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1. Trump honesty

Compared to other politicians in Washington, do you think President Trump is:

	Total	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
More honest than most	30%	34%		33%	28%	24%	30%	33%	32%	34%	9%	30%	23%
Less honest than most	43%	46%		42%	45%	45%	42%	42%	46%	41%	59%	40%	48%
About as honest as most	15%	14%		16%	15%	12%	14%	16%	19%	16%	12%	12%	20%
Not sure	11%	6%		9%	13%	19%	14%	9%	3%	9%	20%	17%	10%
Totals	99%	100%		100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(772)		(459)	(536)	(212)	(235)	(338)	(210)	(703)	(134)	(116)	(42)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More honest than most	30%	7%	28%	62%	4%	71%	31%	32%	33%	26%	33%	34%	23%
Less honest than most	43%	80%	37%	9%	87%	4%	40%	46%	48%	46%	43%	39%	50%
About as honest as most	15%	7%	17%	23%	5%	22%	17%	15%	14%	17%	13%	16%	16%
Not sure	11%	5%	18%	6%	5%	3%	13%	7%	4%	10%	11%	11%	12%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(322)	(429)	(244)	(312)	(265)	(387)	(305)	(176)	(179)	(226)	(377)	(213)

2. Drained the swamp

President Trump has said that he will "drain the swamp of government corruption." How well do you think he has fulfilled this promise?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very well	11%	11%	10%	11%	9%	11%	11%	11%	12%	3%	11%	12%
Somewhat well	23%	25%	27%	20%	17%	21%	25%	28%	25%	13%	22%	23%
Not very well	14%	11%	15%	13%	20%	15%	12%	10%	15%	8%	15%	18%
Not at all well	38%	44%	38%	39%	34%	38%	37%	45%	37%	51%	33%	36%
Not sure	14%	8%	10%	18%	20%	15%	14%	6%	12%	26%	17%	10%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	98%	99%
Unweighted N	(997)	(772)	(459)	(538)	(214)	(235)	(338)	(210)	(704)	(133)	(118)	(42)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very well	11%	2%	8%	25%	2%	24%	9%	12%	11%	10%	8%	12%	11%
Somewhat well	23%	5%	20%	49%	2%	49%	26%	22%	25%	21%	24%	25%	21%
Not very well	14%	12%	17%	12%	7%	13%	16%	12%	14%	20%	13%	13%	13%
Not at all well	38%	72%	32%	7%	84%	5%	31%	45%	44%	40%	36%	36%	44%
Not sure	14%	8%	23%	6%	5%	8%	17%	10%	5%	9%	19%	15%	11%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(321)	(432)	(244)	(312)	(265)	(386)	(307)	(177)	(179)	(228)	(377)	(213)

3A. Level of corruption — Democrats in Congress

How serious a problem do you think corruption is among...

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very serious	39%	42%	43%	35%	28%	34%	46%	43%	44%	14%	33%	34%
Somewhat serious	22%	23%	21%	24%	27%	30%	16%	19%	23%	20%	15%	39%
Not very serious	17%	18%	18%	16%	19%	15%	13%	22%	16%	20%	22%	13%
Not at all serious	8%	9%	6%	10%	6%	7%	8%	11%	6%	15%	14%	2%
Not sure	14%	7%	11%	16%	19%	14%	15%	6%	11%	31%	15%	11%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	101%	99%	100%	98%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(986)	(765)	(458)	(528)	(207)	(233)	(336)	(210)	(700)	(130)	(116)	(40)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious	39%	11%	40%	72%	8%	82%	38%	40%	40%	37%	38%	43%	34%
Somewhat serious	22%	30%	21%	16%	29%	12%	20%	26%	24%	23%	22%	19%	28%
Not very serious	17%	32%	13%	5%	36%	1%	16%	18%	21%	18%	18%	16%	15%
Not at all serious	8%	17%	4%	5%	18%	3%	9%	7%	11%	10%	5%	8%	11%
Not sure	14%	10%	23%	3%	9%	3%	18%	10%	4%	12%	17%	14%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(986)	(320)	(422)	(244)	(310)	(264)	(384)	(306)	(177)	(179)	(225)	(374)	(208)

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3B. Level of corruption — Republicans in Congress

How serious a problem do you think corruption is among...

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very serious	37%	40%	36%	37%	41%	35%	34%	38%	36%	38%	35%	53%
Somewhat serious	29%	31%	30%	29%	25%	29%	28%	35%	32%	22%	20%	24%
Not very serious	14%	15%	16%	12%	10%	14%	15%	17%	15%	5%	19%	8%
Not at all serious	6%	7%	7%	6%	4%	9%	7%	5%	7%	2%	10%	4%
Not sure	14%	7%	11%	16%	20%	13%	16%	5%	11%	32%	16%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(767)	(458)	(530)	(207)	(235)	(336)	(210)	(702)	(130)	(116)	(40)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious	37%	58%	34%	15%	67%	13%	32%	39%	41%	43%	35%	31%	45%
Somewhat serious	29%	27%	26%	37%	22%	40%	29%	30%	33%	26%	27%	31%	30%
Not very serious	14%	4%	12%	31%	2%	31%	15%	16%	13%	12%	16%	16%	9%
Not at all serious	6%	2%	6%	13%	2%	11%	7%	6%	7%	7%	4%	8%	6%
Not sure	14%	8%	23%	5%	7%	5%	17%	9%	6%	11%	17%	15%	10%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(321)	(423)	(244)	(312)	(264)	(384)	(306)	(177)	(179)	(225)	(374)	(210)

3C. Level of corruption — Donald Trump’s administration

How serious a problem do you think corruption is among...

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very serious	43%	49%	41%	45%	44%	44%	41%	44%	41%	57%	40%	50%
Somewhat serious	12%	10%	13%	11%	19%	14%	10%	7%	13%	10%	9%	8%
Not very serious	16%	16%	19%	14%	9%	19%	16%	21%	18%	8%	20%	9%
Not at all serious	16%	18%	18%	15%	10%	13%	19%	21%	18%	4%	17%	19%
Not sure	12%	6%	10%	15%	17%	11%	14%	7%	10%	21%	15%	14%
Totals	99%	99%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(984)	(765)	(457)	(527)	(206)	(235)	(335)	(208)	(697)	(131)	(116)	(40)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very serious	43%	81%	34%	13%	89%	9%	37%	50%	49%	53%	37%	38%	51%
Somewhat serious	12%	6%	16%	12%	3%	12%	16%	11%	9%	13%	14%	12%	10%
Not very serious	16%	5%	16%	32%	1%	34%	17%	17%	20%	15%	20%	15%	17%
Not at all serious	16%	5%	14%	34%	3%	37%	16%	15%	18%	10%	15%	22%	12%
Not sure	12%	4%	21%	9%	3%	8%	15%	7%	5%	10%	15%	13%	10%
Totals	99%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(984)	(320)	(421)	(243)	(312)	(263)	(380)	(306)	(177)	(178)	(223)	(374)	(209)

4. Attention to politics

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? I don't pay much attention to politics because it is so corrupt.

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	27%	18%	25%	28%	38%	33%	23%	15%	26%	29%	29%	23%
Disagree	58%	71%	63%	53%	44%	53%	62%	71%	62%	47%	45%	58%
Not sure	15%	12%	12%	19%	18%	15%	15%	14%	12%	24%	26%	19%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(770)	(459)	(533)	(209)	(236)	(337)	(210)	(702)	(134)	(115)	(41)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	27%	20%	33%	25%	12%	20%	37%	19%	18%	37%	27%	25%	21%
Disagree	58%	70%	46%	65%	79%	69%	45%	70%	75%	53%	60%	57%	62%
Not sure	15%	11%	21%	11%	10%	10%	17%	10%	7%	10%	13%	18%	18%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(992)	(322)	(426)	(244)	(313)	(265)	(387)	(306)	(176)	(179)	(225)	(376)	(212)

5. Relative corruption

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? There is a certain amount of corruption in every administration and Donald Trump's is no better or worse than most.

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	30%	26%	32%	28%	31%	38%	27%	23%	31%	24%	22%	38%
Disagree	52%	62%	52%	53%	41%	44%	56%	67%	54%	46%	50%	49%
Not sure	18%	12%	17%	19%	27%	18%	17%	10%	15%	30%	28%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(988)	(767)	(456)	(532)	(209)	(234)	(336)	(209)	(699)	(133)	(115)	(41)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	30%	20%	32%	39%	12%	38%	34%	27%	31%	39%	28%	27%	29%
Disagree	52%	70%	41%	50%	81%	50%	43%	62%	61%	47%	53%	53%	56%
Not sure	18%	11%	27%	12%	7%	13%	23%	11%	8%	14%	20%	20%	15%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(320)	(426)	(242)	(312)	(264)	(386)	(304)	(176)	(180)	(223)	(375)	(210)

6. Most corrupt administration

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? The Trump administration is one of the most corrupt ever.

	Total	Registered voters		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Agree	44%	49%		42%	47%	48%	46%	40%	46%	41%	63%	44%	44%
Disagree	39%	42%		42%	35%	26%	33%	45%	47%	44%	13%	34%	30%
Not sure	17%	10%		16%	18%	25%	22%	15%	7%	14%	24%	21%	25%
Totals	100%	101%		100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(990)	(768)		(456)	(534)	(211)	(234)	(335)	(210)	(699)	(133)	(116)	(42)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Agree	44%	82%	37%	9%	90%	7%	40%	50%	47%	51%	41%	41%	50%
Disagree	39%	8%	36%	83%	3%	87%	38%	39%	44%	33%	39%	43%	35%
Not sure	17%	10%	27%	8%	7%	6%	22%	11%	9%	16%	20%	17%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(990)	(321)	(428)	(241)	(314)	(263)	(386)	(306)	(176)	(178)	(226)	(375)	(211)

7. More trusted party

Which party do you trust more to handle corruption in government?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Democrats, by a lot	20%	24%	20%	21%	19%	19%	20%	24%	18%	33%	16%	34%
Democrats, by a little	14%	15%	14%	14%	16%	17%	10%	15%	13%	15%	21%	10%
Republicans, by a little	9%	11%	9%	9%	8%	7%	10%	10%	11%	2%	6%	7%
Republicans, by a lot	18%	21%	19%	17%	11%	12%	22%	26%	21%	5%	19%	10%
Don't trust either party	26%	22%	29%	22%	22%	30%	29%	19%	29%	20%	16%	23%
Not sure	13%	7%	9%	16%	24%	15%	9%	6%	9%	25%	23%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(772)	(458)	(537)	(213)	(235)	(337)	(210)	(703)	(134)	(118)	(40)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Democrats, by a lot	20%	53%	7%	2%	49%	2%	17%	24%	26%	25%	17%	20%	21%
Democrats, by a little	14%	26%	12%	2%	29%	1%	12%	16%	15%	15%	14%	10%	21%
Republicans, by a little	9%	1%	7%	21%	2%	21%	9%	8%	13%	8%	7%	11%	8%
Republicans, by a lot	18%	2%	11%	51%	2%	46%	18%	19%	19%	13%	20%	22%	13%
Don't trust either party	26%	11%	40%	19%	12%	27%	27%	25%	22%	30%	26%	24%	26%
Not sure	13%	7%	22%	5%	6%	3%	17%	8%	5%	9%	16%	13%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(995)	(322)	(429)	(244)	(314)	(265)	(387)	(307)	(177)	(181)	(225)	(377)	(212)

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8. Heard about pardons

How much have you heard about President Trump's decision this week to pardon or commute the sentences of a number of public figures including Rod Blagojevich, Bernard Kerik and Michael Milken?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Heard a lot	34%	44%	39%	29%	14%	28%	38%	53%	36%	30%	25%	38%
Heard a little	40%	39%	40%	40%	40%	42%	40%	38%	41%	35%	44%	31%
Heard nothing at all	26%	17%	21%	31%	45%	30%	22%	9%	24%	35%	31%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(990)	(770)	(456)	(534)	(211)	(233)	(337)	(209)	(699)	(133)	(117)	(41)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Heard a lot	34%	45%	26%	33%	55%	41%	25%	36%	54%	36%	33%	31%	39%
Heard a little	40%	40%	35%	48%	34%	45%	39%	45%	36%	36%	42%	42%	37%
Heard nothing at all	26%	16%	38%	18%	11%	14%	36%	18%	10%	28%	25%	27%	25%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(990)	(321)	(425)	(244)	(311)	(265)	(387)	(303)	(177)	(180)	(225)	(374)	(211)

9. Approve Blagojevich pardon

Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to commute the sentence of Rod Blagojevich, the former governor of Illinois?

	Total	Registered voters	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Yes	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	9%	10%	11%	8%	4%	9%	11%	12%	10%	7%	7%	16%
Somewhat approve	18%	20%	20%	17%	18%	11%	20%	23%	18%	11%	26%	22%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	14%	13%	13%	12%	16%	11%	14%	13%	17%	12%	12%
Strongly disapprove	30%	35%	33%	27%	21%	31%	30%	38%	32%	32%	22%	24%
Not sure	29%	21%	23%	35%	45%	33%	27%	13%	28%	35%	33%	26%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	102%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(772)	(458)	(536)	(214)	(233)	(338)	(209)	(701)	(133)	(118)	(42)

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	9%	3%	8%	20%	1%	22%	8%	10%	9%	5%	11%	11%	7%
Somewhat approve	18%	9%	14%	36%	4%	40%	17%	19%	20%	13%	21%	19%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	16%	12%	11%	17%	13%	14%	13%	17%	17%	15%	11%	12%
Strongly disapprove	30%	55%	26%	6%	65%	5%	24%	35%	37%	35%	29%	26%	36%
Not sure	29%	17%	40%	27%	13%	20%	37%	23%	16%	30%	25%	33%	27%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(322)	(428)	(244)	(314)	(264)	(386)	(306)	(178)	(181)	(226)	(374)	(213)

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Interviewing Dates	February 18 - 20, 2020
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2016 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.215 to 6.509, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.555.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	57 questions not reported.