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Weekly Tracking

For immediate release

1. Presidential Job Approval – Historical

Do you approve or disapprove of the way [President's name] is handling his job as President?

	All Adults						
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 31-September 4, 2018	38%	53%	22%	16%	11%	42%	9%
August 24-28, 2018	41%	48%	24%	17%	10%	38%	11%
August 17-21, 2018	41%	49%	21%	20%	12%	37%	10%
August 11-13, 2018	42%	49%	24%	18%	10%	39%	9%
August 4-6, 2018	40%	49%	22%	18%	9%	40%	11%
July 28-30, 2018	39%	51%	22%	17%	10%	41%	10%
July 21-23, 2018	41%	50%	22%	19%	11%	39%	9%
July 14-16, 2018	39%	50%	22%	17%	12%	38%	11%
July 7-9, 2018	39%	49%	22%	17%	11%	38%	13%
June 30-July 2, 2018	41%	49%	23%	18%	11%	38%	10%
One Year Ago	41%	52%	21%	20%	13%	39%	8%

	Registered Voters						
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 31-September 4, 2018	43%	54%	27%	16%	10%	44%	3%
August 24-28, 2018	43%	52%	27%	16%	8%	44%	5%
August 17-21, 2018	44%	52%	26%	18%	9%	43%	5%
August 11-13, 2018	46%	50%	29%	17%	8%	42%	4%
August 4-6, 2018	44%	51%	29%	15%	7%	44%	4%
July 28-30, 2018	43%	53%	27%	16%	9%	44%	4%
July 21-23, 2018	43%	54%	26%	17%	10%	44%	4%
July 14-16, 2018	44%	52%	28%	16%	9%	43%	4%
July 7-9, 2018	43%	52%	28%	15%	8%	44%	6%
June 30-July 2, 2018	45%	51%	30%	15%	9%	42%	4%
One Year Ago	42%	54%	23%	19%	13%	41%	5%

Presidential Job Approval
"Do you approve or disapprove of the way
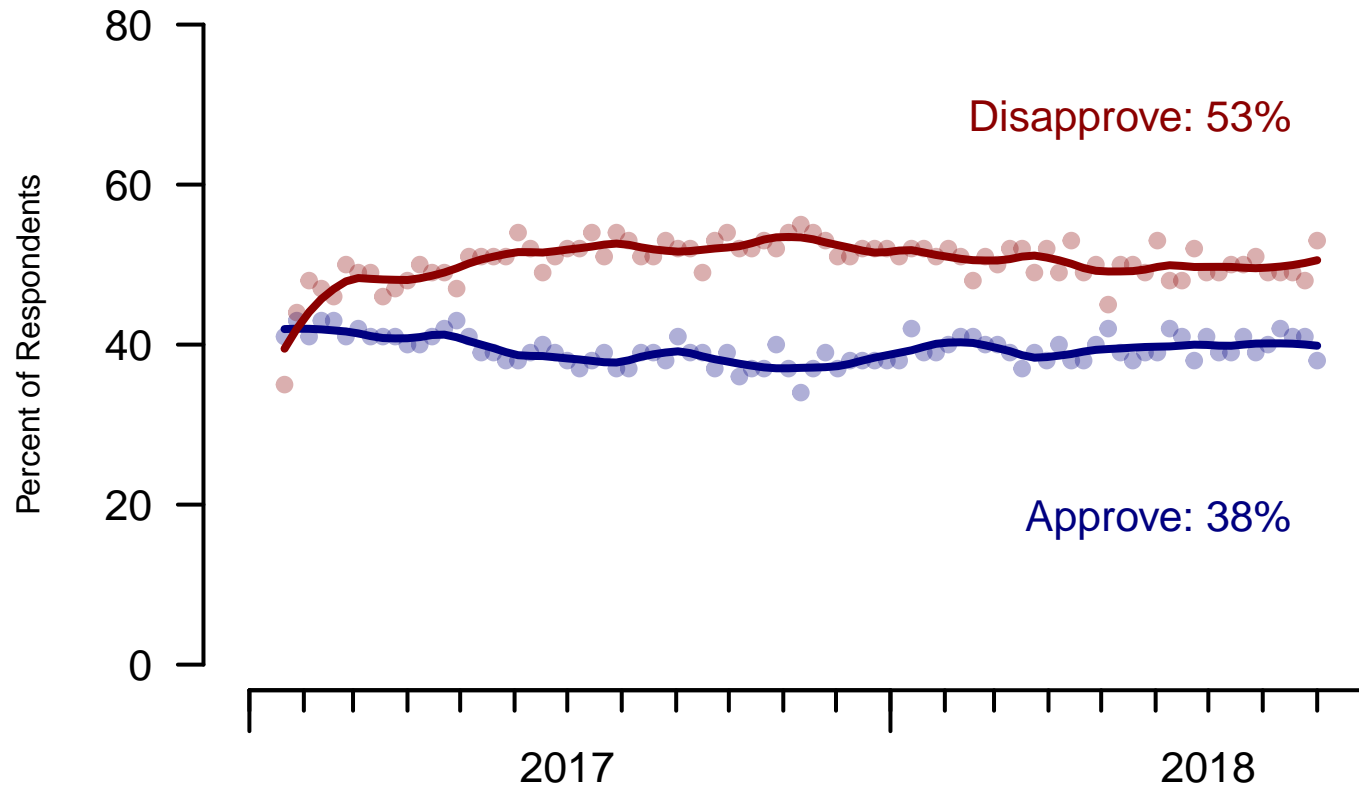Donald Trump is handling his job as President?"

Figure 1: Trump Approval – All Adults

Presidential Job Approval
"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?"
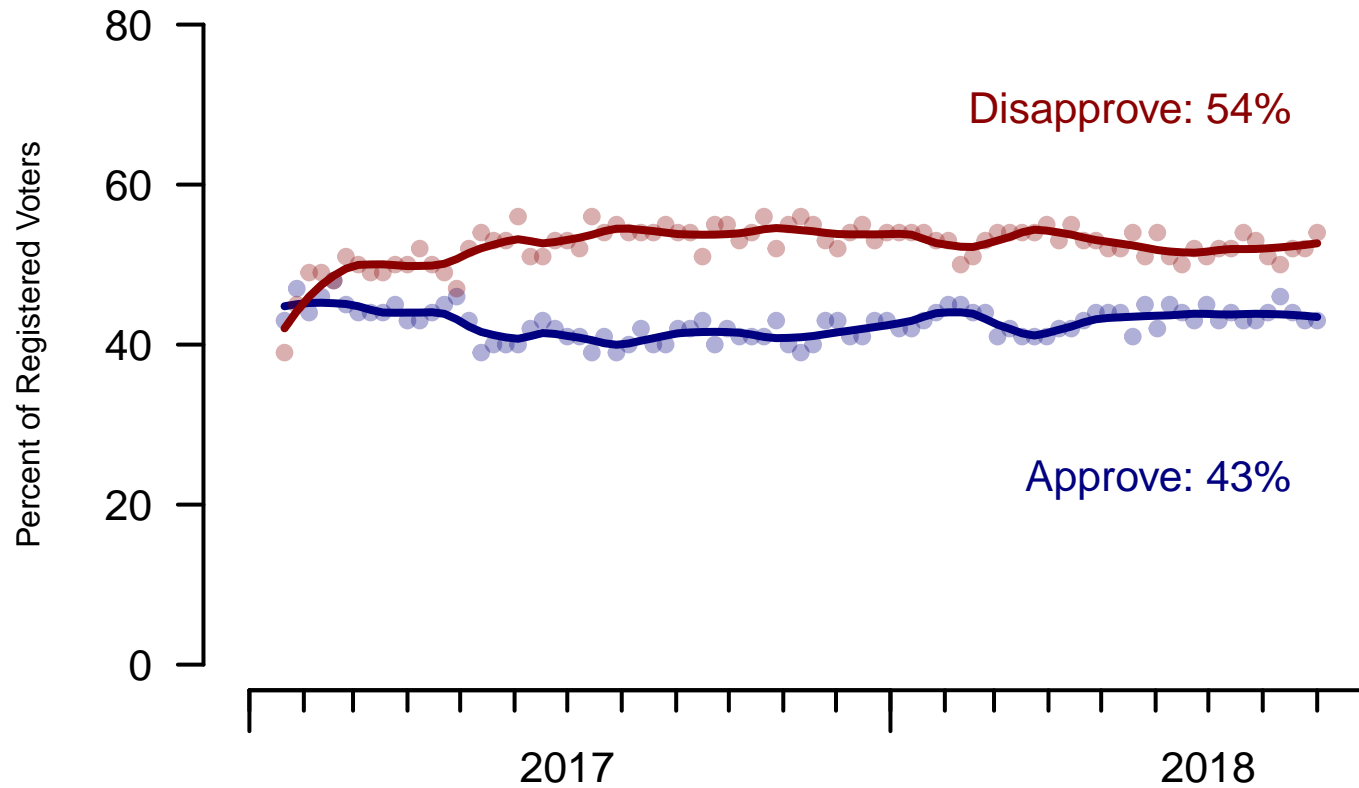

Disapprove: 54%

Approve: 43%

Figure 2: Trump Approval – Registered Voters

2. President Trump Job Approval – This Week – All Adults
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

	Total	Age (4 category)				Race			Census Region			
		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly approve	22%	11%	15%	23%	39%	25%	7%	14%	20%	20%	24%	21%
Somewhat approve	16%	15%	14%	18%	16%	19%	2%	10%	12%	26%	15%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	16%	11%	10%	7%	10%	13%	18%	13%	8%	12%	11%
Strongly disapprove	42%	42%	48%	40%	37%	38%	67%	37%	43%	41%	40%	44%
Not sure	9%	15%	12%	9%	1%	8%	11%	21%	12%	5%	9%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,500)	(293)	(396)	(501)	(310)	(1,163)	(180)	(157)	(372)	(314)	(489)	(325)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income (3 category)			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 50	50-100	100+	Prefer not to say
Strongly approve	22%	2%	16%	57%	3%	10%	52%	26%	18%	17%	24%	31%	25%
Somewhat approve	16%	6%	18%	27%	2%	17%	25%	16%	16%	18%	15%	16%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	13%	13%	7%	6%	16%	9%	11%	12%	13%	12%	7%	9%
Strongly disapprove	42%	75%	36%	6%	82%	40%	11%	42%	42%	39%	45%	44%	43%
Not sure	9%	4%	17%	3%	6%	17%	2%	7%	12%	13%	4%	2%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,500)	(510)	(597)	(393)	(398)	(617)	(485)	(659)	(841)	(704)	(401)	(207)	(188)

3. Approval of U.S. Congress – Historical
Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

	All Adults							
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 31-September 4, 2018	11%	60%	3%	8%	13%	24%	36%	17%
August 24-28, 2018	15%	57%	4%	11%	14%	24%	33%	15%
August 17-21, 2018	11%	57%	2%	9%	17%	25%	32%	15%
August 11-13, 2018	13%	59%	4%	9%	14%	22%	37%	14%
August 4-6, 2018	13%	59%	3%	10%	14%	22%	37%	14%
July 28-30, 2018	11%	60%	3%	8%	13%	21%	39%	15%
July 21-23, 2018	11%	58%	2%	9%	17%	22%	36%	14%
July 14-16, 2018	12%	58%	4%	8%	13%	23%	35%	17%
July 7-9, 2018	11%	57%	3%	8%	14%	23%	34%	18%
June 30-July 2, 2018	11%	57%	2%	9%	16%	22%	35%	15%
One Year Ago	11%	57%	2%	9%	17%	21%	36%	15%

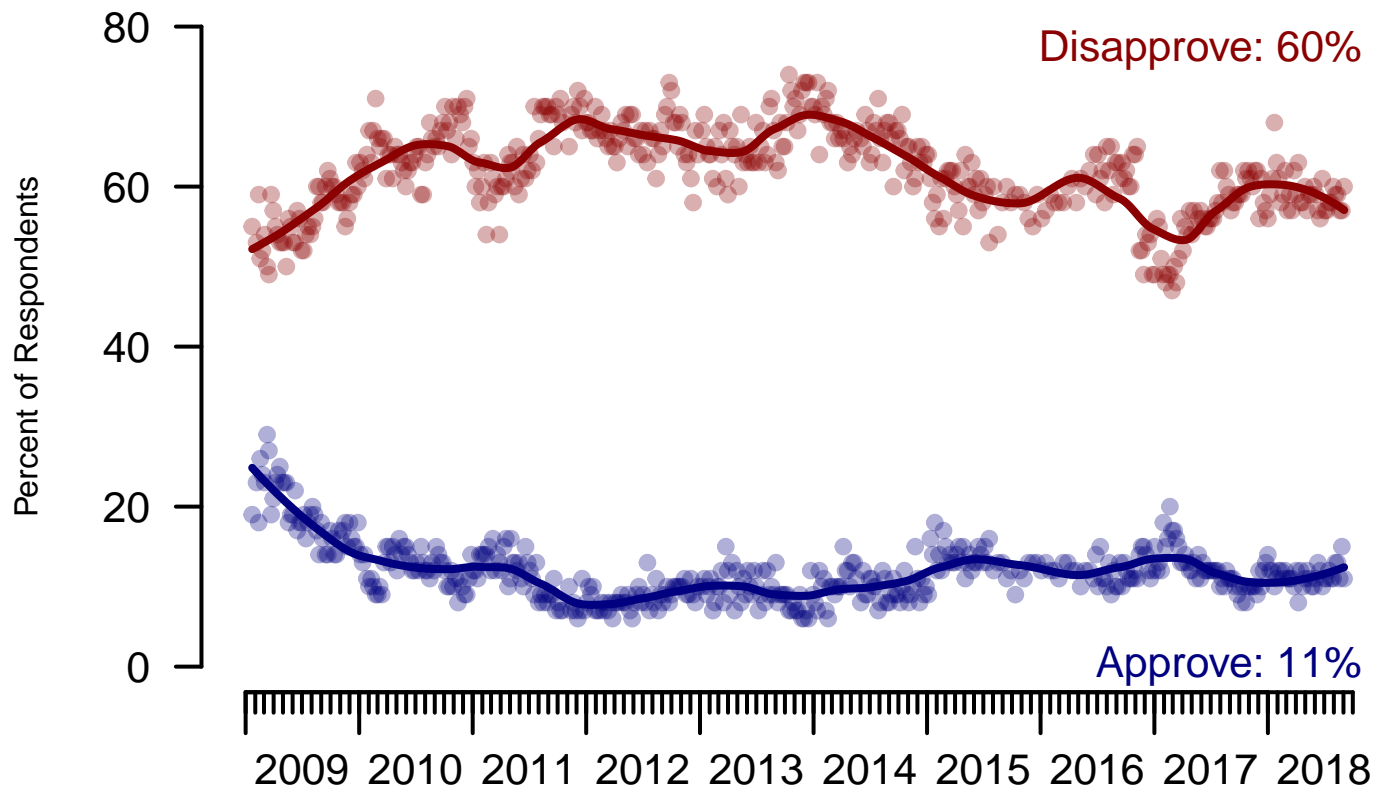|	Registered Voters							
	Total Approve	**Total Disapprove**	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
August 31-September 4, 2018	11%	69%	2%	9%	12%	26%	43%	8%
August 24-28, 2018	14%	67%	3%	11%	12%	26%	41%	8%
August 17-21, 2018	12%	66%	3%	9%	15%	26%	40%	8%
August 11-13, 2018	11%	70%	3%	8%	11%	26%	44%	8%
August 4-6, 2018	12%	68%	2%	10%	12%	25%	43%	7%
July 28-30, 2018	12%	70%	3%	9%	12%	23%	47%	6%
July 21-23, 2018	9%	71%	1%	8%	12%	26%	45%	8%
July 14-16, 2018	11%	67%	3%	8%	12%	25%	42%	10%
July 7-9, 2018	10%	68%	3%	7%	13%	25%	43%	9%
June 30-July 2, 2018	11%	66%	2%	9%	15%	24%	42%	8%
One Year Ago	10%	63%	2%	8%	16%	23%	40%	10%

Figure 3: Congress Approval – All Adults

Congress Approval
"Do you approve of the way the
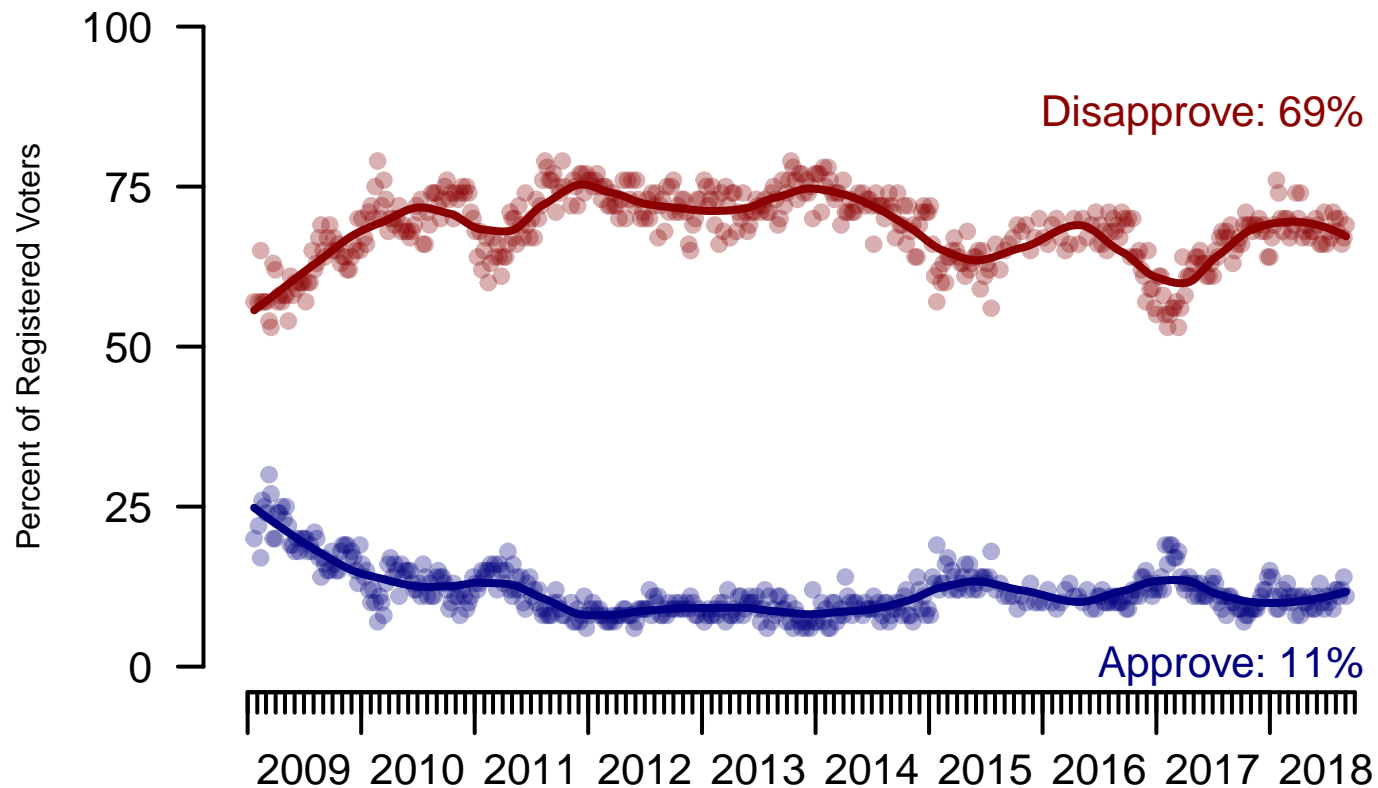U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

Figure 4: Congress Approval – Registered Voters

4. Approval of U.S. Congress – This Week – All Adults

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

	Total	Age (4 category)				Race			Census Region			
		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly approve	3%	6%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Somewhat approve	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%	9%	4%	6%	9%	8%	7%	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%	13%	15%	13%	12%	12%	17%	16%	13%	11%	13%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	24%	18%	19%	25%	32%	25%	15%	23%	19%	31%	23%	25%
Strongly disapprove	36%	29%	34%	38%	41%	36%	40%	25%	34%	35%	35%	39%
Not sure	17%	27%	22%	14%	5%	14%	21%	27%	21%	12%	18%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,496)	(293)	(394)	(499)	(310)	(1,161)	(180)	(155)	(372)	(313)	(487)	(324)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income (3 category)			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 50	50-100	100+	Prefer not to say
Strongly approve	3%	2%	3%	6%	2%	2%	6%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	1%
Somewhat approve	8%	4%	5%	20%	2%	6%	15%	9%	7%	6%	10%	10%	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%	12%	11%	17%	8%	15%	14%	11%	15%	16%	11%	7%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	24%	23%	21%	30%	22%	18%	33%	25%	23%	24%	25%	26%	19%
Strongly disapprove	36%	48%	36%	19%	56%	31%	26%	40%	31%	31%	39%	46%	36%
Not sure	17%	12%	25%	8%	9%	28%	7%	12%	21%	21%	11%	5%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,496)	(508)	(595)	(393)	(398)	(615)	(483)	(659)	(837)	(703)	(401)	(206)	(186)

5. Direction of country – Historical
Would you say things in this country today are...

	All Adults		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
August 31-September 4, 2018	35%	52%	13%
August 24-28, 2018	38%	48%	14%
August 17-21, 2018	37%	49%	15%
August 11-13, 2018	36%	52%	11%
August 4-6, 2018	37%	51%	12%
July 28-30, 2018	36%	51%	13%
July 21-23, 2018	36%	52%	12%
July 14-16, 2018	36%	51%	13%
July 7-9, 2018	35%	50%	15%
June 30-July 2, 2018	35%	52%	12%
One Year Ago	31%	55%	14%

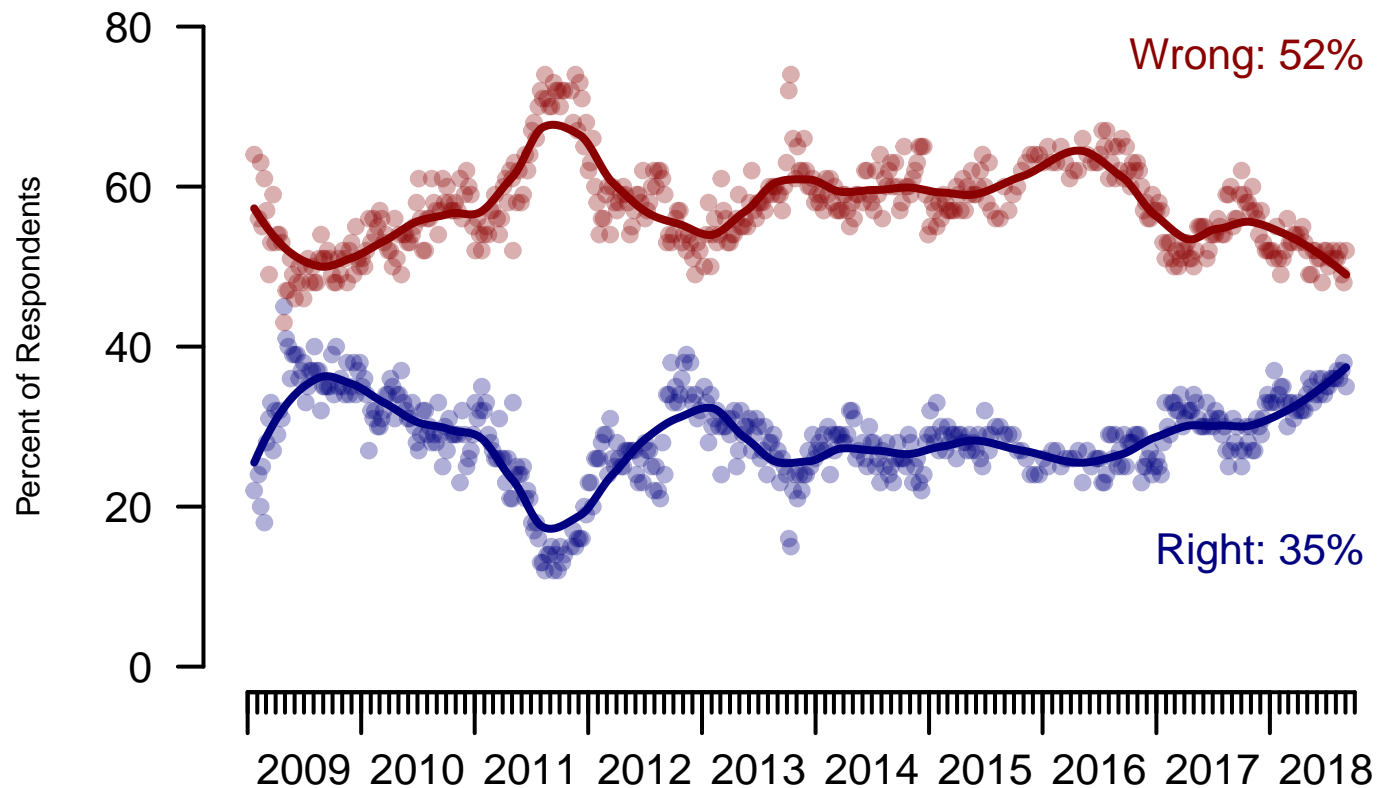|	Registered Voters		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
August 31-September 4, 2018	39%	54%	7%
August 24-28, 2018	38%	52%	10%
August 17-21, 2018	40%	50%	11%
August 11-13, 2018	40%	52%	7%
August 4-6, 2018	41%	52%	7%
July 28-30, 2018	40%	52%	7%
July 21-23, 2018	38%	53%	9%
July 14-16, 2018	39%	53%	8%
July 7-9, 2018	37%	53%	10%
June 30-July 2, 2018	38%	54%	8%
One Year Ago	31%	57%	12%

Figure 5: Direction of Country – All Adults

Direction of Country
"Would you say things in this country today are
generally headed in the right direction
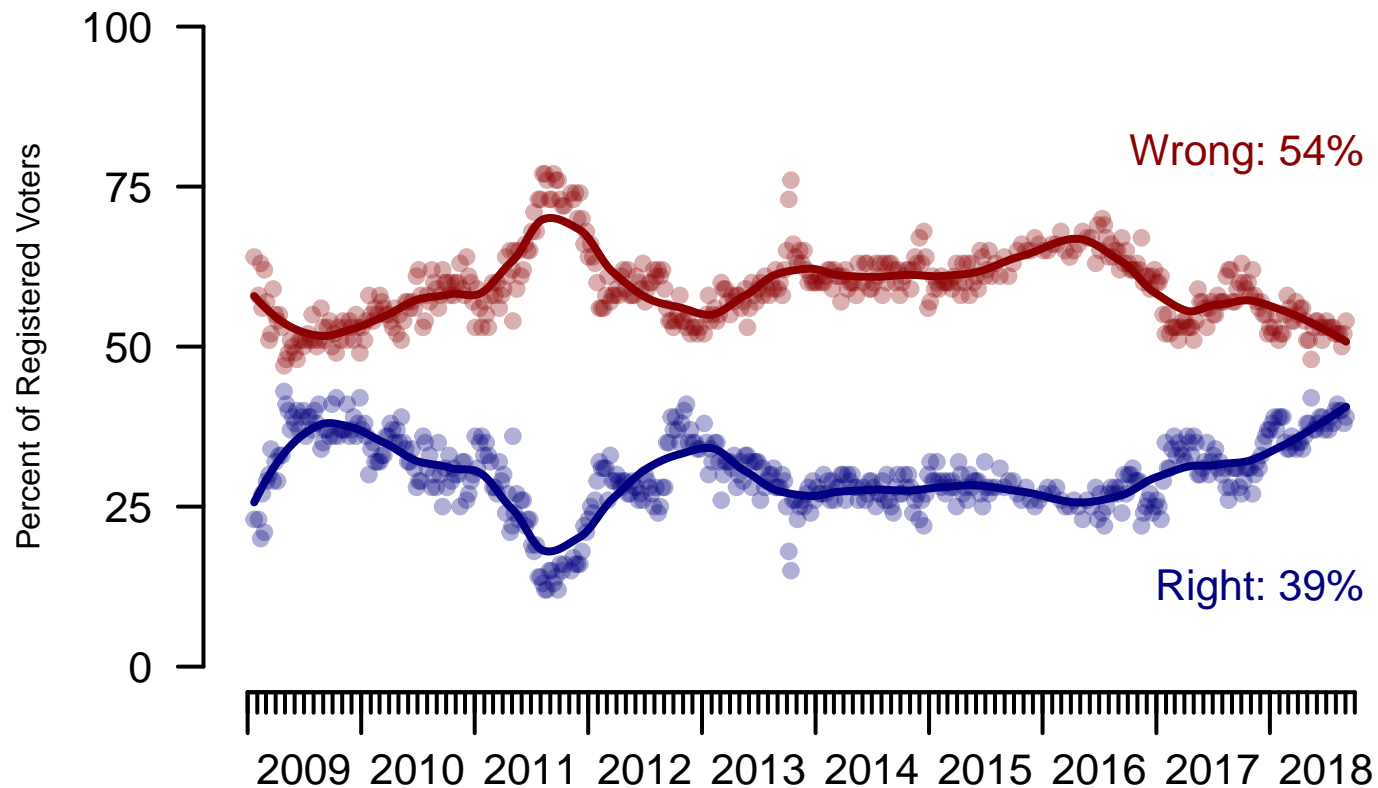or off on the wrong track?"

Figure 6: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults

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

	Total	Age (4 category)				Race			Census Region			
		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Generally headed in the right direction	35%	27%	27%	38%	47%	39%	12%	33%	33%	42%	34%	34%
Off on the wrong track	52%	57%	59%	49%	46%	50%	73%	46%	53%	51%	54%	52%
Not sure	13%	16%	14%	13%	6%	11%	15%	20%	15%	8%	13%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,500)	(293)	(396)	(501)	(310)	(1,163)	(180)	(157)	(372)	(314)	(489)	(325)

	Total	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income (3 category)			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 50	50-100	100+	Prefer not to say
Generally headed in the right direction	35%	11%	31%	74%	9%	27%	68%	39%	31%	32%	39%	43%	33%
Off on the wrong track	52%	81%	49%	19%	84%	53%	26%	50%	54%	54%	53%	49%	50%
Not sure	13%	8%	19%	6%	8%	20%	6%	11%	14%	14%	9%	8%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,500)	(510)	(597)	(393)	(398)	(617)	(485)	(659)	(841)	(704)	(401)	(207)	(188)

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 2 - 3, 2018
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 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 age, gender, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.2 to 4.58, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.6.
Number of respondents	1500
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting)
Margin of error (Registered Voters)	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Full results	Available online at http://today.yougov.com/news/categories/economist/.