

2018 POST ELECTION NATIONAL SURVEY
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1000 Registered Voters who voted at the Congressional Level

- 1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?**

1. Right Direction	44
1. Don't Know	8
2. Wrong Track	48

- 2. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?**

1. Approve	45
2. Don't know	5
3. Disapprove	50

Please tell me for each of the following whether you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of that group or person. (IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:) Would you say you have a strongly (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression or just a somewhat (FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE) impression? (ROTATE 3-4, THEN 5-6)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	100	43	54	3
4. Democrats in Congress	100	48	50	3
5. Donald Trump	100	45	53	2
6. Nancy Pelosi	98	29	58	11

7. Which of the following issues was most important to you in deciding who to vote for in the election for Congress? (ROTATE)

1. Education	5
2. Social Security	8
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	3
5. Healthcare	20
6. The Economy	17
7. Jobs	3
8. Taxes	5
9. Crime and Safety	4
10. Environment/Climate Change	4
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	15
16. Other	*
17. Prescription Drugs	5
18. Don't know	2

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE LIST BELOW Q8-13)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	49	41	10
9. Jobs	48	42	10
10. Health Care	39	52	10
11. Taxes	45	44	11
12. Defense/terrorism	51	37	12
13. Immigration	48	43	9

**14. For which candidate did you vote for US Congress from your Congressional district?
(ROTATE)**

1. Republican candidate	45
2. Democratic candidate	53
3. Third party candidate/Other	1
4. Don't Know	1

(ROTATE Q15-16)

15. Overall, in thinking about what you heard from Republican Congressional candidates, did this make you more favorable or less favorable to vote for Republican candidates?

1. More favorable	43
2. Less favorable	48
3. Don't Know	10

16. Overall, in thinking about what you heard from Democratic Congressional candidates, did this make you more favorable or less favorable to vote for Democrat candidates?

1. More favorable	50
2. Less favorable	40
3. Don't Know	9

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being not important at all, 3 being somewhat important; 5 being important, 7 being very important and 9 being extremely important, how important is each of the following issues or news stories to you in deciding how you voted: (ROTATE LIST Q17-36)

	MEAN
17. The economy and jobs	6.90
18. Cost of living	6.70
19. Affordable Care Act/health care	6.51
20. Pre-existing conditions	6.47
21. Foreign policy/Terrorism/ISIS/situation in the Middle East	6.38
22. Immigration	6.47
23. Border security/caravan coming up through Mexico	5.79

24. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	4.86
25. Need for a check and balance on the President	5.74
26. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues, and the MeToo movement	5.59
27. The tax cut plan recently passed by Congress	6.20
28. Trade/tariffs/NAFTA	5.87
29. Single payer health care/Medicare for All	5.60
30. Confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh	6.01
31. Harassment against Trump administration officials and Republicans	5.03
32. Gun policy	6.39
33. The implications of Nancy Pelosi becoming Speaker	5.14
34. Mail bombs sent to CNN and Democratic officials	5.26
35. Whether a candidate supports President Trump	5.67
36. Recent shooting at a synagogue in Pittsburgh	5.86

(ROTATE 37-38)

37. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Republican candidates? (ROTATE)

1. The economy and jobs	15
2. Cost of living	2
3. Affordable Care Act/health care	3
4. Pre-existing conditions	2
5. Foreign policy/Terrorism/ISIS/situation in the Middle East	2
6. Immigration	19
7. Border security/caravan coming up through Mexico	15
8. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	2
9. Need for a check and balance on the President	*
10. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues, and the MeToo movement	1
11. The tax cut plan recently passed by Congress	3
12. Trade/tariffs/NAFTA	2
13. Single payer health care/Medicare for All	1
14. Confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh	5
15. Harassment against Trump administration officials and Republicans	4

16. Gun policy	2
17. The implications of Nancy Pelosi becoming Speaker	3
18. Mail bombs sent to CNN and Democratic officials	2
19. Whether a candidate supports President Trump	5
20. Recent shootings at a synagogue in Pittsburgh	2
21. Other (SPECIFY)	1
22. Don't know	10

38. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Democratic candidates? (ROTATE)

1. The economy and jobs	4
2. Cost of living	1
3. Affordable Care Act/health care	12
4. Pre-existing conditions	7
5. Foreign policy/Terrorism/ISIS/situation in the Middle East	1
6. Immigration	7
7. Border security/caravan coming up through Mexico	4
8. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	7
9. Need for a check and balance on the President	5
10. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues, and the MeToo movement	5
11. The tax cut plan recently passed by Congress	1
12. Trade/tariffs/NAFTA	1
13. Single payer health care/Medicare for All	6
14. Confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh	6
15. Harassment against Trump administration officials and Republicans	5
16. Gun policy	4
17. The implications of Nancy Pelosi becoming Speaker	1
18. Mail bombs sent to CNN and Democratic officials	3
19. Whether a candidate supports President Trump	5
20. Recent shootings at a synagogue in Pittsburgh	1
21. Other (SPECIFY)	2
22. Don't know	11

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being very liberal, 5 being moderate, and 9 being very conservative, how would you rate... (ROTATE LIST Q39-43)

	MEAN
39. Your own political ideology	5.33
40. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.44
41. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	3.53
42. Ideology of Nancy Pelosi	3.58
43. Ideology of Donald Trump	6.51

44. In thinking about this year's election for Congress, was your vote to ROTATE) express support for Trump, express opposition to Trump, or was Trump not a factor? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Support for Trump	33
2. Opposition to Trump	39
3. Trump was not a factor	27
4. Don't know	1

45. Which of these reasons played the more important role in determining how you voted in the elections for Congress? (ROTATE)

1. State of the economy and your personal finances	51
2. Your views on President Trump	43
3. Don't Know	6

ECONOMY

46. Generally speaking, would you say the economy is headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction	51
2. Don't Know	17
3. Wrong Track	32

47. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing in handling the economy?

1. Approve	47
2. Don't know	9
3. Disapprove	44

48. Over the past two years, has your personal financial situation...(ROTATE 1-3 TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Gotten better	35
2. Not changed	41
3. Gotten worse	23
4. Don't Know	1

49. Whose policies have contributed more to the current state of the economy? (ROTATE)

1. President Trump's policies	52
2. President Obama's policies	34
3. Don't Know	14

50. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Democrats will raise taxes.

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	30
3. Don't Know	17

TAXES

51. Do you favor or oppose the tax cut plan passed by Congress?

1. Favor	45
2. Oppose	31
3. Don't Know	24

52. Do you think that this plan will or will not lower taxes for people like you?

1. Will	36
2. Will not	42
3. Don't Know	23

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 53-54)

53. The tax cut bill passed by Congress reduced all tax rates for everyone.

1. Believe	32
2. Do not believe	50
3. Don't Know	18

54. The tax cut bill passed by Congress reduced tax rates for corporations and the wealthy.

1. Believe	67
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't Know	16

55. Do you believe or not believe this statement: In early June, the Labor Department announced that the country now has more job openings than unemployed.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don't Know	16

56. Do you agree or disagree with the use of trade tariffs?

1. Agree	41
2. Disagree	34
3. Don't Know	25

HEALTH CARE

57. Do you favor or oppose the health care law that some refer to as Obamacare or the Affordable Care Act?

1. Favor	51
2. Oppose	42
3. Don't Know	7

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

58. What are the main sources of your news about national issues such as politics, the economy, education, and health care? (PERCENT SAYING YES)

1. Network news/news websites such as ABC, CBS or NBC	45
2. Cable news/news websites such as CNN, FOX or MSNBC	42
3. Local news	43
4. Facebook	16
5. Twitter	6
6. Daily newspaper (online or hard copy)	21
7. Blogs or opinion websites	5
8. Radio	12
9. Other (SPECIFY)	4
10. Don't Know	3

59. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34	21
2. 35-44	14
3. 45-54	18
4. 55-64	21
5. 65+	26

60. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

1. Republican	33
2. Democrat	37
3. Independent	28
4. Other	1
5. Don't Know	1

61. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, or somewhat conservative or very conservative in your political beliefs?

1. Very Liberal	12
2. Somewhat Liberal	15
3. Moderate	36
4. Somewhat Conservative	21
5. Very Conservative	15
6. Don't Know	1

62. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?

1. Yes	26
2. No	73
3. Don't Know	1

63. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	25
2. Married	56
3. Separated	1
4. Divorced	12
5. Widowed	5
6. Don't Know	1

64. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...

1. Less than 15K	8
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	17
4. 50K-75K	21
5. 75K-100K	12
6. 100K-200K	19

7. More than 200K	4
8. Don't know	5

65. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical/Fundamentalist Protestant	15
2. Mainline Protestant	16
3. Catholic	28
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	8
7. Other	22
8. Don't Know	5

66. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	11
2. African-American	11
3. Asian	3
4. White	72
5. Other	2
6. Don't Know	1

67. What was the last grade of school that you completed?

1. Did not complete high school	1
2. High school graduate	22
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Attended college – Associates degree	11
5. College graduate – Bachelors	24
6. Postgraduate study or graduate degree	17
7. Don't Know	1

68. Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

1. Yes	14
2. No	85
3. Don't know	1

69. Many people consider themselves “living paycheck to paycheck” in terms of their personal financial situations. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	46
2. No	51
3. Don't know	3

70. Many people find themselves in a financial situation that means they will not be able to retire until they are in their late 70s or early 80s, or might not be able to retire at all. Do you consider yourself to be in this kind of situation?

1. Yes	32
2. No	55
3. Don't know	12

71. In the November 2016 presidential election, for which presidential candidate did you vote? (ROTATE answer options 1-2, then 3-4)

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	44
2. Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	43
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	5
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	1
5. Other (SPECIFY)	1
6. Did not vote in presidential race	5
7. Don't Know	1

72. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	27
2. Suburban	52
3. Rural	21

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region (TAKEN FROM SAMPLE)

1. Northeast	17
2. South	28
3. Midwest	19
4. Plains/Mountains	22
5. West Coast	14