5	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

NO QUESTIONS 3-9**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	71	8
Feb 7-12, 2017	34	60	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	19	73	8
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
March, 2000	38	43	19
February, 2000	40	43	17
January, 2000	39	41	20
December, 1999	38	42	20
October, 1999	34	50	16
Late September, 1999	34	46	20
August, 1999	40	44	16
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
December, 1996 ²	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994	52	28	20

² From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Oct 25-30, 2017	29	62	9
Feb 7-12, 2017	37	55	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	34	60	6
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
May 1-5, 2013	32	59	9
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	37	55	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	40	53	7
Dec 7-11, 2011	31	58	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ³	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
January, 2002	54	24	22
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21

³ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22

NO QUESTIONS 11-18**ASK ALL:**

Q.19 I'd like you to think about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things. Please tell me whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Handle an international crisis					
Oct 25-30, 2017	23	16	14	45	1
Apr 5-11, 2017	27	21	14	38	*
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 ⁴	21	24	18	35	2
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2005	36	28	17	18	1
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	32	39	19	9	1
b. Manage the Executive Branch effectively					
Oct 25-30, 2017	23	19	15	42	1
Apr 5-11, 2017	28	22	16	33	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26	26	20	26	2
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	33	44	15	7	1
c. Work effectively with Congress					
Oct 25-30, 2017	14	25	22	37	2
Apr 5-11, 2017	17	29	22	30	2
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26	35	17	21	1
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2005 ⁵	26	44	17	12	1
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	27	47	17	8	1
d. Handle the situation with North Korea					
Oct 25-30, 2017	23	16	13	46	2

⁴ In December 2016 survey and Gallup/CNN/USA Today surveys, this question was worded: "I'd like you to think about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things over the next four years."

⁵ In January 2005 and January 2001 surveys, item was worded: "Work effectively with Congress to get things done."

QUESTIONS 20-21, 26-27, 35-41 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 22-25, 28-34****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the political parties ...

- Q.42 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]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:						
a.F1	Dealing with the economy					
	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 ⁶	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	Dealing with the terrorist threat at home					
	Oct 25-30, 2017	37	38	12	9	5
	Apr 5-11, 2017	48	36	8	6	3
	Apr 12-19, 2016	46	37	5	8	4
	Dec 8-13, 2015	46	34	4	9	7
	Jul 14-20, 2015	44	34	8	9	5

⁶ In May 2001 and earlier, the item was worded: "... keeping the country prosperous."

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	51	31	10	5	3
Oct 15-20, 2014	46	30	9	7	9
Oct 13-18, 2010	38	26	13	9	14
May 20-23, 2010	38	27	12	10	13
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	29	10	5	10
Aug 27-30, 2009	38	32	10	9	12
February, 2008	45	38	6	4	7
October, 2006	39	33	7	6	15
September, 2006	41	32	7	6	14
February, 2006	46	30	8	7	9
Mid-September, 2005	45	34	7	6	8
July, 2004	45	30	6	6	13
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	44	27	11	6	12
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	44	28	7	5	16
Early September, 2002	44	22	14	6	14
January, 2002	48	18	--	6	28
c.F1 Dealing with the environment					
Oct 25-30, 2017	29	52	8	7	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	28	59	5	4	4
Dec 8-13, 2015	30	53	4	5	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	27	53	5	9	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Protecting the environment</i>					
Feb 20-24, 2008	21	65	3	5	6
September, 2006	19	57	5	6	13
February, 2006	24	56	6	5	9
Mid-September, 2005	28	51	5	7	9
July, 2004	24	51	5	6	14
Early September, 2002	25	46	9	6	14
May, 2001	25	51	7	4	13
June, 1999	27	45	7	5	16
Early September, 1998	25	51	8	4	12
March, 1998	22	56	8	5	9
July, 1994	28	56	4	4	8
December, 1993	22	46	--	12	20
May, 1990	24	40	--	19	17
d.F1 Dealing with policies on abortion and contraception					
Oct 25-30, 2017	33	47	6	7	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	33	53	3	6	6
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	50	4	8	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	43	3	7	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	35	45	4	5	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	36	48	3	6	7
e.F1 Dealing with taxes					
Oct 25-30, 2017	36	43	8	8	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	44	43	4	5	4
Jul 14-20, 2015	42	41	4	8	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	47	36	6	6	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	41	41	4	6	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	38	44	5	6	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	37	45	6	4	7
Jul 20-24, 2011	43	40	4	6	8

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 13-18, 2010	36	35	7	9	12
Sep 16-19, 2010	40	34	8	8	9
Aug 27-30, 2009	38	37	4	11	11
February, 2008	37	49	2	5	7
October, 2006	32	40	5	7	16
September, 2006	30	45	4	9	12
February, 2006	35	46	5	6	8
May, 2001	37	40	8	6	9
June, 1999	38	38	5	7	12
September, 1998	41	37	7	5	10
March, 1998	39	40	6	7	8
October, 1994	43	34	5	9	9
f.F1 Dealing with drug addiction					
Oct 25-30, 2017	30	40	12	10	8
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=735]:					
g.F2 Dealing with immigration					
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
h.F2 Making wise decisions about foreign policy					
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	44	7	9	6
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

Q.42 CONTINUED...

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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 ⁷	51	31	4	6	8
December, 1993	49	23	--	10	18
May, 1990	39	28	--	17	16
i.F2 Dealing with health care					
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
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
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	36	46	5	7	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
TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
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
<i>Regulating health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and managed health care plans</i>					
January, 2001	30	47	--	7	16
January, 1999	25	46	--	7	22
<i>Reforming the U.S. health care system</i>					
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
<i>Reforming health care</i>					
December, 1993	25	47	--	10	18
<i>Improving health care in the U.S.</i>					
January, 1992	21	56	--	8	15
May, 1990	20	50	--	16	14

⁷ In July 1994 and May 1990, the item was worded "Making wise decisions about the country's defense policies."

Q.42 CONTINUED...

		Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	(VOL.) Both <u>equally</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
j.F2	Dealing with the federal budget deficit					
	Oct 25-30, 2017	37	39	6	12	6
	Jul 14-20, 2015	41	37	5	12	5
	Oct 15-20, 2014	42	36	4	10	8
	Jan 15-19, 2014	45	35	6	6	8
	Sep 4-8, 2013	43	35	7	9	5
	Jan 9-13, 2013	40	39	7	8	6
	Dec 5-9, 2012	43	38	4	7	9
	Mar 7-11, 2012	42	41	2	7	7
	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	37	4	6	7
	Jul 22-24, 2011	43	37	5	6	8
	May 25-30, 2011 ⁸	41	38	4	9	8
	Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	46	34	8	6	7
	Oct 13-18, 2010	35	28	7	16	14
	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	36	5	9	7
	May 20-23, 2010	33	30	8	16	12
	Apr 21-26, 2010	38	35	6	11	10
	Feb 3-9, 2010	42	36	6	8	7
	Aug 27-30, 2009	35	36	6	13	10
	September, 2006	27	47	4	8	14
	February, 2006	33	45	6	9	7
	Early October, 2005	29	47	6	10	8
	June, 1999	37	41	5	8	9
	July, 1994	42	36	2	13	7
	December, 1993	31	36	--	18	15
k.F2	Reflecting your views about gun policy					
	Oct 25-30, 2017	39	44	4	5	7
	Apr 5-11, 2017	46	41	2	5	6
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>Reflecting your views about gun control</i>					
	Dec 8-13, 2015	43	37	3	8	10
	Jul 14-20, 2015	48	36	3	6	7
	May 1-5, 2013	42	39	4	6	9
	Jan 9-13, 2013	38	40	5	6	11
	Dec 17-19, 2012 ⁹	27	28	12	15	18
	July, 2004	34	36	3	6	21
	Late October, 2002 (RV)	36	38	5	5	16
	April, 2000	30	36	4	7	23
	June, 1999	34	42	4	8	12
	December, 1993	32	42	--	8	18
l.F2	Dealing with trade agreements between the U.S and other countries					
	Oct 25-30, 2017	38	42	7	5	8
	Apr 5-11, 2017	45	42	4	4	5
	Apr 12-19, 2016	48	37	3	5	6

⁸ From February 2006 to May 2011 item read "Reducing the federal budget deficit;" an experiment conducted in July 2011 showed no significant difference between the current wording and this wording. In Early October 2005, the item was asked as a standalone question. In June 1999, the item was worded: "Keeping the federal budget balanced." In December 1993 the item was worded: "Reducing the budget deficit."

⁹ In December 2012, July 2004, and April 2000 the question was not part of a list.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=769]:

Q.43F1 Thinking about the Republican Party these days, do you think it is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** in its views on issues and vision for the future?

Oct 25-30 <u>2017</u>		Apr 5-11 <u>2017</u>	(RVs) Oct 20-25 <u>2016</u>
23	Mostly united	29	17
72	Mostly divided	68	80
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	3

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=735]:

Q.44F2 Thinking about the Democratic Party these days, do you think it is **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]** in its views on issues and vision for the future?

Oct 25-30 <u>2017</u>		Apr 5-11 <u>2017</u>	(RVs) Oct 20-25 <u>2016</u>
43	Mostly united	49	58
52	Mostly divided	48	39
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4

ASK ALL:

Thinking about the tax system...

Q.45 How fair do you think our present federal tax system is? Overall would you say that our tax system is **[READ IN ORDER]**?

	<u>Very fair</u>	Moderately <u>fair</u>	Not too <u>fair</u>	Not fair <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 25-30, 2017	3	38	32	26	1
Apr 5-11, 2017	2	40	29	27	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	4	46	24	24	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	3	40	31	24	3
CNN: Apr 9-11, 2010	4	45	30	20	1
NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: March 2003	4	47	32	16	1
Time/CNN: March 1997	3	42	31	23	2
Time/CNN: May 1985	2	41	31	24	2

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.46 AND Q.47**ASK ALL:**

Q.46 Do you think lowering taxes for large businesses and corporations would **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

Oct 25-30 <u>2017</u>	
36	Help the economy
36	Hurt the economy
25	Not make a difference
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q.47 AND Q.46
[BEFORE SECOND QUESTION, SAY: "And,"]

ASK ALL:

Q.47 Do you think lowering taxes for large businesses and corporations would **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

Oct 25-30

2017

25	Make the tax system more fair
44	Make the tax system less fair
27	Not make a difference
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.48 Thinking about tax policy ... Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** can make wise decisions about tax policy? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that **[ITEM]** can make wise decisions about tax policy?]**

	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Donald Trump Oct 25-30, 2017	22	18	16	42	1
b. Republican leaders in Congress Oct 25-30, 2017	9	34	24	31	3
c. Democratic leaders in Congress Oct 25-30, 2017	11	39	23	24	4

NO QUESTIONS 49-53, 56-57

QUESTION 54-55 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.58 How serious a problem do you think the budget deficit is for the country right now? Is it ... **[READ]**?

	Very <u>serious</u>	Somewhat <u>serious</u>	Not too <u>serious</u>	Not at all <u>serious</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Oct 25-30, 2017	54	35	7	2	2
<i>CBS News</i> : June 7, 2011	75	20	3	1	1
<i>CBS News</i> : March 21, 2011	68	26	5	1	0
<i>CBS News</i> : February 14, 2011	70	25	3	1	1
<i>CBS News/NYT</i> : January 19, 2011	70	25	3	0	2
<i>CBS News</i> : January 9, 2011	70	25	3	1	1
<i>60 Minutes/Vanity Fair</i> : Dec 2, 2010	73	21	3	1	2
<i>CBS News/NYT</i> : February 28, 2005	52	38	8	1	1
<i>CBS News/NYT</i> : March 14, 2004	50	36	9	2	3
<i>CBS News/NYT</i> : October 1, 2003 ¹⁰	50	36	9	3	2

¹⁰ October 2003 wording: "How serious a problem do you think the budget deficit is for the country?"

ASK ALL:

Q.59 Looking ahead five years or so, do you think we will have made significant progress in reducing the federal budget deficit, or not?

Oct 25-30 <u>2017</u>		Dec 5-9 <u>2012</u>	Jul 20-24 <u>2011</u>	Apr 21-25 <u>2011</u>	Dec 1-5 <u>2010</u>	Feb <u>1989</u>
30	Yes	44	39	31	37	40
66	No	50	51	55	52	46
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	10	14	11	14

NO QUESTIONS 60-79, 83-90, 96-98**QUESTIONS 80-82, 91-95, 99-101 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
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
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Yearly Totals								
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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-LEARNERS (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=628]:Q.102 Do you think Donald Trump **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

			TREND FOR COMPARISON:
			<i>CBS/NYT</i> ¹¹
Oct 25-30 <u>2017</u>		Oct 20-25 <u>2016</u>	July 8-12 <u>2016</u>
68	Represents the core principles and positions the Republican Party should stand for [OR]	65	61
28	Does NOT represent the core principles and positions the Republican Party should stand for	31	35
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL) .	4	4

¹¹ In CBS News/New York Times survey, based on Republicans only, question read: "Overall, do you think Donald Trump represents the core principles and values that the Republican Party should stand for, or doesn't he?"