

Sample 2000 General Population Respondents

Conducted September 11 - 15, 2015

Margin of Error $\pm 2.9\%$

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 time	48%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	12%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure1	14%

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
Joe Biden	19%	29%	18%	19%	14%
Lincoln Chafee	2%	9%	12%	14%	63%
Hillary Clinton	19%	23%	12%	40%	6%
Martin O'Malley	3%	13%	14%	14%	55%
Bernie Sanders	19%	20%	14%	19%	29%
Jim Webb	2%	13%	13%	12%	59%



4. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats
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Joe Biden	%
Lincoln Chafee	%
Hillary Clinton45%	%
Martin O'Malley19	%
Bernie Sanders	%
Jim Webb19	%
Other	%
No preference69	%

5. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would be your <u>SECOND</u> choice for the Democratic nominee for president in 2016? Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Joe Biden
Lincoln Chafee
Hillary Clinton25%
Martin O'Malley5%
Bernie Sanders16%
Jim Webb2%
Other
No preference

6. How would you feel if (your first choice) was the 2016 Democratic presidential election nominee?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Enthusiastic	68%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	28%
Dissatisfied but not upset	2%
Upset	1%
Not sure	2%



7. How do you feel about the field of Democratic candidates running for president in 2016? Asked of registered voters who identify as Democrats

Would like to see someone else run for the Democratic nomination	32%
Satisfied with the choices	56%
Don't know	11%

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

Joe Biden18	%
Lincoln Chafee0	1%
Hillary Clinton42	!%
Martin O'Malley0	1%
Bernie Sanders15	%
Jim Webb1	%
Not sure	%

9. 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
Joe Biden	61%	19%	20%
Lincoln Chafee	8%	45%	48%
Hillary Clinton	65%	22%	14%
Martin O'Malley	13%	41%	46%
Bernie Sanders	45%	25%	30%
Jim Webb	12%	40%	48%





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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Jeb Bush	9%	26%	24%	27%	14%
Ben Carson	18%	23%	14%	15%	30%
Chris Christie	6%	22%	22%	28%	22%
Ted Cruz	12%	20%	14%	28%	26%
Carly Fiorina	13%	19%	17%	15%	37%
Jim Gilmore	2%	9%	14%	13%	62%
Lindsey Graham	2%	14%	20%	25%	40%
Mike Huckabee	9%	22%	16%	29%	24%
Bobby Jindal	5%	17%	16%	23%	38%
John Kasich	7%	16%	17%	13%	47%
George Pataki	2%	14%	20%	16%	47%
Rand Paul	7%	21%	20%	24%	29%
Rick Perry	4%	19%	19%	28%	29%
Marco Rubio	11%	22%	16%	24%	27%
Rick Santorum	4%	18%	18%	30%	31%
Donald Trump	20%	19%	11%	42%	7%
Scott Walker	9%	18%	13%	26%	35%



11. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Jeb Bush	
Ben Carson	17%
Chris Christie	2%
Ted Cruz	8%
Carly Fiorina	6%
Jim Gilmore	
Lindsey Graham	
Mike Huckabee	2%
Bobby Jindal	
John Kasich	
George Pataki	
Rand Paul	4%
Rick Perry	0%
Marco Rubio	7%
Rick Santorum	
Donald Trump	33%
Scott Walker	5%
Other	
No preference	4%



12. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would be your <u>SECOND</u> choice for the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Jeb Bush89	%
Ben Carson179	%
Chris Christie4	%
Ted Cruz	%
Carly Fiorina79	%
Jim Gilmore19	%
Lindsey Graham19	%
Mike Huckabee39	%
Bobby Jindal29	%
John Kasich39	%
George Pataki19	%
Rand Paul6	%
Rick Perry19	%
Marco Rubio79	%
Rick Santorum19	%
Donald Trump	%
Scott Walker59	%
Other09	%
No preference89	%

13. How would you feel if (your first choice) was the 2016 Republican presidential election nominee?

Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Enthusiastic	. 76%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	.22%
Dissatisfied but not upset	0%
Upset	0%
Not sure	2%



14. How do you feel about the field of Republican candidates running for president in 2016? Asked of registered voters who identify as Republicans

Would like to see someone else run for the Republican nomination	. 11%
Satisfied with the choices	. 79%
Don't know	. 10%

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

Jeb Bush	19%
Ben Carson	7%
Chris Christie	2%
Ted Cruz	4%
Carly Fiorina	2%
Jim Gilmore	0%
Lindsey Graham	1%
Mike Huckabee	2%
Bobby Jindal	1%
John Kasich	2%
George Pataki	0%
Rand Paul	
Rick Perry	1%
Marco Rubio	3%
Rick Santorum	0%
Donald Trump	29%
Scott Walker	1%
Not sure	27%



16. 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 or she was to become the Republican nominee?

	Could possibly		
	win	Could never win	Not sure
Jeb Bush	52%	27%	21%
Ben Carson	42%	28%	30%
Chris Christie	25%	45%	29%
Ted Cruz	29%	41%	30%
Carly Fiorina	29%	37%	34%
Jim Gilmore	8%	47%	45%
Lindsey Graham	11%	53%	36%
Mike Huckabee	20%	50%	30%
Bobby Jindal	14%	50%	36%
John Kasich	22%	37%	42%
George Pataki	11%	47%	42%
Rand Paul	22%	46%	31%
Rick Perry	16%	53%	30%
Marco Rubio	33%	35%	32%
Rick Santorum	15%	52%	33%
Donald Trump	52%	33%	15%
Scott Walker	24%	38%	38%

17. On Wednesday, September 16 the 2016 Republican presidential candidates will participate in either of two nationally televised debates. The top tier candidates will debate in prime time while the second tier candidates will debate earlier in the evening. How interested are you in watching either debate?

Very interested	6
Somewhat interested	6
Not very interested179	6
Not at all interested	6



18. Do you plan to watch the early debate?
Yes
19. Do you plan to watch the prime time debate?
Yes 49% No 27% Not sure 24%
20. How important is a candidate's debate performance in deciding your vote for the (2016) Republican nominee for president?
Very important22%Somewhat important43%Not very important18%Not at all important18%
21. If you had to choose, would you rather have a President who
Compromises to get things done
22. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who
Compromises to get things done



23. How likely is it that Congress will...?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely	Not sure
Pass legislation to fight climate change Pass legislation to	9%	25%	23%	25%	18%
restrict access to abortion Pass legislation to	9%	21%	26%	25%	20%
increase legal immigration Pass legislation to	10%	24%	23%	24%	19%
reduce income inequality Pass legislation to	7%	20%	25%	29%	19%
provide better care for immigrants	9%	21%	22%	29%	19%

24. Do you WANT Congress to ...?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Pass legislation to fight climate change Pass legislation to	53%	27%	20%
restrict access to abortion Pass legislation to	35%	47%	18%
increase legal immigration Pass legislation to	38%	40%	22%
reduce income inequality Pass legislation to	50%	29%	21%
provide better care for immigrants	34%	44%	22%



25. Do you support or oppose the nuclear deal with Iran?

Strongly support	10%
Tend to support	19%
Tend to oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	33%
Not sure	23%

26. Several world powers, including the United States, have reached an international agreement that will limit Iran's nuclear activity in return for the lifting of major economic sanctions against Iran. Do you support or oppose this agreement?

ongly support	14%
nd to support	25%
nd to oppose	12%
ongly oppose	26%
t sure	23%

27. Do you think the disagreements between President Obama and the Republicans in Congress over federal spending will lead to a shutdown of the federal government, or do you think they will reach an agreement in time to avoid a shutdown?

Government will shutdown	27°	%
Both sides will agree to a deal	469	%
Not sure	27°	%

28. If President Obama and the Republicans in Congress do not reach an agreement over federal spending in time to avoid a shutdown of the federal government, who do you think will be more to blame—President Obama or the Republican Congress?

President Obama	26%
Republicans in Congress	33%
Both	27%
Neither	3%
Not sure	11%



29. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be... Legal in most cases35% 30. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Planned Parenthood? Very favorable27% Somewhat unfavorable12% Very unfavorable25% Don't know 31. Which of the following services do you primarily associate with Planned Parenthood? Please select up to three. HIV screening and counseling12% 53% Abortion services48% Testicular cancer screening2% Don't know9% 32. How much have you heard about recently released videos that show officials from Planned Parenthood discussing the use of fetal organs for medical research?



33. Have you seen any of the videos or clips of the videos? Asked of those who have heard at least a little about videos
Yes
34. Based on what you have seen or heard, do the videos show officials from Planner Parenthood breaking the law? **Asked of those who have heard at least a little about videos**
Yes
35. Which outcome is the most important to you?
Defunding Planned Parenthood – even if that means shutting down the federal government temporarily
36. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Pope Francis?
Very favorable28%Somewhat favorable29%Somewhat unfavorable10%Very unfavorable9%Don't know24%



37. Has Pope Francis made you think more positively about the Catholic church, less positively about the Catholic church, or has he made no difference?
More positively about the Catholic church
38. In cases where the life of the mother was at risk, do you believe that a woman who has had an abortion has committed a sin?
Yes 15% No 65% Not sure 19%
39. In cases where the life of the mother was \underline{NOT} at risk, do you believe that a woman who has had an abortion has committed a sin?
Yes 43% No 39% Not sure 18%
40. Do you approve or disapprove of Pope Francis' announcement which authorizes Catholic priests around the world to absolve the sin of abortion?
Approve 47% Disapprove 22% Not sure 31%
41. How much, if anything, have you heard about Pope Francis' upcoming visit to the US?
Heard a lot

Heard nothing at all30%



42. Do you think that the Pope has a great deal of influence on American Catholics, some influence, or no influence at all? No influence at all6% 43. Do you think that the Pope has a great deal of influence on American politicians who are catholic, some influence, or no influence at all? A great deal of influence13% 44. Do you think that the Pope has a great deal of influence in world affairs, some influence, or no influence at all? A great deal of influence14% No influence at all14% 45. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the Pope to try to influence world affairs? Appropriate43% Inappropriate31% 46. Do you think the Pope should take an active part in world affairs when he thinks he can help, or whether he should stay out? Should take an active part52%



47. Do you think the Pope should take an active part in the domestic affairs of the United States when he thinks he can help, or whether he should stay out? Should take an active part40% 48. Do you think the issue of climate change is a moral issue? Not a moral issue47% 49. How much have you heard about Pope Francis' encyclical letter about the environment and climate change? Heard nothing at all55% 50. Do you think Catholics have or do not have an obligation to follow the Pope's teachings on the environment and climate change? Have an obligation to follow27% 51. Do you think American politicians who are catholic have or do not have an obligation to follow the Pope's teachings on the environment and climate change? Have an obligation to follow23% Do not have an obligation to follow44%



52. Do you approve or disapprove of...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Not sure
Pope Francis' efforts to help normalize relations between Cuba and the United					
States The Vatican's decision to formally recognize the state	27%	31%	13%	10%	21%
of Palestine Pope Francis urging world leaders to work to stop climate	19%	25%	10%	13%	34%
change Pope John Paul II's efforts to fight the spread of	33%	27%	10%	12%	18%
communism	31%	30%	9%	5%	25%

53. How much have you heard about Pope Francis' upcoming speech to Congress on September 24?

Heard a lot9%
Heard a little35%
Heard nothing at all56%

54. Is it appropriate or inappropriate for the congressional leadership to invite the Pope to speak to Congress?

Appropriate47%
Inappropriate24%
Not sure



55. Do you think Pope Francis' speech will make Congress more likely or less likely to...

	More likely	Make no difference	Less likey	Not sure
Pass legislation to fight climate change Pass legislation to restrict access to	21%	48%	5%	26%
abortion	14%	49%	9%	28%
Pass legislation to increase legal immigration	13%	51%	7%	29%
Pass legislation to reduce income inequality	13%	53%	6%	28%
Pass legislation to provide better care for immigrants	17%	49%	6%	28%

56. How important are the following issues to you?

Very	Somewhat	Not very	Unimportant
•	•	•	2%
			6%
			7%
60%	28%	8%	4%
24%	25%	23%	28%
60%	27%	8%	4%
68%	25%	4%	3%
64%	26%	6%	3%
50%	35%	12%	4%
36%	42%	16%	7%
57%	33%	7%	3%
57%	30%	9%	4%
38%	34%	20%	9%
46%	37%	12%	5%
48%	27%	16%	9%
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57. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

The economy 19%	Th
mmigration7%	lm
The environment6%	Th
Ferrorism 9%	Te
Gay rights2%	Ga
Education9%	Ec
Health care9%	
Social security16%	Sc
The budget deficit5%	
The war in Afghanistan1%	Th
Taxes	Ta
Medicare 3%	Me
Abortion	
Foreign policy2%	Fo
Gun control	Gι

58. 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	27%	22%	11%	35%	5%
John Boehner	3%	14%	19%	35%	29%
Mitch McConnell	2%	14%	18%	30%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	6%	20%	14%	35%	26%
Harry Reid	4%	17%	12%	29%	38%

59. 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	14%	25%	19%	32%	9%
The Republican					
Party	6%	25%	26%	33%	10%



60. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for... ${\it Asked\ of\ registered\ voters}$

The Democratic Party candidate	3%
The Republican Party candidate	3%
Other3	3%
Not sure	3%
I would not vote3	3%

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

Strongly Approve19	9%
Somewhat Approve	8%
Somewhat Disapprove13	3%
Strongly Disapprove34	4%
Not Sure6	6%

62. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	31%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	18%

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

Very strong	. 19%
Somewhat strong	. 31%
Somewhat weak	. 21%
Very weak	. 30%



64. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes40%	%
Says what he thinks people want to hear489	%
Not sure	%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	. 28%
Not sure	. 12%

66. 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	13%	23%	13%	27%	25%
The war in					
Afghanistan	12%	23%	17%	30%	17%
The budget deficit	12%	23%	16%	33%	16%
The economy	17%	23%	14%	33%	13%
Education	16%	29%	15%	22%	18%
The environment	16%	27%	14%	25%	18%
Foreign policy	13%	22%	15%	34%	16%
Gay rights	24%	20%	11%	27%	18%
Gun control	13%	20%	17%	32%	18%
Health care	22%	21%	12%	36%	10%
Immigration	14%	22%	13%	38%	13%
Medicare	15%	23%	16%	27%	19%
Social security	14%	23%	15%	26%	22%
Taxes	12%	23%	15%	33%	18%
Terrorism	15%	23%	13%	33%	16%



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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	12%

68. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	20%

69. 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	5%
About the same	34%
Less than usual	42%
Not sure	19%

70. 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	11%	24%	21%	28%	16%
Republicans in Congress	5%	16%	24%	38%	17%



71. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?	
Getting better22%About the same39%Getting worse33%Not sure6%	
72. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?	
Higher 19% About the same 34% Lower 25% Not sure 23%	
73. Would you say that you and your family are	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	
74. Six months from now do you think there will be	
More jobs20%The same amount of jobs42%Fewer jobs24%Not sure14%	
75. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried10%Somewhat worried33%Not very worried57%	



76. 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?

Somewhat hard	ould probably have to take a pay cut
Not very hard	
. How happy would	you say you are with your current job?
Happy Neither happy n Unhappy	
Are you male or fe	male?
Age	
30-44 45-64	
Race	
Black	



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

HS or less41	%
Some college	%
College grad	%
Postgrad	%

82. Region

Northeast	%
Midwest	%
South	%
West	%

83. 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	33%
None	52%

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

Full-time employed34%	0
Part-time employed12%	ó
Self-employed	-
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff11%	6
Retired22%	6
Permanently disabled10%	6
Homemaker9%	6
Other	0





90. 3 Point Party ID	
Democrat33%Independent43%Republican24%	
91. 5 Point Party ID	
Democrat33%Lean Democrat10%Independent24%Lean Republican9%Republican24%	
92. 7 Point Party ID	
Strong Democrat18%Not very strong Democrat15%Lean Democrat10%Independent18%Lean Republican9%Not very strong Republican10%Strong Republican14%Not sure6%	
93. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?	
Strongly support 9% Somewhat support 16% Neither support, nor oppose 26% Somewhat oppose 8% Strongly oppose 23%	



94. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?	
Yes 9% No 69% Not Sure 23%	
95. Voter Registration	
Registered67% Not registered33%	
96. How often would you say you vote in primary or caucus elections—that is, the election which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election. Would you say you very primary or caucus elections?	
Always 30% Nearly always 18% Part of the time 12% Seldom 10% Never 22% Unsure 8%	
97. In the 2016 primary election or caucus in your state, are you likely to vote?	
Likely to vote in Democratic primary or attend Democratic caucus 34% Likely to vote in Republican primary or attend Republican caucus 32% Not likely to vote in a primary election or attend a caucus	
98. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?	
Yes	



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Very important	39%
Somewhat important	29%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	18%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	23%
Never	25%
Don't know	1%

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

Several times a day	6%
Once a day17	7%
A few times a week15	5%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom15	5%
Never16	6%
Don't know	3%



102. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	37%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	5%



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Interviewing Dates September 11 - 15, 2015

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 age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American

Life Survey.

Weighting The sample was weighted using propensity scores based

on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.2 to 4.1, with a mean of one

and a standard deviation of 0.84.

Number of respondents 2000

Margin of error \pm 2.9% (adjusted for weighting)

Survey mode Web-based interviews

Questions not reported 21 questions not reported.