

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

Q.1 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**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>	(VOL.) <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

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

NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 9-10, 14-27, 29-32**QUESTIONS 7-8, 11-13, 28 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****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]:

	<u>Trustworthy</u>	Not <u>trustworthy</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u> <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

	<u>Able to get</u> <u>things done</u>	Not able to get <u>things done</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u> <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
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

	<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong <u>leader</u>	(VOL.) <u>Neither</u> <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

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	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>
d.F1				
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]:

	Even <u>tempered</u>	Not even <u>tempered</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
e.F2				
Sep 18-24, 2018	24	70	2	4
Jan 10-15, 2018	25	68	3	4
Feb 7-12, 2017	28	68	1	4

	Well <u>informed</u>	Not well <u>informed</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
f.F2				
Sep 18-24, 2018	38	57	2	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	37	61	1	1
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	57	1	2

	Keeps his <u>promises</u>	Doesn't keep <u>his promises</u>	(VOL.) Neither <u>particularly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
g.F2				
Sep 18-24, 2018	49	45	2	4
Jan 10-15, 2018	39	54	3	4
Feb 7-12, 2017	60	31	3	6

	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>
h.F2				
Sep 18-24, 2018	68	24	2	5

NO QUESTIONS 34-43, 47-49, 52-57, 60-63, 67-72, 80-82, 85-92, 94-95**QUESTIONS 44-46, 50-51, 58-59, 83, 93, 96-97 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 64-66, 73-79, 84, 98-100 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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	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
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Yearly Totals								
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