

Sample 1500 US Adults

Conducted November 11 - 13, 2018

Margin of Error $\pm 3\%$

1. Would you say things in this country today are
Generally headed in the right direction
2. How do you feel about the results of the midterm elections?
Very happy8%Somewhat happy34%Neither happy nor sad24%Somewhat unhappy18%Very unhappy6%Not sure11%
3. From what you know now, which party did better, or "won", the midterm elections?
The Democratic Party 40% The Republican Party 18% About the same 27% Not sure 16%
4. Which party did you expect to win control of the U.S. Senate?
The Democratic Party
5. How do you feel about the Republicans maintaining control of the U.S. Senate?
Very happy27%Somewhat happy9%Neither happy nor sad14%Somewhat unhappy13%Very unhappy27%Not sure10%



6. Which party did you expect to win control of the U.S. House of Representatives?	
The Democratic Party 51% The Republican Party 21% Not sure 28%	
7. How do you feel about the Democrats winning control of the U.S. House of Representatives?	
Very happy33%Somewhat happy11%Neither happy nor sad16%Somewhat unhappy10%Very unhappy21%Not sure9%	
8. Do you think Nancy Pelosi should become the next Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives or do y think it should be some other Democrat?	/ou
Nancy Pelosi 20% Some other Democrat 39% Not sure 21% Don't care 21%	
9. What do you think should be the main focus of the new Congress?	
Entitlement reform 2% Government oversight and investigation 10% Gun control 9% Healthcare reform 18% Immigration reform 19% Impeachment 8% Improving infrastructure 6% Increasing the minimum wage 5% Balancing the budget 7% Something else 4% Not sure 12%	



10. Do you think the next Congress should increase or decrease spending on the following parts of the federal government?

	Increase a lot	Increase a little	Leave it the same	Decrease a little	Decrease a lot	Not sure
Social Security	34%	31%	22%	1%	2%	9%
Medicare	34%	32%	20%	3%	3%	8%
The military	22%	21%	25%	12%	11%	9%
Building the wall on the						
U.SMexico border	25%	9%	10%	3%	42%	10%
Foreign aid	5%	11%	26%	19%	28%	12%

11. Do you thin	your vote was	counted?
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Y	es	ó
Ν	06%	6
Ν	ot sure	6
10	did not vote	6

12. Do you think the new incoming Congress will accomplish more or less than the old outgoing Congress accomplished?

More	19%
About the same	34%
Less	22%
Not sure	26%

13. Do you think the next Congress will accomplish more or less than Congress usually does?

More than usual		
About the same		
Less than usual		
Not sure	24%	

14. Do you think the election was rigged?

Yes	 22%
No	 49%
Not sure	 30%



15. In general, how widespread do you think voter fraud was in the midterm elections, such as people voting who are not eligible to vote? Do you think this happened...

A lot	%
Sometimes	%
Not much	%
Not at all	%

16. In general, how widespread do you think voter suppression was in the midterm elections, such as eligible voters taken off registration lists or denied the right to vote? Do you think this happened...

A lot	!4%
Sometimes	3%
Not much	25%
Not at all	8%

17. What do you think was the bigger problem in the election this year?

Voter fraud	24%
Voter suppression	34%
About the same	18%
Not sure	24%

18. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably not true	Definitely not true
Millions of illegal votes were cast the 2016 presidential election.	15%	32%	26%	27%
Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential elections.	32%	29%	23%	16%
Millions of illegal votes were cast the 2018 midterm election.	10%	31%	32%	27%
Russia interfered in the 2018 midterm elections.	10%	29%	40%	21%
China interfered in the 2018 midterm elections.	5%	24%	52%	19%



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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
John Kelly	10%	15%	16%	15%	44%
Jeff Sessions	4%	17%	22%	28%	29%
Robert Mueller	23%	15%	12%	19%	30%
Chris Christie	5%	19%	19%	28%	29%
Matthew Whitaker	6%	13%	9%	23%	48%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Jeff Sessions did as the U.S. Attorney General?

Approve strongly	4%
Approve somewhat	19%
Disapprove somewhat	22%
Disapprove strongly	26%
Not sure	29%

21. In 2017, Jeff Sessions recused himself from the Department of Justice investigation of Russian influence on the 2016 election. Did you agree or disagree with Jeff Sessions' decision to recuse himself from any investigation of Russian influence on the election in 2016?

Strongly agree	.26%
Somewhat agree	. 16%
Somewhat disagree	. 13%
Strongly disagree	.17%
Not sure	. 27%

22. Do you agree or disagree with Donald Trump's decision to fire Jeff Sessions as the U.S. Attorney General?

Approve strongly	20%
Approve somewhat	16%
Disapprove somewhat	16%
Disapprove strongly	21%
Not sure	27%

23. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Donald Trump's decision to name Matthew Whitaker as the acting U.S. Attorney General until a permanent replacement is confirmed by the U.S. Senate?

Heard a lot)%
Heard a little41	%
Heard nothing at all	3%



24. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's decision to name Matthew Whitaker as the a Attorney General until a permanent replacement is confirmed by the U.S. Senate?	cting U.S.
Approve strongly	
Approve somewhat	
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Disapprove somewhat	
Disapprove strongly	
Not sure	
25. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a caravan of immigrants seekii in the U.S. heading toward the border with Mexico?	ng asylum
Heard a lot	
Heard a little	
Heard nothing at all15%	
26. How serious a threat do you think the immigrant caravan poses to the United States?	
An immediate and serious threat to the U.S	
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S	
A minor threat to the U.S	
Not a threat to the U.S	
Not sure	
27. When is the immigrant caravan expected to reach the Mexico-U.S. border?	
More than month24%	
About a month27%	
About a couple of weeks	
About a week	
A few days9%	
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28. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump sending troops to the U.SMexico border in re	sponse to
the caravan of immigrants heading toward the U.SMexico border?	
Approve strongly	
Approve somewhat	
Neither approve nor disapprove10%	
Disapprove somewhat	
Disapprove strongly	
Not sure	



29. Do you favor or oppose building a wall along the US-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?
Favor 41% Oppose 45% Not sure 14%
30. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the NRA?
Very favorable24%Somewhat favorable16%Somewhat unfavorable12%Very unfavorable30%Not sure18%
31. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?
Personally own a gun
32. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?
Make gun laws more strict 56% No change 27% Make gun laws less strict 8% Not sure 9%
33. Which is more important?
The right of people to own guns



34. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the following incidents?

	Heard a lot	Heard a little	Heard nothing at all
A man shot and killed 17 students at a high school in Parkland, FL on Wednesday, February 14,			
2018	62%	27%	12%
A man shot and killed 11 people in a synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA on Saturday, October 27,			
2018	63%	27%	10%
A man in Kentucky shot and killed two black people in a grocery store on Wednesday, October 24, 2018	23%	35%	42%
A man in Florida shot and killed two women in a yoga studio then killed himself on Friday,	20%	3070	1270
November 2, 2018 A man in California shot and killed 12 people in a bar then killed himself on Wednesday, November 7,	27%	38%	34%
2018	58%	29%	13%

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

Strongly support	16%
Somewhat support	
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	21%
No opinion	36%

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

Itemize deductions	%
Standard deduction	%
Not sure	%
Prefer not to say	%



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

Pay more	. 20%
Pay about the same	. 32%
Pay less	. 18%
Not sure	.30%

38. How important are the following issues to you?

		Somewhat	Not very	
	Very Important	Important	Important	Unimportant
The economy	67%	28%	4%	1%
Immigration	50%	31%	14%	5%
The environment	53%	30%	11%	6%
Terrorism	56%	28%	12%	4%
Gay rights	28%	24%	21%	26%
Education	66%	24%	7%	3%
Health care	73%	20%	6%	1%
Social security	65%	26%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	46%	39%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	26%	41%	21%	11%
Taxes	53%	36%	8%	3%
Medicare	63%	28%	7%	2%
Abortion	44%	28%	18%	10%
Foreign policy	35%	44%	15%	6%
Gun control	52%	25%	12%	10%
International trade and				
globalization	31%	47%	16%	6%
Use of military force	39%	43%	13%	5%

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

The economy	10%
Immigration	14%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	2%
Education	9%
Health care	19%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	2%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	3%

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Medicare 4%
Abortion
Foreign policy0%
Gun control

40. 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	27%	14%	8%	45%	6%
Mike Pence	24%	14%	9%	34%	19%
Paul Ryan	6%	20%	20%	31%	23%
Mitch McConnell	6%	20%	13%	31%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	23%	13%	33%	20%
Chuck Schumer	9%	20%	12%	28%	32%

41. 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	21%	25%	14%	30%	10%
The Republican Party	16%	21%	15%	38%	10%

42. Is the Democratic Party...

Too liberal	39%
About right	30%
Not liberal enough	11%
Not sure	21%

43. Is the Republican Party...

Too conservative	%
About right	%
Not conservative enough	%
Not sure	%



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

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	8%

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

	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
A1	approve	approve	disapprove	disapprove	•
Abortion	17%	14%	9%	35%	25%
Budget deficit	15%	17%	14%	34%	19%
Civil rights	20%	15%	7%	40%	18%
Economy	28%	17%	13%	27%	14%
Education	17%	19%	9%	35%	20%
Environment	16%	18%	10%	39%	17%
Foreign policy	22%	16%	10%	37%	15%
Gay rights	14%	14%	9%	37%	26%
Gun control	21%	16%	10%	38%	15%
Health care	16%	20%	12%	38%	14%
Immigration	30%	11%	8%	40%	10%
Medicare	15%	18%	14%	34%	20%
Social security	15%	19%	13%	33%	20%
Taxes	23%	15%	12%	34%	16%
Terrorism	28%	15%	9%	31%	17%
Veterans	26%	16%	10%	29%	19%
Women's rights	21%	13%	8%	39%	19%

46. 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	22%	42%	37%
Intelligent	31%	33%	36%
Religious	10%	33%	57%
Inspiring	17%	37%	46%
Patriotic	31%	24%	45%
Strong	34%	24%	42%
Bold	43%	13%	43%

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	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Experienced	16%	35%	49%
Sincere	19%	38%	42%
Partisan	22%	16%	62%
Effective	29%	28%	42%
Exciting	15%	25%	60%
Steady	16%	29%	55%
Hypocritical	45%	18%	37%
Arrogant	63%	10%	27%

47. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	
Liberal	
Moderate	13%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	
Not sure	31%

48. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes489	%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	%
Not sure	%

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

A lot	23%
Some	14%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	
Not sure	7%

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

Very strong	}%
Somewhat strong21	1%
Somewhat weak13	3%
Very weak	7%



51. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?
Honest and trustworthy31%
Not honest and trustworthy
Not sure16%
52. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?
Yes34%
No53%
Not sure12%
53. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get us into a war?
Very likely24%
Fairly likely27%
Fairly unlikely19%
Very unlikely
Not sure14%
54. Do you think the way Donald Trump uses Twitter is appropriate or inappropriate for the President of the United States?
Appropriate23%
Inappropriate61%
Not sure17%
55. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next few years with Donald Trump as President?
Optimistic
Pessimistic
Not sure17%
56. Do you want Donald Trump to run for re-election in 2020?
Yes
No
Not sure13%



57. Overall, do you approve	or disapprove	of the way that	the United Stat	es Congress is	handling its joh?
Strongly approve Somewhat approve Neither approve nor dis Somewhat disapprove Strongly disapprove Not sure	sapprove				4% 9% 16% 24% 33%
58. Do you have a favorable o	r unfavorable o	opinion of the fo	llowing groups	in Congress?	
Democrats in Congress Republicans in Congress	Very favorable 16% 10%	Somewhat favorable 24% 23%	Somewhat unfavorable 16% 17%	Very unfavorable 31% 36%	Don't know 14% 14%
59. Do you approve or disa Representatives?					
Strongly approve Somewhat approve					
Somewhat disapprove					
Strongly disapprove .					31%
Not sure					26%
60. Do you approve or disap Senate?	prove of the w	ay Mitch McCo	nnell is handlin	g his job as Ma	ajority Leader of the U.S.
Strongly approve					8%
Somewhat approve					19%
Somewhat disapprove					
Strongly disapprove .					
Not sure					30%
61. Do you think Mitch McCo think it should be some other		remain as the le	eader of the Re	publicans in the	e U.S. Senate or do you
Mitch McConnell					
Some other Democrat					
Not sure					
Don't care					29%



62. 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? 63. Do you think Nancy Pelosi should remain as the leader of the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives or do you think it should be some other Democrat? 64. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate? Strongly approve8% 65. Do you think Chuck Schumer should remain as the leader of the Democrats in the U.S. Senate or do you think it should be some other Democrat? Not sure 25% 66. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?



67. 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 6% Somewhat more than usual 8% About the same 27% Somewhat less than usual 17% A lot less than usual 18% Not sure 25%
68. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual? Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual
Democrats in Congress
69. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?
Getting better37%About the same26%Getting worse23%Not sure14%
70. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?
Higher .26% About the same .24% Lower .23% Not sure .27%
71. Would you say that you and your family are
Better off financially than you were a year ago



72. Is the place where you live owned or rented?	
Owned by you or your family61%	
Rented from someone else	
Other	
73. Do you have a mortgage? Asked of those who own the place where they live	
Yes	
No	
74. Six months from now do you think there will be	
More jobs	
The same amount of jobs	
Fewer jobs	
Not sure	
75. How much difficulty would you have if you had to pay an unexpected bill of one thousand dollars r A lot	ight away?
Not much	
None at all	
76. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	
Somewhat worried	
Not very worried	aking now?
Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut	anig now:
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much	
Not very hard	
Not sure	



78. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy26%Happy35%Neither happy nor unhappy28%	
Unhappy	
79. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, what there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going government and public affairs	
Most of the time 44% Some of the time 25%	
Only now and then14%	
Hardly at all	
80. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Liberal	
Moderate 28% Conservative 32%	
Not sure	
81. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal10%	
Liberal	
Moderate 28% Conservative 19%	
Very conservative	
Not sure	
82. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered70%	
Not registered	



83. Did you vote in the November 2018 general election? Asked of registered voters
Yes, I voted on Election Day in-person at the polls
Yes, I voted by mail/absentee
84. 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
Less likely to vote for the Republican Congressional candidate27%
Have no effect on your vote choice
Not sure
85. 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
Yes, I voted the Republican Presidential primary or caucus
No, I did not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Presidential primary or caucus .21%
I don't remember
Asked of registered voters who voted in their state's 2016 Democratic Presidential primary or caucus
Hillary Clinton
Martin O'Malley
Bernie Sanders
Someone else
87. 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 Trump56%
Someone else
88. Did you vote in the election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016? Asked of registered voters
Yes61%
No



89. Who did you vote for in the election for President?	
Hillary Clinton	
Donald Trump	
Gary Johnson	
Jill Stein	
Evan McMullin	
Other	
Did not vote for President	
90. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a?	
Democrat	
Republican	
Independent	
Other	
Not sure	
91. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a? Strong Democrat	
Not sure	
92. What is your gender?	
Male	
Female	
93. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	
30-44	
45-64	
65+	



94. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	
Black	
Hispanic12%	
Other	
95. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	
Some college32%	
College grad19%	
Postgrad	
96. What is your marital status?	
Married45%	
Separated	
Divorced	
Widowed	
Never married30%	
Domestic / civil partnership	
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97. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	
No	
OO Calculated from respondent's state of residence	
98. Calculated from respondent's state of residence	
Northeast	
Midwest	
South	
West	
99. Which of the following best describes the place where you live?	
A large city	
A suburb near a large city	
A small city or town	
A rural area21%	



100. Overall, how would you rate your city or town as a place to live?	
Excellent	
Very good31%	
Good36%	
Only fair12%	
Poor4%	
101. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?	
Full-time employed37%	
Part-time employed11%	
Self-employed0%	
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff10%	
Retired22%	
Permanently disabled10%	
Homemaker 8%	
Other2%	
102. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?	
Under \$50K	
\$50-100K25%	
\$100K or more	
Prefer not to say14%	
103. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever se	
in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check	k all
boxes that apply.	
Military Household - I am	
Military Household - Family	
Military Household - I served previously	
Military Household - Family served previously	
Military Household - None48%	
104. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?	
Yes, I am	
Yes, household member is6%	
No87%	



105. How important is religion in your life?	
Very important39%Somewhat important27%Not too important14%Not at all important21%	
106. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?	
More than once a week 7% Once a week 18% Once or twice a month 6% A few times a year 15% Seldom 21% Never 28% Don't know 4%	
107. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?	
Yes	n do you
pray? Several times a day 27% Once a day 16% A few times a week 11% Once a week 3% A few times a month 7% Seldom 14% Never 17% Don't know 5%	
109. What is your present religion, if any?	
Protestant 36% Roman Catholic 17% Mormon 1% Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1% continued on the next page	



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Jewish	
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	
Hindu	
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	5%

Sponsorship The Economist

Fieldwork YouGov

Interviewing Dates November 11 - 13, 2018

Target population US Adult Population

Sampling method Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel us-

ing 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 0.358 to 5.329, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.62.

Number of respondents 1500

1284 (Registered voters)

Margin of error \pm 3% (adjusted for weighting)

 \pm 2.9% (Registered voters)

Survey mode Web-based interviews

Questions not reported 30 questions not reported.