**2016 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

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**ASK ALL:**

HLTHRATE Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

1. Excellent
2. Very good
3. Good
4. Fair
5. Poor

**ASK ALL:**

G1 Do you, or does anyone in your immediate family, have a gene that predisposes you to a serious disease such as Alzheimer’s, cancer, heart disease, or sickle cell anemia?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

**ASK ALL:**

G2 Have you, or has anyone in your immediate family, ever had a genetic test, or haven’t you done this?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

**ASK ALL:**

NEIGHBORTRAIT If a new person moved to your community, would it make it easier or harder for you to get along with them if they… **[DISPLAY STEM AT TOP OF EACH PAGEAND FOUR ITEMS PER PAGE (SEE BLOCKS BELOW); RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS WITHIN FORM]**

**ASK FORM 1:**

**BLOCK 1:**

a.F1 Were a Republican

b.F1 Were a Democrat

c.F1 Owned guns

d.F1 Had a college degree

**BLOCK 2:**

e.F1 Liked country music

f.F2 Were gay or lesbian

g.F1 Volunteered in the community

h.F1 Regularly attended church

**ASK FORM 2:**

**BLOCK 3:**

i.F2 Were a conservative

j.F2 Were a liberal

k.F2 Liked hip-hop

l.F2 Served in the military

**BLOCK 4:**

m.F2 Had children

n.F2 Never attended college

o.F1 Liked sports

p.F2 Did not believe in God

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

1 A lot easier

2 Somewhat easier

3 Neither easier nor harder

4 Somewhat harder

5 A lot harder

**ASK ALL:**

WINLOSE Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been...

1 Winning more often than losing

2 Losing more often than winning

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHT How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates running for president in 2016?

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Not much

4 None at all

**ASK ALL:**

MATTERS Thinking about how you feel about the 2016 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1🡪4]**

1 1 - Really matters who wins

2 2

3 3

4 4 - Doesn’t really matter who wins

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEMNOMOE, REPNOMOE]**

**ASK ALL:**

DEMNOMOE Thinking about the 2016 presidential election, who would be your choice for the Democratic nomination for president?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: TWO OPEN END TEXT FIELDS LABELED** “First choice” “Second choice (if any)” **DO NOT INCLUDE CHECK BOXES FOR ANY CHOICES]**

**ASK ALL:**

REPNOMOE Thinking about the 2016 presidential election, who would be your choice for the Republican nomination for president?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: TWO OPEN END TEXT FIELDS LABELED** “First choice” “Second choice (if any)” **DO NOT INCLUDE CHECK BOXES FOR ANY CHOICES]**

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEPARTY Thinking ahead to the presidential election that will take place in NOVEMBER 2016, regardless of who the nominees from each party are, do you think you will… **[CATEGORIES IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

1 Definitely vote for the Republican

2 Probably vote for the Republican

3 Probably vote for the Democrat

4 Definitely vote for the Democrat

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: ASK ALL ITEMS ON ONE SCREEN; INCLUDE INTRO PARAGRAPH AT TOP; DO NOT USE THERMOMETER IMAGE**

**ASK ALL:**

THERMO We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a “feeling thermometer.” A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don’t feel particularly positive or negative toward them.

How do you feel toward **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? *[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]*

**ASK ALL:**

THERMCLINTON Hillary Clinton

THERMSANDER Bernie Sanders

THERMTRUMP Donald Trump

THERMCRUZ Ted Cruz

THERMKASICH John Kasich

**ASK FORM 1:**

THERMBOBAMABarack Obama

**ASK FORM 2:**

THERMMOBAMA Michelle Obama

Enter number here:

**SOFT PROMPT TEXT:** “*Please enter the “degree” or number between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings in the box. If you would like to skip, click Next.”*

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM]**

**ASK FORM 1:**

REPRSNTREP How well does the REPUBLICAN PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

**ASK FORM 1:**

REPRSNTDEM How well does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY represent the interests of people like you?

1 Very well

2 Somewhat well

3 Not too well

4 Not at all well

**ASK FORM 2:**

REPRESENT Thinking about members of Congress, which comes closer to your view: **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Members of Congress need to represent the concerns of all people in their district

2 Members of Congress only need to represent the concerns of people who voted for them

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: PUT EACH ITEM ON A SEPARATE SCREEN; MATCH ORDER OF “REPUBLICAN PARTY OR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY” IN STEM WITH ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS (E.G. IF “STRONGLY AGREE WITH DEMOCRATIC PARTY” AT TOP OF OPTIONS THEN LIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY FIRST IN STEM)**

**ASK ALL:**

PTYISSUE Would you say you agree with the [RANDOMIZE TO MATCH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Republican Party or the Democratic Party] on the following policy area?

**ASK ALL:**

a. Health care policy

b. Policies to deal with illegal immigration

c. Policies to deal with climate change

d. Policies to deal with ISIS, the Islamic militant group in Iraq and Syria

e. Abortion policy

f. Gun policy

g. Policies to deal with the economy

**ASK FORM 1:**

h.F1 Policies to deal with the gap between rich and poor

**ASK FORM 2:**

i.F2 Policies to deal with the budget deficit

**[REVERSE ORDER OF OPTIONS FOR HALF SAMPLE, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST; INCLUDE SPACE BETWEEN PUNCH 5 AND OTHER PUNCHES]**

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

1 Strongly agree with the Republican Party

2 Somewhat agree with the Republican Party

3 Somewhat agree with the Democratic Party

4 Strongly agree with the Democratic Party

5 Don’t agree with either party

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTREP & EMTDEM]**

**ASK ALL:**

EMTREP How does the REPUBLICAN PARTY make you feel?

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS AND ORDER OF ITEMS WITHIN BLOCKS; USE SAME ORDER FOR EMTDEM; ALWAYS DISPLAY “NONE OF THESE” LAST]**

**BLOCK 1:**

a. Frustrated

b. Angry

c. Afraid

**BLOCK 2:**

d. Hopeful

e. Enthusiastic

f. Proud

g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

EMTDEM How does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY make you feel?

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS AND ORDER OF ITEMS WITHIN BLOCKS; USE SAME ORDER FOR EMTREP; ALWAYS DISPLAY “NONE OF THESE” LAST]**

**BLOCK 1:**

a. Frustrated

b. Angry

c. Afraid

**BLOCK 2 :**

d. Hopeful

e. Enthusiastic

f. Proud

g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

IMMCULT2 Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values

2 The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society

**ASK ALL:**

MARRFAM2 Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 Society is better off if people make marriage and having children a priority

2 Society is just as well off if people have priorities other than marriage and children

**ASK ALL:**

ISLAMVIOLENCE2 Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers

2 The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others

**ASK ALL:**

ECONFAIR2 Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 The economic system in this country unfairly favors powerful interests

2 The economic system in this country is generally fair to most Americans

**ASK ALL:**

COMP Thinking about how Democrats and Republicans should address the most important issues facing the country, on a scale from zero to 10 where 10 means Republicans get everything they want and Democrats get nothing they want, and zero means Democrats get everything and Republicans get nothing. Where on this scale from zero to 10 do you think they should end up?

Please click where you think Democrats and Republicans SHOULD end up on the scale below. **[RANDOM HALF “REPUBLICANS EVERYTHING AND DEMOCRATS NOTHING” AT THE TOP AND “DEMOCRATS EVERYTHING AND REPUBLICANS NOTHING" AT THE BOTTOM, OTHER HALF SEES THE REVERSE, ALWAYS KEEPING 10 AT THE TOP AND 0 AT THE BOTTOM EACH TIME]**

Republicans get everything and Democrats nothing ----- (10)

(9)

(8)

(7)

(6)

----- (5)

(4)

(3)

(2)

(1)

Democrats get everything and Republicans nothing ----- (0)

**ASK ALL:**

ETHNCMAJ According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the next 25 to 30 years African Americans, Latinos, and people of Asian descent will make up a majority of the population. In general, do you think that this is…

1 Good for the country

2 Bad for the country

3 Neither good nor bad for the country

**ASK ALL:**

CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD Here’s a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities in the PAST YEAR.

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE; ALWAYS DISPLAY “NONE OF THESE” LAST]**

a. Attended a political rally, speech, or campaign event

**No item b**

c. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate, or campaign

d. Been an active member of any group that tries to influence public policy or government, not including a political party

**No item e**

g. Contacted any elected official

h. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate

i. Displayed a poster or bumper-sticker or worn clothing or a button related to a political campaign

j. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media

k. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent
4. Something else

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to…

1 The Republican Party

2 The Democratic Party

**ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,2):**

PARTYSTR Do you identify with the [Republican/Democratic] Party...

1 Strongly

2 Not strongly

**ASK REPUBLICANS (PARTY=1):**

IDENTITYREP How much of a reason is each of the following for WHY YOU ARE A REPUBLICAN? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. I think the Republican Party’s policies are good for the country

b. I think the Democratic Party’s policies are harmful to the country

c. I have a lot in common with people who are Republicans

d. I don’t have much in common with people who are Democrats

e. Ever since I can remember I’ve been a Republican

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK DEMOCRATS (PARTY=2):**

IDENTITYDEM How much of a reason is each of the following for WHY YOU ARE A DEMOCRAT? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. I think the Democratic Party’s policies are good for the country

b. I think the Republican Party’s policies are harmful to the country

c. I have a lot in common with people who are Democrats

d. I don’t have much in common with people who are Republicans

e. Ever since I can remember I’ve been a Democrat

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTYLN=1):**

IDENTITYLN1R How much of a reason is each of the following for WHY YOU LEAN TOWARD THE REPUBLICAN PARTY? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. I think the Republican Party’s policies are good for the country

b. I think the Democratic Party’s policies are harmful to the country

c. I have a lot in common with people who are Republicans

d. I don’t have much in common with people who are Democrats

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTYLN=1):**

IDENTITYLN2R And thinking about why you lean toward the Republican Party but choose not to identify as a Republican. How much of a reason is each of the following for WHY YOU DO NOT IDENTIFY AS A REPUBLICAN? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. I disagree with the Republican Party on some important issues

b. I’m frustrated with the Republican Party’s leaders

c. I don’t care enough about politics to identify with a party

d. I’m just not comfortable being labeled a Republican

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTYLN=2):**

IDENTITYLN1D How much of a reason is each of the following for WHY YOU LEAN TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. I think the Democratic Party’s policies are good for the country

b. I think the Republican Party’s policies are harmful to the country

c. I have a lot in common with people who are Democrats

d. I don’t have much in common with people who are Republicans

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTYLN=2):**

IDENTITYLN2D And thinking about why you lean toward the Democratic Party but choose not to identify as a Democrat. How much of a reason is each of the following for WHY YOU DO NOT IDENTIFY AS A DEMOCRAT? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. I disagree with the Democratic Party on some important issues

b. I’m frustrated with the Democratic Party’s leaders

c. I don’t care enough about politics to identify with a party

d. I’m just not comfortable being labeled a Democrat

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Major reason

2 Minor reason

3 Not a reason

**ASK REPUBLICANS (PARTY=1) OR REPUBLICAN LEANERS (PARTYLN=1):**

PTYIDEADEM Overall, would you say the DEMOCRATIC PARTY has…

1 A lot of good ideas

2 Some good ideas

3 A few good ideas

4 Almost no good ideas

**ASK DEMOCRATS (PARTY=2) OR DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (PARTYLN=2):**

PTYIDEAREP Overall, would you say the REPUBLICAN PARTY has…

1 A lot of good ideas

2 Some good ideas

3 A few good ideas

4 Almost no good ideas

**ASK ALL:**

FRIENDINTER Thinking about your close friends, would you say… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Most of my close friends are interested in politics

2 Not many of my close friends are interested in politics

**ASK ALL:**

FRIENDS\_ID How many of your close friends, if any, are… **[RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

a.F1 Democrats

b.F1 Republicans

c.F1 Independents

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

d.F2 Liberals

e.F2 Conservatives

f.F2 Moderates

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Just a few

4 None

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF FORMERDEM AND FORMERREP]**

**ASK IF NOT CURRENTLY DEMOCRAT (PARTY=1,3,4):**

FORMERDEM Has there ever been a time when you have thought of yourself as a DEMOCRAT, or not?

1 Yes, within the last ten years

2 Yes, but NOT in the last ten years

3 No

**ASK NOT CURRENTLY REPUBLICAN (PARTY=2,3,4):**

FORMERREP Has there ever been a time when you have thought of yourself as a REPUBLICAN, or not?

1 Yes, within the last ten years

2 Yes, but NOT in the last ten years

3 No

**ASK IF MARRIED OR PARTNER (F\_MARITAL\_FINAL=1,2)**

PARTNERPTY Now thinking about your spouse or partner. Is your spouse or partner a...

1. Republican
2. Democrat
3. Independent
4. Something else

5 Don’t have a spouse or partner

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTNERPTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**

PARTNERPTYLN Would you say your spouse or partner leans more to…

1 The Republican Party

2 The Democratic Party

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTTRUMP & EMTHCLINTON; CAPTURE RANDOMIZATION; WE WILL WANT TO REPEAT THE SAME ORDER OF QUESTIONS FOR EACH RESPONDENT IN A FUTURE WAVE]**

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the presidential election that will take place in November...

**ASK ALL:**

EMTPRESTRUMP How would you feel if Donald Trump won the presidential election in November 2016?

**[ROTATE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]**

1 Excited

2 Relieved

3 Disappointed

4 Angry

**ASK ALL:**

EMTPRESCLINTON How would you feel if Hillary Clinton won the presidential election in November 2016?

**[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIOSN IN SAME ORDER AS EMTPRESTRUMP AND RECORD ORDER]**

1 Excited

2 Relieved

3 Disappointed

4 Angry

On another topic…

**ASK ALL:**

COS1 Which, if any, of the following have you had done?

*[Check all that apply]* **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS with ITEM G always last]**

1. Elective cosmetic surgery *(such as breast changes, nose reshaping, eyelid surgery, liposuction, tummy tuck, facelift)*
2. Lasik or laser-assisted eye surgery
3. Surgery to prevent you from having children in the future *(such as tubal ligation or vasectomy)*
4. Injections to fill out or smooth your skin or lips (*such as collagen, Botox or hyaluronic acid*)
5. Hair replacement surgery
6. Cosmetic dental procedures to improve your smile
7. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

COS2 Do you have any close friends or family members who have had any of the following?

*[Check all that apply]* **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS with ITEM G always last; SAME ORDER AS QUESTION COS1]**

1. Elective cosmetic surgery *(such as breast changes, nose reshaping, eyelid surgery, liposuction, tummy tuck, facelift)*
2. Lasik or laser-assisted eye surgery
3. Surgery to prevent them from having children in the future *(such as tubal ligation or vasectomy)*
4. Injections to fill out or smooth their skin or lips (*such as collagen, Botox or hyaluronic acid*)
5. Hair replacement surgery
6. Cosmetic dental procedures to improve their smile
7. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

COS3Do you think more people getting each of the following these days is an appropriate use of technology or is it taking technology too far? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

1. Elective cosmetic surgery

1 An appropriate use of technology

2 Taking technology too far

1. Lasik or laser-assisted eye surgery

1 An appropriate use of technology

2 Taking technology too far

1. Surgery to prevent people from having children in the future

1 An appropriate use of technology

2 Taking technology too far

1. Injections to fill out or smooth people’s skin or lips

1 An appropriate use of technology

2 Taking technology too far

1. Hair replacement surgery

1 An appropriate use of technology

2 Taking technology too far

1. Cosmetic dental procedures to improve people’s smile

1 An appropriate use of technology

2 Taking technology too far

**ASK ALL:**

COS4Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 People are too quick to undergo cosmetic procedures in order to change their appearance in ways that are not really important

2 It’s understandable that more people undergo cosmetic procedures these days because it’s a competitive world and people who look more attractive tend to have an advantage

**ASK ALL:**

COS5 How often do you think elective cosmetic surgery makes people feel more confident and better about themselves?

1 Almost always

2 Some of the time

3 Not too often

4 Almost never

**ASK ALL:**

COS6 How often do you think elective cosmetic surgery leads to unexpected health problems?

1 Almost always

2 Some of the time

3 Not too often

4 Almost never

**ASK ALL:**

COS7Thinking about elective cosmetic surgery, do you think there are generally…

1 More benefits for society than downsides

2 More downsides for society than benefits

3 About equal benefits and downsides for society

**SDT GRANDPARENT ITEMS**

**On a final topic…**

**ASK ALL:**

GRANDPARENT1 Do you have any grandchildren?

1. Yes, have grandchildren
2. Yes, have step grandchildren
3. Yes, have both grandchildren and step grandchildren
4. No

**ASK IF GRANDPARENT (GRANDPARENT1=1, 2, 3):**

GRANDPARENT2 How old were you when you FIRST became a grandparent?

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: DROP DOWN WITH “SELECT AGE” VISIBLE; FIRST OPTION “35 OR YOUNGER” FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL AGES FOR 36 THROUGH 84, LAST OPTION “85 OR OLDER”]**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years**

**ASK ALL:**

FMLA1 Over the past two years, have you taken off at least two consecutive weeks from work to care for a child or other family member, or hasn’t this happened to you?

1 Yes, has happened

2 No, has not happened

**ASK ALL:**

FMLA2 Over the past two years, was there a time when you needed to take off at least two consecutive weeks from work to care for a child or family member but couldn’t, or hasn’t this happened to you?

1 Yes, has happened

2 No, has not happened

1. Open-end responses are excluded from public datasets to protect the confidentiality of ATP panelists. Lines across page designate a page break. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)