

Sample 1500 US Adults
 Conducted November 25 - 27, 2018
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	37%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	13%

2. Which branch of government do you think should get the final say in deciding what is or is not constitutional?

The Legislative Branch – Congress	11%
The Executive Branch – The President	10%
The Judicial Branch – The Supreme Court	56%
Not sure	22%

3. Do you support or oppose the power of the federal courts to declare a law or government policy unconstitutional?

Support strongly	24%
Support somewhat	23%
Neither support nor oppose	19%
Oppose somewhat	10%
Oppose strongly	9%
Not sure	15%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	21%
Very unfavorable	7%
Not sure	20%

5. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the federal district and appellate courts below the Supreme Court?

Very favorable	9%
Somewhat favorable	34%
Somewhat unfavorable	23%

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Very unfavorable	10%
Not sure	25%

6. Do you think American citizens should or should not have the right to challenge the constitutionality of laws or government policies in federal courts?

Should have the right to challenge laws or policies in federal court	71%
Should not have the right to challenge laws or policies in federal court	10%
Not sure	18%

7. Do you think the federal courts should or should not be able to stop any President from imposing new policies while the constitutionality of those policies is being challenged in the federal courts?

Should be able to stop the new policies while being challenged	54%
Should not be able to stop the new policies while being challenged	23%
Not sure	22%

8. Group randomization

Obama	49%
Trump	51%

9. Do you think the federal courts were biased in favor of or against President Obama and his policies?

Asked of half of respondents

Biased in favor of President Obama	34%
Biased against President Obama	11%
Not biased either way	31%
Not sure	24%

10. Do you think the federal courts are biased in favor of or against President Trump and his policies?

Asked of the other half of respondents

Biased in favor of President Trump	19%
Biased against President Trump	30%
Not biased either way	30%
Not sure	21%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
John Roberts	9%	27%	18%	6%	40%
Clarence Thomas	20%	17%	12%	19%	32%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	27%	12%	12%	20%	29%
Stephen Breyer	7%	21%	13%	6%	53%
Samuel Alito	11%	21%	13%	8%	47%
Sonia Sotomayor	22%	18%	12%	13%	35%
Elena Kagan	15%	15%	12%	11%	47%
Neil Gorsuch	17%	18%	12%	12%	40%
Brett Kavanaugh	21%	13%	10%	31%	24%

12. How much have you heard in the news recently about a disagreement between President Donald Trump and Chief Justice John Roberts about the federal judges?

Heard a lot	24%
Heard a little	42%
Heard nothing at all	34%

13. Do you agree or disagree with Chief Justice John Roberts who said: "We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges. What we have is an extraordinary group of dedicated judges doing their level best to do equal right to those appearing before them."

Agree strongly	25%
Agree somewhat	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	16%
Disagree somewhat	12%
Disagree strongly	13%
Not sure	12%

14. Do you agree or disagree with President Donald Trump who said: "Sorry Chief Justice John Roberts, but you do indeed have 'Obama judges,' and they have a much different point of view than the people who are charged with the safety of our country. It would be great if the 9th Circuit was indeed an 'independent judiciary' . . ."

Agree strongly	19%
Agree somewhat	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%
Disagree somewhat	8%
Disagree strongly	33%
Not sure	13%

15. How good or bad of a job does Congress do in representing the interests of the following groups of people?

	Great job	Good job	Neither a good nor a bad job	Bad job	Terrible job	Not sure
People like you	3%	11%	26%	27%	24%	9%
Women	4%	15%	29%	25%	18%	9%
Men	13%	26%	32%	11%	8%	10%
White people	14%	24%	32%	13%	7%	9%
Black people	5%	14%	24%	23%	23%	9%
Hispanic people	5%	14%	27%	23%	20%	12%
Working class people	3%	11%	23%	33%	22%	9%
The Middle Class	2%	11%	27%	32%	19%	9%
Wealthy people	38%	22%	20%	7%	4%	9%

16. How good or bad of a job do you think a person under the age of 30 would do representing a congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Great job	9%
Good job	22%
Neither a good nor a bad job	29%
Bad job	12%
Terrible job	8%
Not sure	20%

17. How many Americans do you think had saved the equivalent of one year salary by the time they were 30?

Almost all	1%
More than half	3%
About half	8%
Less than half	25%
Almost none	51%
Not sure	13%

18. Do you think most members of Congress had saved the equivalent of one year salary by the time they were 30?

Yes	33%
No	34%
Not sure	34%

19. Had you saved the equivalent of one year salary by the time you were 30?

Yes	12%
No	75%
Prefer not to say	13%

20. How many Americans do you think are on track to have the equivalent of 10 times of their final salary in savings by the time they reach age 67?

Almost all	1%
More than half	3%
About half	9%
Less than half	35%
Almost none	38%
Not sure	14%

21. Do you think most members of Congress are on track to have the equivalent of 10 times of their final salary in savings by the time they reach age 67?

Yes	64%
No	13%
Not sure	23%

22. Are you on track to have the equivalent of 10 times of your final salary in savings by the time you reach age 67?

Yes	18%
No	65%
Prefer not to say	17%

23. The media reported that a new member of Congress who is not yet 30 years old has less than \$10,000 in savings. Do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that a member of Congress has less than \$10,000 in savings?

Good thing	13%
Bad thing	18%
Neither a good thing nor a bad thing	56%
Not sure	14%

24. Do you think better or worse of a member of Congress under the age of 30 who has less than \$10,000 in savings, or wouldn't it affect your opinion of them?

Better	9%
Worse	9%

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Doesn't affect my opinion	70%
Not sure	12%

25. Do you think a member of Congress under the age of 30 with little savings is better able or worse able to represent ordinary Americans, or doesn't that matter?

Better able	28%
Worse able	12%
Doesn't matter	44%
Not sure	16%

26. From what you know about it now, do you support or oppose the new tax reform law?

Strongly support	14%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	22%
No opinion	35%

27. When you file your taxes, do you itemize deductions or do you take the standard deduction?

Itemize deductions	27%
Standard deduction	45%
Not sure	14%
Prefer not to say	14%

28. From what you know about it now, do you think you will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

Pay more	18%
Pay about the same	32%
Pay less	18%
Not sure	32%

29. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	65%	28%	5%	3%
Immigration	51%	30%	13%	5%

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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The environment	49%	30%	13%	8%
Terrorism	53%	29%	13%	5%
Gay rights	24%	23%	23%	30%
Education	59%	27%	9%	5%
Health care	70%	21%	6%	3%
Social security	67%	22%	7%	4%
The budget deficit	43%	40%	12%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	39%	24%	10%
Taxes	52%	35%	8%	5%
Medicare	63%	25%	8%	4%
Abortion	43%	30%	15%	12%
Foreign policy	38%	42%	13%	6%
Gun control	53%	23%	12%	12%
International trade and globalization	31%	46%	16%	7%
Use of military force	43%	36%	14%	6%

30. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The economy	12%
Immigration	11%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	1%
Education	6%
Health care	20%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%
Medicare	5%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	0%
Gun control	7%

31. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	25%	15%	8%	45%	7%
Mike Pence	23%	16%	11%	33%	18%
Paul Ryan	7%	19%	19%	34%	22%
Kevin McCarthy	5%	14%	13%	16%	52%
Mitch McConnell	6%	20%	14%	32%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	20%	13%	35%	21%
Chuck Schumer	9%	20%	11%	31%	28%

32. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	16%	23%	15%	33%	13%
The Republican Party	12%	22%	15%	38%	12%

33. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	27%
Not liberal enough	13%
Not sure	21%

34. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	39%
About right	20%
Not conservative enough	19%
Not sure	21%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	9%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Abortion	16%	16%	10%	33%	25%
Budget deficit	15%	19%	14%	34%	19%
Civil rights	19%	16%	9%	37%	18%
Economy	28%	17%	13%	26%	15%
Education	16%	19%	10%	34%	20%
Environment	18%	16%	10%	40%	16%
Foreign policy	23%	16%	10%	36%	15%
Gay rights	13%	15%	9%	34%	30%
Gun control	21%	17%	9%	38%	15%
Health care	16%	20%	13%	37%	15%
Immigration	30%	11%	8%	41%	10%
Medicare	15%	18%	14%	33%	20%
Social security	15%	18%	13%	32%	22%
Taxes	23%	16%	11%	33%	16%
Terrorism	28%	16%	10%	30%	16%
Veterans	25%	17%	12%	29%	17%
Women's rights	19%	16%	8%	39%	19%

37. Which of these words would you use to describe Donald Trump, and which of these words would you definitely not use to describe Donald Trump? (Please check all that apply.)

	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Honest	20%	40%	40%
Intelligent	31%	35%	34%
Religious	10%	35%	55%
Inspiring	17%	35%	47%
Patriotic	32%	25%	43%
Strong	34%	24%	42%
Bold	45%	14%	41%
Experienced	16%	37%	48%
Sincere	20%	38%	41%
Partisan	21%	16%	63%
Effective	30%	29%	41%
Exciting	15%	24%	61%
Steady	16%	31%	53%
Hypocritical	44%	19%	37%

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	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Arrogant	65%	10%	25%

38. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	15%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	21%
Not sure	29%

39. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	52%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	33%
Not sure	16%

40. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	20%
Some	17%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	8%

41. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	16%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	14%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	40%
Not sure	8%

42. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	29%
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Somewhat strong	20%
Somewhat weak	15%
Very weak	36%

43. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	52%
Not sure	17%

44. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	33%
No	53%
Not sure	13%

45. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get us into a war?

Very likely	22%
Fairly likely	25%
Fairly unlikely	16%
Very unlikely	17%
Not sure	19%

46. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?

Appropriate	25%
Inappropriate	58%
Not sure	17%

47. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next few years with Donald Trump as President?

Optimistic	36%
Pessimistic	45%
Not sure	19%

48. Do you want Donald Trump to run for re-election in 2020?

Yes	34%
No	52%
Not sure	14%

49. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	15%

50. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	13%	24%	16%	33%	15%
Republicans in Congress	8%	20%	20%	38%	15%

51. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	25%

52. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as the Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	45%

53. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	29%

54. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	24%

55. Do you think Nancy Pelosi should become the next Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives or do you think it should be some other Democrat?

Nancy Pelosi	23%
Some other Democrat	34%
Not sure	20%
Don't care	23%

56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	29%

57. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual	9%
About the same	25%
Less than usual	40%
Not sure	27%

58. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

A lot more than usual	4%
Somewhat more than usual	5%
About the same	25%
Somewhat less than usual	18%
A lot less than usual	21%
Not sure	27%

59. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress	20%
Republicans in Congress	49%
Both equally	29%
Neither	1%
Not sure	1%

60. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	33%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	26%
Not sure	15%

61. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	21%
About the same	25%
Lower	26%
Not sure	28%

62. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	20%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	23%
Not sure	12%

63. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	62%
Rented from someone else	36%
Other	2%

64. Do you have a mortgage?

Asked of those who own the place where they live

Yes	49%
No	51%

65. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	29%
The same amount of jobs	34%
Fewer jobs	18%
Not sure	20%

66. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	63%

67. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	13%

68. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	25%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	6%

69. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	47%
Some of the time	22%
Only now and then	12%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	10%

70. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Liberal	27%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	14%

71. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	14%

72. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	71%
Not registered	29%

73. If Donald Trump runs for re-election in 2020, would that make you more or less likely to vote the Republican Congressional candidate in the district where you live, or would it have no effect on how you vote?

Asked of registered voters

More likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	26%
Less likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate	28%
Have no effect on your vote choice	41%
Not sure	5%

74. Did you vote in the 2016 Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters

Yes, I voted the Democratic Presidential primary or caucus	38%
Yes, I voted the Republican Presidential primary or caucus	37%
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus ..	20%
I don't remember	5%

75. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus

Hillary Clinton	68%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Bernie Sanders	29%
Someone else	2%

76. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state?

Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Republican Presidential primary or caucus

Donald Trump	56%
Someone else	44%

77. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016?

Asked of registered voters

Yes	62%
No	38%

78. Who did you vote for in the election for President?

Hillary Clinton	30%
Donald Trump	28%
Gary Johnson	2%
Jill Stein	1%
Evan McMullin	0%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	39%

79. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	32%
Republican	27%
Independent	27%

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Other	3%
Not sure	11%

80. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	8%

81. What is your gender?

Male	48%
Female	52%

82. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	35%
65+	21%

83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

84. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	38%
Some college	33%
College grad	19%
Postgrad	10%

85. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

86. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	27%
No	73%

87. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	20%

88. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

A large city	18%
A suburb near a large city	33%
A small city or town	28%
A rural area	21%

89. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?

Excellent	16%
Very good	29%
Good	36%
Only fair	13%
Poor	6%

90. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	37%
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Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	9%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	8%
Other	2%

91. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	47%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	14%
Prefer not to say	14%

92. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	2%
Military Household - Family	6%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	38%
Military Household - None	50%

93. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	7%
No	86%

94. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	22%

95. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	28%
Don't know	6%

96. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	29%
No	71%

97. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	18%
Don't know	6%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	35%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	5%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 25 - 27, 2018
Target population	US Adult Population
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.29 to 6.583, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.718.
Number of respondents	1500 1293 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	43 questions not reported.