2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 38 September 24-October 7, 2018
Topline
N=10,683

ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:
POL1DT   Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018		Jul 30-Aug 12 2018	Jan 29-Feb 13 2018	Aug 8-21 2017	Apr 4-18 2017	Feb 28-Mar 12 2017[1]
38	Approve	40	38	36	39	44
61	Disapprove	59	60	63	61	56
2	No Answer	2	2	1	1	1

ASK ALL:
MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2018 congressional election, 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; CAPTURE RANDOMIZATION]

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018		Jul 30-Aug 12 2018	Jan 29-Feb 13 2018
57	1 = Really matters which party wins control of Congress	62	57
20	2	17	19
11	3	10	10
12	4 = Doesn't really matter which party wins control of Congress	10	12
1	No Answer	*	1

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[1]   The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC, ELSE ASK ALL [N=10,641]:
CONG   If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**
ASK IF 'NOT SURE' (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99) DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC:
CONGA   As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,904]:

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018		Jul 30-Aug 12 2018	Jan 29-Feb 13 2018	Oct 3–27 2014	Sep 15–Oct 3 2014	May 30-Jun 30 2014
38	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district	39	38	39	42	38
47	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district	46	47	43	47	42
4	Another/Lean to another candidate	5	5	4	5	5
11	Not sure	10	10	12	6	14
*	No Answer	*	*	*	*	*

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ASK ALL:
NATPROBS   How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	A very big problem	A moderately big problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	No answer
ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:					
a.F24 The affordability of health care					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	23	5	2	*
b.F24 Racism					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1
ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:					
c.F13 Illegal immigration					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1
d.F13 Sexism					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	34	35	24	7	1
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	23	36	30	10	2
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,665]:					
e.F1 Job opportunities for all Americans					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	25	37	26	11	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	47	40	10	2	1
f.F1 The way the U.S. political system operates					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	30	11	3	1

NATPROBS CONTINUED…

		A very big problem	A moderately big problem	A small problem	Not a problem at all	No answer
g.F1	The way racial and ethnic minorities are treated by the criminal justice system					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	44	26	20	10	1
h.F1	The federal budget deficit					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,657]:

i.F2	Drug addiction					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	25	6	1	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	56	32	9	2	1
j.F2	The gap between the rich and poor					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	28	12	5	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	29	9	5	1
k.F2	Violent crime					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	52	33	13	1	*

ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,650]:

l.F3	Gun violence					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	53	28	14	4	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	48	27	20	4	*
m.F3	The affordability of a college education					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	63	27	8	2	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	52	34	11	3	1
n.F3	Climate change					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1

ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,711]:

o.F4	Wages and the cost of living					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	52	36	10	2	*
p.F4	Ethics in government					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	67	25	6	1	1
q.F4	Terrorism					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	35	37	25	3	*
	Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	53	30	13	3	1
r.F4	The way immigrants who are in the country illegally are treated					
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	28	20	13	1

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ASK ALL:
MESUM3　　　Do each of the following statements describe you well, or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		Describes me well	Does not describe me well	No answer
a.	Environmentalist			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	59	40	1
	Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	58	40	2
b.	Have traditional values			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	73	26	1
	Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	75	24	1
c.	Supporter of the National Rifle Association (NRA)			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	40	58	2
	Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	44	54	2
d.	Feminist			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	36	61	2
	Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017[2]	31	67	2
e.	Open minded			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	92	8	1
f.	Active in my local community			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	32	67	1
g.	Typical American			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	29	2

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ASK IF NOT IN DC (F_STATE_FINAL NE 11) [N=10,641]:
CANDHOUKN　　　How much would you say you know about the candidates running for Congress in your district?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,904]

Sep 24-
Oct 7
2018
14	A great deal
45	A fair amount
31	Not too much
9	Nothing at all
*	No answer

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[2] Wording was "Consider myself a feminist" in W29.

ASK IF NOT IN DC (F_STATE_FINAL NE 11) [N=10,641]:
CANDHOUSAT   How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for Congress in your district this November?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,904]

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018	
14	Very satisfied
52	Somewhat satisfied
24	Not too satisfied
7	Not at all satisfied
3	No answer

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ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:
PREDELEC   Just your best guess, after the elections this November, which political party do you think will hold a majority in… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

		Republican Party	Democratic Party	No answer
a.	The U.S. Senate			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	57	40	3
	June 7-July 5, 2016	49	46	5
b.	The U.S. House of Representatives			
	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	51	46	3
	June 7-July 5, 2016	57	38	5

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:
Thinking about the congressional elections that will take place in November...
[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM, SHOW INTRO TEXT ONLY ON FIRST QUESTION]

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:
EMTCONGREP   How would you feel if the REPUBLICAN PARTY keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

[ROTATE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018	
11	Excited
30	Relieved
42	Disappointed
13	Angry
4	No answer

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:
EMTCONGDEM   How would you feel if the DEMOCRATIC PARTY gains control of the U.S. House of
                  Representatives?

[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTCONGREP AND RECORD ORDER]

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018	
17	Excited
38	Relieved
34	Disappointed
7	Angry
4	No answer

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ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY:
ASK ALL REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (F_PARTYSUM_FINAL=1) [N=2,198]:
GOPDIRCT   Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are…

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018		Sept 14-Sept 28 2017	Nov 29-Dec 12 2016	Oct 25-Nov 8 2016
23	Very optimistic	12	28	12
51	Somewhat optimistic	47	51	49
19	Somewhat pessimistic	29	16	29
5	Very pessimistic	10	4	9
2	No answer	2	2	1

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY:
ASK ALL DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (F_PARTYSUM_FINAL=2) [N=2,965]:
DEMDIRCT   Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are…

Sep 24-Oct 7 2018		Sept 14-Sept 28 2017	Nov 29-Dec 12 2016	Oct 25-Nov 8 2016
19	Very optimistic	13	14	22
58	Somewhat optimistic	51	47	55
16	Somewhat pessimistic	28	29	15
5	Very pessimistic	6	10	6
2	No answer	1	1	2

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