

Topline questionnaire

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 40 NOVEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 10, 2018
TOTAL N=10,618**

RANDOMIZE SOCTRUST2, GSSTRUST2, GSSTRUST3, TRUSTME

ASK ALL:

SOCTRUST2 Generally speaking, would you say that... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

52	Most people can be trusted
47	Most people can't be trusted
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

GSSTRUST2 Do you think most people... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

58	Would try to take advantage of you if they got a chance
41	Would try to be fair no matter what
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

GSSTRUST3 Would you say that most of the time people... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

37	Try to help others
62	Just look out for themselves
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

TRUSTME Generally speaking, do you think... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

89	Most people trust you
11	Most people are suspicious of you
<1	No answer

ASK ALL:

CONFVALUES Generally speaking, how much confidence, if any, do you have in the American people to... [RANDOMIZE WITHIN EACH FORM]

	<u>A great deal of confidence</u>	<u>A fair amount of confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,622]:					
a. Accept election results regardless of who wins Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	9	43	36	11	<1
b. Cast informed votes in elections Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	5	37	47	10	<1
c. Respect the rights of people who are not like them Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	7	41	41	11	<1
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,668]:					
d. Obey federal and state laws Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	11	62	22	5	<1
ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,683]:					
e. Reconsider their views after learning new information Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	5	45	43	7	<1
f. Honestly report their full income when paying taxes Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	7	55	32	5	1
ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,645]:					
g. Work together to solve community problems Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	9	52	35	4	<1
h. Do what they can to help those in need Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	12	57	28	2	<1
i. Treat others with respect Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	10	50	37	3	<1
j. Have civil conversations with people who have different views from theirs Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	4	38	50	8	<1

k. Stay informed about important issues and events					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	6	42	45	6	1
l. Report a serious local problem to authorities when they see it					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	17	58	21	4	<1

ASK ALL:

CONF1 How much confidence, if any, do you have in each of the following to act in the best interests of the public? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS, SPLIT OVER THREE SCREENS**]

	<u>A great deal of confidence</u>	<u>A fair amount of confidence</u>	<u>Not too much confidence</u>	<u>No confidence at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Elected officials					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	4	33	48	15	<1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	3	22	52	23	<1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	3	24	54	19	1

ASK FORM 1 OR 4 ONLY**[N=5,267]:**

b1. The news media					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	10	38	33	19	<1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	8	32	35	25	<1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	5	33	40	21	1

ASK FORM 2 OR 3 ONLY**[N=5,351]:**

b2. Journalists					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	15	41	28	16	<1

ASK ALL:

c. The military					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	41	41	12	4	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	39	41	15	4	<1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	33	46	15	5	1
d. Religious leaders					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	15	47	27	11	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	9	40	34	16	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	13	39	32	14	1
e. Business leaders					
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	4	39	43	14	<1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	5	40	42	13	<1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	4	37	44	14	1

f.	Scientists					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	33	49	14	3	<1
	Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	27	52	17	5	<1
	May 10-Jun 6, 2016	21	55	18	4	1
g.	College and university professors					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	18	50	22	10	<1
h.	Police officers					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	30	48	16	5	<1
i1.	Public school principals and superintendents for grades K-12					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	22	55	17	5	1
i2.	Public school principals for grades K-12					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	25	55	16	4	<1

ASK ALL:

CONF2

A variety of officials work at federal agencies. How much confidence, if any, do you have in these different groups to act in the best interest of the public?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a and b]

		A great <u>deal</u>	A fair <u>amount</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	No confidence <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Officials appointed by a president to oversee government agencies					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	5	37	40	17	1
b.	Career employees at government agencies who are not appointed by a president					
	Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	11	50	29	9	1

ASK ALL:

CONFLEVEL

Overall, how much confidence would you say Americans have in the federal government?

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

3	A great deal
29	A fair amount
57	Not too much
10	No confidence at all
<1	No answer

ASK ALL:

PROBS Thinking about some of the issues facing the country these days, how much of a problem, if at all, are each of the following?

	<u>A very big problem</u>	<u>A moderately big problem</u>	<u>A small problem</u>	<u>Not a problem at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Americans' level of confidence in the federal government Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	41	45	11	2	1
b. Americans' level of confidence in each other Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	25	50	21	3	<1
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,622]:					
c. Americans' level of agreement on the basic facts about issues and events Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	42	43	13	2	1
d. The ability of Democrats and Republicans to work together in Washington Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	62	28	7	2	<1
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,668]:					
e. The way military veterans are treated Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	49	33	14	3	1
f. The role of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	53	30	13	3	1
ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,683]:					
g. The quality of public K-12 schools Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	36	42	18	3	<1
h. The condition of roads, bridges and public transportation across the country Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	33	44	20	2	<1
ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,645]:					
i. The financial stability of Social Security and Medicare Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	53	35	9	2	1
j. The availability of affordable housing Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	44	37	15	3	1

IF R THINKS LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE IN FED GOVT OR EACH OTHER IS A VERY BIG PROBLEM
 PROBSOPEN1 In a sentence or two, please describe why you think Americans' level of confidence in the federal government is very big problem. **[OPEN END]**

REASONS WHY CONFIDENCE IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS A "VERY BIG PROBLEM"
[N=1889]

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

84	Gave an answer
16	Refused

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

22	Corrupt/self-interested and self-serving politicians
20	NET Trump and Republicans create the problem
19	Results from Trump's behavior and policies
1	Results from Republican party activities
17	NET Broad societal problems
13	Lack of trust leads to societal ills
1	Makes it hard to address racism and racially sensitive issues
1	Makes it hard to address poverty and related issues
1	Results from the public's ignorance
*	Reflects a decline in morals
10	Results from government gridlock/political polarization
2	Results from news media bias
2	Results from Democratic party/leaders behavior and policies
1	Results from the size of government and its performance
1	Results from election-related issues/gerrymandering
*	Results from people's use of technology/internet/social media
11	Other
17	Refused/Don't know

IF R THINKS LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER A VERY BIG PROBLEM

PROBSOPEN1 In a sentence or two, please describe why you think Americans' level of confidence in each other is very big problem. **[OPEN END]**

REASONS WHY CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER "VERY BIG PROBLEM" [N=842]

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

85	Gave an answer
15	Refused

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

67	NET Lack of interpersonal trust relates to broad societal problems
29	Can't trust neighbors or fellow citizens
24	Results from political polarization/tribalism
1	Results from Republican party activities
8	Results from selfishness
4	Results from racism and racial sensitivity problems
2	Relates to lack of civility
2	Results from a breakdown in morals
1	Makes it hard to address inequality/social safety net issues
8	Results from the behavior/activities of Trump
3	Relates to the performance of politicians as a group
3	Relates from negative/divisive news media coverage
1	Results from the behavior/activity of Democratic party/leaders
1	Results from election-related issues/gerrymandering
5	Other
16	Refused/Don't know

ASK ALL:

LACKTRUST1 Would you say Americans' level of trust in the FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has been...
[RANDOMIZE "Growing" and "Shrinking"; ALWAYS DISPLAY "Staying about the same" LAST]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

8	Growing
75	Shrinking
17	Staying about the same
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

LACKTRUST2 Would you say Americans' level of trust in EACH OTHER has been...
[RANDOMIZE "Growing" and "Shrinking"; ALWAYS DISPLAY "Staying about the same" LAST, IN SAME ORDER AS LACKTRUST1]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

7	Growing
64	Shrinking
29	Staying about the same
<1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:SOLVE1 Which comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

64	Low trust in the federal government makes it harder to solve many of the country's problems
35	The country's problems would be just as hard to solve even if trust in the federal government was higher
1	No answer

ASK IF (FORM=1 OR FORM=4) AND (SOLVE1=1):SOLVE2 Please name any issues that you think cannot be effectively addressed because Americans do not trust the federal government. **[OPEN END]****ISSUES THAT CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSED BECAUSE AMERICANS DO NOT TRUST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT [N=3,564]**Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

60	Gave an answer
40	Refused

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

39	NET Social issues
17	Immigration
13	Health/medical/insurance issues
6	Racism and racial sensitive issues
5	Gun-related issues
4	Inequality, poverty, social safety net issues
4	Issues related to Social Security and entitlements
2	K-12 and college education improvements, student loans
2	Criminal justice/reform issues
1	Abortion
1	Gay rights, LGBTQ-related issues
1	Sexism/harassment issues
1	Privacy-related issues
*	Crime-related issues
*	Addiction-related issues
*	Legalizing marijuana
*	Problems connected to the FBI, intelligence community
12	Many issues (listing 4 or more problems), all issues
12	NET Economic and budget issues
5	Tax policy/reform
4	Debt and deficits
1	Jobs and economic performance
1	Infrastructure

10	Climate and environment issues
6	NET Politics, elections, governance issues
4	Election reform, voting integrity
3	Corruption, role of money, gridlock
3	Issues related to Trump's performance/behavior
3	NET Foreign policy/national security issues
2	Geopolitics/international relations issues
1	Trade
*	Russia
*	War-related issues
5	Other
42	Refused/Don't know

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

SOLVE3 Which comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

70	Americans' low trust in each other makes it harder to solve many of the country's problems
29	The country's problems would be just as hard to solve even if Americans' trust in each other was higher
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

TELLTRUTH How hard is it for you to tell the difference between what's true and what's not true when you are... **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Using social media

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

16	Very hard
31	Somewhat hard
26	Not too hard
14	Not hard at all
12	I don't use social media
1	No answer

b. Watching cable television news

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

11	Very hard
30	Somewhat hard
29	Not too hard
14	Not hard at all
16	I don't watch cable television news

<1 No answer

c. Talking with people you know

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

4	Very hard
27	Somewhat hard
49	Not too hard
20	Not hard at all
1	No answer

d. Listening to elected officials

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

25	Very hard
40	Somewhat hard
26	Not too hard
9	Not hard at all
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

INSTCONF1 Compared with 20 years ago, do you think Americans as a whole are... [RANDOMIZE "More confident in the federal government" AND "Less confident in the federal government", WITH "About the same" ALWAYS LAST]

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

6	More confident in the federal government
76	Less confident in the federal government
17	About the same
1	No answer

ASK IF R THINKS PEOPLE ARE LESS CONFIDENT IN FEDERAL GOVT (INSTCONF1=2):

INSTCONF2 In your own words, what do you think are the most important reasons why the American public is now less confident in the federal government than it was 20 years ago? [OPEN-END RESPONSE]

REASONS WHY THERE IS LESS CONFIDENCE IN FEDERAL GOVT [N=4,345]

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

73	Gave an answer
27	Refused

Nov 27-	
Dec 10	
<u>2018</u>	
36	NET Government activity/inactivity
27	General government performance, corruption, role of money
9	Polarization/gridlock
14	NET Trump and Republicans
13	Trump's performance/behavior
1	Republicans performance
10	NET Problems with news media and information
5	News media bias/performance
3	More access to info and reporting on scandals and problems
1	Misinformation in general
1	Conservative bias in news
1	Liberal bias in ne
9	NET Social and policy problems
3	Inequality, problems of the poor
2	Broad cultural degradation
1	Tax and budget issues
1	Racism, issues tied to racial sensitivity
1	Immigration problems
1	Military issues, foreign affairs
1	Performance of schools/colleges
1	God, religion removed from public life
*	Health care, insurance
*	Climate, role of climate deniers
3	Technology, internet, social media
2	Performance of Democrats now and in the past
2	Scandals/problems from past like Watergate/Vietnam
1	Many reasons
1	General tone of politics and elections
3	Other
28	Refused/Don't Know

ASK IF R SAYS PEOPLE ARE LESS CONFIDENT IN GOVERNMENT LESS (INSTCONF1=2):

INSTCONF3 Which of the following comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON FORMS 1 AND 4 [N=5,267]

Nov 27-	
Dec 10	
<u>2018</u>	
76	NET People are less confident in the federal government
19	The federal government deserves more public confidence than it gets
57	The federal government does not deserve any more public confidence than it gets
1	No answer
24	NET People are more confident in the federal government/about the same/no answer

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

INSTCONF4 When you think about the amount of confidence Americans have in the federal government, do you think they have... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

13	Far too much confidence
22	Too much confidence
42	Too little confidence
20	Far too little confidence
3	No answer

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

ZEROSUM Which comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

42	It's possible to have economic policies that benefit everyone in the country
56	Pretty much any economic policy will end up benefitting some people at the expense of others
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

TRUSTCURE1 Do you think it is possible to improve the level of confidence Americans have in the federal government or is that not possible to do?

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

84	Yes, it is possible
15	No, it is not possible
1	No answer

ASK IF TRUSTCURE1=1:

TRUSTCURE2 What do you think would help improve Americans' confidence in the federal government? **[OPEN END]**

WHAT WOULD HELP IMPROVE AMERICANS' CONFIDENCE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT [N=4,652]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

73	Gave an answer
27	Refused

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

23	NET Political reforms and changes
16	More transparency, less secrecy
4	Term limits
3	Curtail the role of money in politics
2	Conduct fair elections
1	Fix Constitution
*	End gerrymandering
*	Reduce partisanship
15	Improve political leadership and government performance
12	Work together in communities to solve problems
8	NET Fix/adopt policy changes to address ...
3	Tax and budget issues
2	Economic problems
1	Health care/insurance
1	Education
1	Welfare, entitlements
1	Immigration
1	Solving all the country's problems
*	Gun control
*	Housing
*	Climate/environment
*	Racism
*	Infrastructure
7	Get rid of/deal with Trump
4	Reform the news media
2	Bring corrupt leaders to justice
2	Keep promises
1	Change use of technology/internet/social media
1	Let Trump do his job
1	Rely more on facts
1	Stop Democrats from causing problems
1	Spiritual and religious changes can help
6	Other
30	Refused/Don't know

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

TRUSTIMPT1 How important would you say it is that the U.S. improve the level of confidence Americans have in the federal government?

Nov 27-
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2018

68	Very important
25	Somewhat important
5	Not too important
2	No at all important
<1	No answer

RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS AVOID1/AVOID2 AND BLOCKS AVOID3/4. ALWAYS SHOW AVOID1 BEFORE AVOID2 and AVOID3 BEFORE AVOID4. RECORD ORDER SHOWN

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

AVOID1 Which comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

61	The news media intentionally ignores some stories that are important to the public
38	The news media makes their best effort to cover the stories that are important to the public
1	No answer

ASK IF R BELIEVES THE NEWS MEDIA DOES NOT COVER STORIES (AVOID1=1):

AVOID2 What important news stories do you feel the news media ignores? **[OPEN END]**

THE ISSUES THE NEWS MEDIA IGNORES [N=3,110]

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

64	Gave an answer
36	Refused

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

19	General complaints about one-sided coverage performance
15	NET Domestic issues and policies
4	Crime and the justice system
4	Race-related issues
3	Immigration, border issues, "invasion"
3	Climate/environment issues
1	Poverty, hunger, homelessness
1	Guns
1	Stories related to religion
1	Coverage of average Americans
1	Abortion
11	NET Trump's accomplishments, good news about the economy
9	Trump's accomplishments
2	Good news about the economy
6	Good news in general
5	NET International news, national security stories
4	International news
1	Stories about wars in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan
4	Democrats problems, scandals
4	Democrats problems, scandals

2	General political corruption and influence of special interests
2	Many/all kinds of stories
2	Short, non-specific answers like "truth" or "the truth"
1	Trump's problems and scandals
*	Democrats' accomplishments
6	Other
38	Refused/Don't know

ASK IF FORM=1 OR FORM=4 [N=5,267]:

AVOID3 Which comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

69	The federal government intentionally withholds important information from the public that it could safely release
29	The federal government publicly releases the important information it can safely release
2	No answer

ASK IF R BELIEVES THE GOVT AVOIDS SHARING INFO (AVOID3=1):

AVOID4 What important information do you feel the federal government withholds? **[OPEN END]**

THE ISSUES ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WITHHOLDS IMPORTANT INFORMATION [N=3,609]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

58	Gave an answer
42	Refused

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

16	NET Information about specific domestic-policy issues
7	Climate and environment
6	Budget, taxes, deficits
3	Medical, health, insurance issues
1	Immigration
1	Privacy and surveillance issues
1	Economic policy
1	Guns and violence
1	Policy impact assessments/analysis
*	Crime and police issues
*	Elections, vote tampering
14	NET Information about general government problems and scandals
8	Information that would embarrass the government, damage its reputation
5	Government corruption and waste
1	Secret decisions, backroom deals

9	NET Information about foreign policy and homeland security issues
4	International and foreign policy issues
4	Military matters, budgets
1	Threats tied to terrorism, homeland security, crime
5	Information about all, more than three issues
5	Information about Trump's tax returns, business dealings, his behavior
3	Information about conspiracies, historic events (e.g. JFK assassination, UFOs)
3	Information about FBI, Mueller, intelligence community investigations
2	Short, non-specific answers like "truth" or "the truth"
1	Information about Democratic scandals/problems
*	Information that would make Trump look good
5	Other
47	Refused/Don't know

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

TRUSTOTHERS When you first meet someone, do you typically... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

46	Trust them right away until you have reason to doubt them
53	Not trust them until you get to know them better
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

PERSCONF1 Compared with 20 years ago, do you think Americans as a whole are... **[RANDOMIZE**
"More confident in each other" and "Less confident in each other", WITH
"About the same" ALWAYS LAST]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

7	More confident in each other
71	Less confident in each other
22	About the same
<1	No answer

ASK IF R THINKS PEOPLE ARE LESS CONFIDENT IN EACH OTHER (PERSCONF1=2):

PERSCONF2 In your own words, what do you think are the most important reasons why Americans are less confident in each other than they were 20 years ago? **[OPEN END]**

THE REASONS WHY AMERICANS ARE LESS CONFIDENT IN EACH OTHER THAN THEY WERE 20 YEARS AGO [N=3,981]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

78	Gave an answer
22	Refused
Nov 27- Dec 10 <u>2018</u>	
43	NET Societal and policy problems
14	People are more isolated, lonely, out for themselves
11	People are lazy, greedy, dishonest, untrustworthy; generational change plays a role
9	Crime, violence, drugs, scams, general fear
6	Racism, racially-sensitive issues, sexism
4	God, religion removed from public life, decline of morals
4	Inequality, problems of the poor
1	Immigration
1	Education, school performance problems
16	NET Government activity/inactivity
15	Polarization, gridlock
1	Government performance, problems, corruption
11	NET Problems with the news media and information
9	Bias and news media performance
1	Misinformation in general, abundance of information
1	Conservative bias in news
*	Liberal bias in news
4	Performance of Trump and Republicans
2	Performance of Democrats
1	Rise of extremism, hate
2	Other
24	Refused/Don't know

ASK IF R SAYS PEOPLE ARE LESS CONFIDENT EACH OTHER (PERSCONF1=2):

PERSCONF3 Which of the following comes closest to your view – even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

BASED ON FORMS 2 AND 3 [N=5,351]

Nov 27- Dec 10 <u>2018</u>	
71	NET Americans are less confident in each other
49	Americans have lost confidence in each other because people are not as reliable as they used to be
21	Americans have lost confidence in each other even though people are as reliable as they have always been
1	No answer
29	NET Americans are more confident in each other/about the same/no answer

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

PERSCONF4 When you think about the amount of confidence Americans have in their fellow citizens, do you think they have... [**RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF**]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

7	Far too much confidence
11	Too much confidence
55	Too little confidence
25	Far too little confidence
3	No answer

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

COOPERATE Which comes closer to your view – even if neither is exactly right? [**RANDOMIZE**]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

24	People will not cooperate with one another even in a crisis if they don't trust each other
75	In a crisis, people will cooperate with each other even if they don't trust each other
1	No answer

RANDOMIZE STRAT1, STRAT2, STRAT3

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

STRAT1 In most situations, do you think it's better for people to... [**RANDOMIZE**]

Nov 27-
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2018

50	Be trusting
49	Be skeptical
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

STRAT2 In most situations, do you think it's better for people to... [**RANDOMIZE**]

Nov 27-
Dec 10
2018

78	Be cautious
22	Take risks
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

STRAT3 In most situations, do you think it's better for people to... [**RANDOMIZE**]

Nov 27-
Dec 10

2018

29	Be self-reliant
71	Work together with others
1	No answer

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

TRUSTCURE3 Do you think it is possible to improve the level of confidence Americans have in each other or is that not possible to do?

Nov 27-

Dec 10

2018

86	Yes, it is possible
13	No, it is not possible
1	No answer

ASK IF R BELIEVES THERE ARE WAYS TO IMPROVE TRUST (TRUSTCURE3=1):

TRUSTCURE4 What do you think can be done that improve Americans' confidence in each other?
[OPEN END]

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72	Gave an answer
28	Refused

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30	NET Changes in personal behavior
13	Be less partisan/tribal, respect others
11	Be kind and cooperate
6	Be more personally honest and trustworthy
10	Elect better, more inspiring leaders
8	NET Reform and reorient the news
6	End fake news, sensational, divisive coverage
2	Report more good news, stories about people solving problems
5	NET Fix/adopt policy changes to address problems with ...
2	Education
1	The political system/gerrymandering
1	Economy
1	Safety net problems
1	Crime
1	Literacy
*	Immigration
*	Drug addiction
*	Justice system
4	NET Embrace programs to improve human behavior relating to ...
1	Racism
1	Incivility

1	Identity politics
1	A lack of a belief in a unified America
*	Sexism
3	Impeach Trump, elect someone else
3	Embrace religious, moral solutions
1	Change the way people use technology/internet/social media
1	Less government, more personal responsibility
1	It will take a national crisis to restore trust
*	Democratic party/leaders are the problem
4	Other
33	Refused/Don't know

ASK IF FORM=2 OR FORM=3 [N=5,351]:

TRUSTIMPT2 How important would you say it is that the level of confidence Americans have in each other be improved?

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58	Very important
35	Somewhat important
6	Not too important
1	Not at all important
1	No answer