

Sample 2000 General Population Respondents

Conducted March 26 - 29, 2016

Margin of Error  $\pm 2.8\%$ 

1. 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 time47	7%
Some of the time	)%
Only now and then13	3%
Hardly at all	}%
Don't know1	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction2	6%
Off on the wrong track6	1%
Not sure1	3%

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

	Very	Somewhat	Somewhat	Very	Don't
	favorable	favorable	unfavorable	unfavorable	know
Hillary Clinton	22%	21%	10%	44%	3%
Ted Cruz	10%	22%	23%	34%	10%
John Kasich	9%	29%	22%	16%	24%
Bernie Sanders	25%	26%	16%	27%	7%
Donald Trump	18%	17%	11%	51%	3%



4.	Who	do yo	u think	is	the	most	likely	candidate	to	become	the	Democratic	nominee	for
pre	esiden	t in 20	16?											

Hillary Clinton	3%
Bernie Sanders19	}%
Not sure	5%

5. Regardless of who the Republicans select as their nominee, do you think the Democratic presidential candidates listed below could possibly win or could never win the general election in November if he or she was to become the Democratic nominee?

	Could possibly		
	win	Could never win	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	76%	14%	10%
Bernie Sanders	52%	31%	17%

6. Which Democratic candidate do you think has the better chance to win the general election in November?

Hillary Clinton60%
Bernie Sanders22%
Not sure

7. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Ted Cruz
John Kasich
Donald Trump
Not sure



8. Regardless of who the Democrats select as their nominee, do you think the Republican presidential candidates listed below could possibly win or could never win the general election in November if he was to become the Republican nominee?

	Could possibly		
	win	Could never win	Not sure
Ted Cruz	49%	33%	18%
John Kasich	32%	42%	26%
Donald Trump	57%	31%	12%

9. Which Republican candidate do you think has the best chance to win the general election in November?

Ted Cruz	6
John Kasich149	6
Donald Trump	6
Not sure	6

10. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for... Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate45%	%
The Republican Party candidate429	%
Other	%
Not sure	%
I would not vote	%

11. Which one of these individuals do you want to win the election for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton2	6%
Ted Cruz	1%
John Kasich	8%
Bernie Sanders2	2%
Donald Trump	3%
Not sure1	0%



#### 12. Which is more important: picking a candidate who...

Is honest and trustworthy	. 31%
Is best prepared to win the general election in November	7%
Shakes up politics-as-usual	.11%
Has policy proposals I agree with	. 27%
Has the experience to be president	. 19%
Something else	4%

13. Has what you've seen, read or heard about these candidates lately given you a more or less positive impression about them, or is your impression staying about the same?

	More positive	the same	Less positive
Hillary Clinton	19%	38%	43%
Ted Cruz	11%	42%	47%
John Kasich	16%	58%	25%
Bernie Sanders	28%	47%	25%
Donald Trump	17%	26%	57%

#### 14. Do you think the following presidential candidates are ready to be Commander-in-Chief?

	Ready	Not ready	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	47%	42%	11%
Ted Cruz	29%	49%	22%
John Kasich	29%	36%	35%
Bernie Sanders	36%	42%	22%
Donald Trump	29%	60%	11%



#### 15. Do you think the following presidential candidates are honest and trustworthy, or not?

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	28%	59%	13%
Ted Cruz	27%	46%	27%
John Kasich	38%	24%	38%
Bernie Sanders	57%	21%	23%
Donald Trump	26%	62%	12%

# 16. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to deal wisely with the U.S. economy?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	36%	52%	12%
Ted Cruz	26%	50%	24%
John Kasich	28%	35%	37%
Bernie Sanders	36%	45%	20%
Donald Trump	34%	56%	10%

### 17. Do you think the each one of the Presidential candidates...

	Says what he or she thinks		
	Says what he or	people want to	
	she believes	hear	Not sure
Hillary Clinton	27%	64%	9%
Ted Cruz	31%	49%	19%
John Kasich	36%	32%	33%
Bernie Sanders	59%	28%	14%
Donald Trump	44%	47%	10%



#### 18. Do you think each one of the Presidential candidates cares about people like you?

	Cares	Doesn't care
Hillary Clinton	40%	60%
Ted Cruz	38%	62%
John Kasich	47%	53%
Bernie Sanders	63%	37%
Donald Trump	31%	69%

#### 19. What do you think each one of the Presidential candidates cares about more?

	Himself or Herself	The country
Hillary Clinton	61%	39%
Ted Cruz	59%	41%
John Kasich	45%	55%
Bernie Sanders	31%	69%
Donald Trump	68%	32%

# 20. Do you think there has been too much, too little or the right amount of expression of religious faith and prayer by political leaders?

Too much	%
The right amount	%
Too little	%
Not sure	%

#### 21. How important is it to you that a president shares your religious beliefs?

Very important169	6
Somewhat important	6
Not too important	6
Not at all important	6
Not sure 69	6



22. Would you say you follow what's going on in the presidential election...

Most of the time	49%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	.7%
Don't know	.3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Bill Clinton	22%	27%	15%	29%	6%
Heidi Cruz	9%	21%	12%	11%	47%
Melania Trump	12%	19%	15%	19%	35%
Michelle Obama	36%	18%	13%	26%	7%

24. Before marrying Donald Trump, Melania Trump was a fashion model who has been featured in a few suggestive photographs. Does Melania Trump's background as a model make you more or less likely to support Donald Trump or does it make no difference?

More likely to support Donald Trump5%
Less likely to support Donald Trump15%
Makes no difference74%
Not sure

25. Donald Trump tweeted, "Lyin' Ted Cruz just used a picture of Melania from G.Q. shoot in his ad. Be careful, Lyin' Ted, or I will spill the beans on your wife!" Do you think Donald Trump's tweet is appropriate or inappropriate?

Appropriate
Inappropriate
Not sure



26. Since September 11, 2001, the United States has fought against the threat of terrorism through military operations abroad and increased security and surveillance inside of the United States. Do you think these actions have been worth the cost?

Worth cost51%
Not worth cost30%
Not sure

27. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?

Much more safe	7%
Somewhat more safe	25%
About the same	27%
Somewhat less safe	15%
Much less safe	19%
Not sure	8%

28. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	. 34%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	. 36%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	13%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	5%
Not sure	. 12%

29. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: 'We need to empower law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized'?

Agree strongly	22%
Agree somewhat	20%
Disagree somewhat	16%
Disagree strongly	26%
Not sure	16%



30. Do you agree or disagree that there should be "a total and complete shutdown of Muslims" entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on"? Agree strongly .......30% Disagree somewhat ......14% Disagree strongly .......27% 31. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility? U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance ......49% U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance .............28% 32. Back in 2003, did you support or oppose sending troops to fight in Iraq? Oppose .......43% 33. Do you think the United States made a mistake withdrawing troops from Iraq back in 2011? 34. Knowing what you know now, do you think the United States should or should not have sent troops to fight in Iraq back in 2003? 

 Should not
 50%

 Not sure
 21%



35. E	Oo you support or oppose sending ground combat troops to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria?
	Support strongly25%Support somewhat28%Oppose somewhat16%Oppose strongly17%Not sure14%
36. E	Oo you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of NATO?
	Very favorable10%Somewhat favorable29%Somewhat unfavorable19%Very unfavorable9%Don't know32%
37. E	Oo you think the U.S. should withdraw from NATO or remain a member?
	Withdraw from NATO
	Do you think the United States has a special responsibility to provide humanitarial stance when people in other countries need help, or don't you think the U.S. has the possibility?
	U.S. has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance



39. I	Do you consider Cuba to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?	
	Ally of U.S.       .4         Friendly       .30         Unfriendly       .24         Enemy of the U.S.       .15         Not sure       .27	% % %
40. State	Do you think that people in Cuba have a favorable or an unfavorable view of es?	the United
	Very favorable12Somewhat favorable32Somewhat unfavorable24Very unfavorable10Don't know22	% % %
41. Cuba	Do you favor or oppose having the United States re-establish diplomatic relaa?	ations with
	Favor       52         Oppose       24         Not sure       24	%
42. 3	Should U.S. citizens be allowed to travel to Cuba?	
	Yes, they should be allowed to travel without restrictions	os. % %



43. Currently, there is an embargo on U.S. trade with Cuba. Should Americans be allowed to buy products from Cuba? 44. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's recent official vist to Cuba? Approve strongly .......30% Disapprove somewhat ......12% 45. How closely have you been following the news about the recent terrorist attack in Belgium? Somewhat closely .......40% Not following it at all ......8% 46. Do you think President Obama should have cut short his trip to Cuba after hearing about the terrorist attack in Belgium or should he have continued the trip as planned? Do you think it was appropriate or inappropriate for President Obama to attend an exhibition baseball game in Cuba while the media was reporting the unfolding details of the terrorist attack in Belgium? Inappropriate .......44%



## 48. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	20%	3%	1%
Immigration	55%	30%	10%	5%
The environment	49%	31%	13%	6%
Terrorism	69%	22%	6%	3%
Gay rights	22%	23%	25%	30%
Education	63%	26%	8%	2%
Health care	72%	21%	5%	2%
Social security	71%	22%	6%	1%
The budget deficit	55%	31%	11%	3%
The war in				
Afghanistan	30%	45%	19%	6%
Taxes	61%	31%	7%	1%
Medicare	65%	25%	7%	2%
Abortion	38%	29%	20%	14%
Foreign policy	47%	38%	11%	3%
Gun control	51%	24%	15%	11%

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

The economy
Immigration7%
The environment6%
Terrorism
Gay rights2%
Education8%
Health care
Social security
The budget deficit4%
The war in Afghanistan0%
Taxes
Medicare
Abortion
Foreign policy2%
Gun control



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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	30%	21%	9%	37%	3%
Joe Biden	21%	26%	15%	22%	16%
Paul Ryan	8%	24%	22%	20%	27%
Mitch McConnell	2%	13%	21%	30%	33%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	18%	13%	35%	26%
Harry Reid	5%	18%	14%	29%	34%

#### 51. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly Approve	23%
Somewhat Approve	25%
Somewhat Disapprove	12%
Strongly Disapprove	36%
Not Sure	4%

#### 52. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	
Very conservative	
Not sure	14%

## 53. Would you say Barack Obama is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	<u>'</u> 1%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak1	9%
Very weak	3%



#### 54. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	47%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .	43%
Not sure	10%

#### 55. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	.35%
Like somewhat	.25%
Dislike	. 29%
Not sure	. 11%

### 56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	No
	approve	approve	disapprove	disapprove	opinion
Abortion	16%	20%	13%	28%	24%
The war in					
Afghanistan	12%	24%	19%	31%	15%
The budget deficit	15%	22%	13%	36%	14%
The economy	18%	25%	14%	33%	9%
Education	17%	28%	14%	25%	16%
The environment	20%	27%	14%	24%	14%
Foreign policy	16%	24%	15%	32%	13%
Gay rights	24%	18%	11%	27%	20%
Gun control	17%	20%	16%	36%	12%
Health care	23%	20%	11%	39%	7%
Immigration	15%	22%	13%	38%	11%
Medicare	17%	23%	15%	29%	15%
Social security	15%	22%	16%	30%	17%
Taxes	13%	24%	16%	31%	16%
Terrorism	17%	24%	13%	35%	11%



57. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	10%

58. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the US House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve6	3%
Somewhat approve27	7%
Somewhat disapprove19	<del>)</del> %
Strongly disapprove18	3%
Not sure	)%

60. 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 .	59	%
About the same .	319	%
Less than usual .	459	%
Not sure	209	%



# 61. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual? Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Republicans in Congress	45%
Democrats in Congress	9%
Both equally	42%
Neither	2%
Not sure	2%

#### 62. 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	18%	27%	15%	33%	6%
The Republican Party	8%	26%	24%	35%	8%

#### 63. 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	14%	25%	18%	30%	14%
Republicans in Congress	5%	18%	27%	38%	12%

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

Getting better21%
About the same
Getting worse
Not sure



65. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?
Higher       17%         About the same       34%         Lower       24%         Not sure       26%
66. Would you say that you and your family are
Better off financially than you were a year ago
67. Six months from now do you think there will be
More jobs20%The same amount of jobs37%Fewer jobs27%Not sure16%
68. How worried are you about losing your job?
Very worried11%Somewhat worried32%Not very worried57%
69. 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



70. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Very happy25%Happy34%Neither happy nor unhappy29%Unhappy9%Very unhappy3%
71. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?
Liberal
72. Thinking about politics these days, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

 Very liberal
 6%

 Liberal
 16%

 Moderate
 37%

 Conservative
 28%

 Very Conservative
 8%

 Not sure
 5%

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

Democrat	3%
Republican30	0%
Independent29	9%
Other	2%
Not sure	6%



74.	General	ly speak	king, do	you thin	k of you	rself as a	?

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	16%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	2%

#### 75. Would you describe yourself as a libertarian?

Yes
No56%
Not sure

## 76. Would you describe yourself as a progressive?

Yes
No429
Not sure

## 77. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	24%
Somewhat oppose	. 8%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	19%



78. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?
Yes       9%         No       71%         Not Sure       20%
79. Are you registered to vote?
Registered
80. How often would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections—that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections?
Always       33%         Nearly always       17%         Part of the time       13%         Seldom       11%         Never       20%         Unsure       5%
81. Are you male or female?
Male
82. Respondent age by category
Under 30       20%         30-44       23%         45-64       34%         65+       23%



83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White       69%         Black       13%         Hispanic       12%         Other       6%	
84. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less       42%         Some college       33%         College grad       15%         Postgrad       9%	
85. What is your marital status?	
Married       47%         Separated       2%         Divorced       12%         Widowed       6%         Single       29%         Domestic partnership       3%	
86. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	
87. Calculated from respondent's state of residence	
Northeast	



### 88. How would you describe the place where you live?

City	
Suburb	%
Town	%
Rural area199	%
Other	%

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

Full-time employed30	)%
Part-time employed12	2%
Self-employed	
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff10	)%
Retired28	3%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	3%
Other2	2%

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

Under \$50K	53%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	10%
Prefer not to say	12%

91. 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.

lam	1%
Family member	8%
I served previously	13%
Family served previously	37%
None	51%



92. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?	
Yes, I am       6%         Yes, household member is       8%         No       87%	
93. How important is religion in your life?	
Very important41%Somewhat important27%Not too important14%Not at all important17%	
94. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?	
More than once a week8%Once a week17%Once or twice a month8%A few times a year15%Seldom25%Never26%Don't know2%	
95. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?	
Yes	



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

Several times a day2	28%
Once a day1	6%
A few times a week1	4%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom1	5%
Never1	5%
Don't know	.3%

## 97. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant
Roman Catholic
Mormon
Eastern or Greek Orthodox0%
Jewish
Muslim
Buddhist
Hindu
Atheist5%
Agnostic
Nothing in particular
Something else



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**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, 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 using propensity scores based

on gender, age, race, education, voter registration, and political ideology. The weights range from 0 to 7.6, with a

mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.

Number of respondents 2000

**Margin of error**  $\pm$  2.8% (adjusted for weighting)

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