

American Politics and Foreign Policy

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Survey Methodology

The survey was conducted April 12-17, 2017 with a panel consisting of a probability-based representative sample. The panel was recruited by Nielsen Scarborough from its larger probability-based national panel, which was recruited by mail and telephone using a random sample of households provided by Survey Sampling International. A total of 2,138 panelists completed the survey. Responses were weighted by age, gender, income, education, race, and geographic region using benchmarks from the US Census. The survey was also weighted by partisan identification. The margin of error is 2.12%

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Q2. What is your **primary** source for political information? Please select one.

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Newspapers and news magazines (in print and online)	10%	17%	11%	13%
2. Public broadcasting (NPR or PBS)	4	12	9	8
3. Christian News Radio	1	<1	1	1
4. Network TV news broadcasts (For example: ABC, NBC, or CBS)	20	24	22	22
5. CNN	5	13	7	9
6. Fox News	36	5	12	19
7. MSNBC	2	12	3	7
8. A Christian news network (For example: TBN or CBN)	1	<1	3	1
9. Internet/Social Media	20	17	31	20
Refused	2	1	2	1

Q4. In talking to people about the November elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Thinking about the election this past November, which of the following statements best describes you?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. I did not vote (in the election this November)	6%	7%	27%	9%
2. I thought about voting this time, but didn't	2	5	7	4
3. I usually vote, but didn't this time	2	3	2	3
4. I am sure I voted	89	84	63	84
Refused	<1	<1	1	<1

Q6. In this past election, which of the following presidential candidates did you vote for?
[ONLY OF THOSE WHO VOTED]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Donald Trump	85%	3%	27%	42%
2. Hillary Clinton	7	91	31	48
3. Gary Johnson	4	1	12	3
4. Jill Stein	<1	1	8	1
5. None of the above	5	3	20	5
Refused	1	1	3	1

Q7. Knowing what you know now, would you still have voted for **[INSERT ANSWER FROM Q6]**?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	90%	91%	67%	89%
2. No	2	1	2	2
3. Not sure	3	4	8	4
Refused	5	4	23	6

Q8. Knowing what you now know, do you wish you had voted in the election this past November? **[ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO DID NOT VOTE]**

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	40%	55%	26%	43%
2. No	46	27	49	38
3. Not sure	8	15	23	15
Refused	6	3	2	3

Q9. Is it your assessment so far that President Trump has done about what you expected?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	69%	69%	42%	66%
2. No	5	16	16	11
3. Too early to tell	26	14	42	23
Refused	0	<1	0	<1

Q13. Having thought about these issues, which would you say is most important to American democracy?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Trust	18%	17%	29%	19%
2. Transparency	6	10	7	8
3. Accountability	20	14	22	18
4. Integrity	24	21	18	22
5. Moderation	4	4	3	4
6. Effective checks and balances	27	34	21	30
Refused	1	<1	1	<1

Q15. How good or bad of a job are the following institutions doing with regard to the issue of **accountability**?

Q15b. The White House

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Very bad	13%	67%	40%	41%
2. Somewhat bad	11	15	19	14
3. Neither good nor bad	24	13	27	19
4. Somewhat good	36	4	7	18
5. Very good	14	1	6	7
Refused	2	1	2	2

Q19-Q29. Now we are going to give you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much **confidence** you have in each one.

Q22. The news media

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. None	56%	6%	28%	30%
2. Very little	29	16	32	23
3. Some	11	35	26	24
4. Quite a lot	3	31	11	17
5. A great deal	2	12	2	6
Refused	0	<1	2	1

Q34. A single-payer healthcare system is one in which the government operates a tax-funded health insurance plan, with the goal of universal insurance coverage for all residents. Do you support or oppose a single-payer healthcare system for the United States?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Strongly support	7%	53%	29%	30%
2. Somewhat support	20	28	22	24
3. Somewhat oppose	21	7	12	13
4. Strongly oppose	46	6	15	24
5. No opinion	7	6	21	8
Refused	<1	1	<1	<1

Q38. In recent months, Congress has discussed investigating a number of different issues. Which of these issues do you believe Congress should prioritize in determining what to investigate?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Allegations of wiretaps ordered by President Obama during the 2016 presidential campaign	71%	5%	36%	36%
2. Allegations of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election	24	94	59	60
Refused	5	1	6	3

Latino Issues and Immigration

Q41. Current immigration policy, initiated under President Obama, allows certain undocumented immigrants, who entered the United States as minors, to be deferred for deportation on a renewable two-year basis and to be eligible for work permits. The policy is commonly known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Do you approve or disapprove of this policy?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Strongly Approve	5%	58%	12%	30%
2. Somewhat Approve	28	31	46	32
3. Somewhat Disapprove	33	8	21	20
4. Strongly Disapprove	33	3	20	18
Refused	1	1	1	1

Q42. Do you approve or disapprove of the current immigration raids that are being carried out across the country by federal immigration enforcement agents?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Strongly Approve	56%	4%	20%	28%
2. Somewhat Approve	30	10	30	21
3. Somewhat Disapprove	8	27	24	19
4. Strongly Disapprove	5	58	24	31
Refused	1	1	3	1

Q43. Which comes closest to your views regarding the immigration raids being carried out by the Trump administration?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. The immigration raids are only targeting undocumented immigrants who have a criminal record	47%	7%	19%	25%
2. The immigration raids are targeting all undocumented immigrants, regardless of whether they have a criminal record	27	72	44	50
3. I don't know who the immigration raids are targeting	25	20	36	24
Refused	1	1	1	1

Q44. President Trump has promised to enact policies that will create more jobs for Americans. Do you believe these policies will help or hurt the job prospects of Latinos?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Help	45%	7%	18%	24%
2. Hurt	7	43	26	26
3. Neither help nor hurt	48	48	54	49
Refused	1	1	2	1

Q45. President Trump has promised to enact policies that will create more jobs for Americans. Do you believe these policies will help or hurt the job prospects of African Americans?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Help	56%	11%	26%	32%
2. Hurt	3	37	17	20
3. Neither help nor hurt	39	50	55	46
Refused	2	2	2	2

Q51. [PLEASE RANDOMLY ASSIGN HALF THE SAMPLE TO RECEIVE EITHER Q51A OR Q51B; FOR Q51, PLEASE DENOTE WHICH TREATMENT THEY RECEIVED WITH A 1 FOR Q51A AND A 2 FOR Q51B]

Q51a. Those who support the building of a border wall along the southern border (Mexico) argue that it is the United States' right to establish and protect its sovereign borders and to control who does and who does not enter the country. Proponents also argue that the wall is necessary to make sure that crime and drugs do not flow over from Mexico and to protect U.S. workers from undocumented and cheap labor that they would be forced to compete with.

Q51b. Those who oppose the building of a border wall along the southern border (Mexico) argue that the wall will do very little to stop illegal immigration because the problem is more attributed to visa overstays than to illegal border crossings. Opponents also point to the prohibitive cost of building and maintaining the wall and that for a country built by immigrants, the wall sends the wrong message about the values America wants to promote.

Q52. Which of the following comes closest to your views on the building of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. I support the building of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border	73%	7%	31%	38%
2. I oppose the building of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border	12	83	45	48
3. I am unsure about the building of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border	15	10	23	14
Refused	<1	<1	2	1

Q53. Regardless of whether you support or oppose the building of a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, do you believe the wall will be built?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	55%	16%	25%	33%
2. No	20	52	29	36
3. Not sure	25	32	46	31
Refused	<1	0	1	<1

Q54. Which comes closest to your views about undocumented immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	27%	76%	44%	51%
2. They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. legally, but not be allowed to apply for citizenship	11	10	13	10
3. They should be required to leave the U.S.	61	13	40	37
Refused	2	1	4	2

Foreign Policy

Q57. Please name a national or world leader you admire most. **[Open-ended text box]**

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Barack Obama	2%	24%	10%	13%
2. Donald Trump	21	2	4	10
3. Angela Merkel	1	12	3	7
4. Justin Trudeau	1	9	6	5
5. Bernie Sanders	<1	6	3	3
6. Benjamin Netanyahu	7	<1	1	3
7. Ronald Reagan	6	<1	1	3
8. Pope Francis	2	3	2	2
9. Jesus/God	1	1	4	1
10. Other	21	10	14	15
11. Nobody	4	5	12	6
Refused	22	18	31	21

Q58. Please name a national or world leader you dislike most. [Open-ended text box]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Donald Trump	5%	52%	17%	28%
2. Kim Jong-un	23	8	12	15
3. Vladimir Putin	7	12	9	9
4. Bashar Assad	8	4	2	6
5. Barack Obama	10	<1	4	5
6. Hillary Clinton	7	<1	3	4
7. Angela Merkel	3	<1	3	2
8. George W Bush	1	1	2	1
9. Other	6	4	7	5
10. All of them	<1	<1	2	1
11. Nobody	1	2	5	2
Refused	18	13	29	17

Russia

Q64. Do you view Russia as an ally or foe?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Ally	9%	6%	9%	8%
2. Foe	49	71	38	58
3. Neither	41	22	50	33
Refused	1	1	3	1

Q65. Do you believe Russia interfered in the recent presidential election, and if so, did it influence the outcome?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. No, they did not interfere	41%	3%	23%	21%
2. Yes, but it probably did not alter the outcome of the election	36	15	19	24
3. Yes, and it probably did influence the outcome of the election	7	69	26	38
4. Not sure	17	13	31	17
Refused	<1	1	1	1

Q66. Do you believe the Trump campaign was in contact with operatives for the Russian government during the 2016 presidential campaign?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	14%	81%	37%	47%
2. No	60	4	22	29
3. Not sure	26	15	41	23
Refused	1	1	1	1