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

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**ASK FORM 1 ONLY:**

TRACK Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

1 Right direction

2 Wrong track

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:**

SATISF All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

1 Satisfied

2 Dissatisfied

**ASK ALL:**

THOUGHTA How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election?

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Not much

4 None at all

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2016 presidential election…

1 Very closely

2 Fairly closely

3 Not too closely

4 Not at all closely

**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

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEGEN If the 2016 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for…  **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 Donald Trump, the Republican

2 Hillary Clinton, the Democrat

3 Vote for neither/Other

**ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1,2):**

VOTEGEN2 And would you say…

1 You are certain to vote for **[**Clinton over Trump/Trump over Clinton**]**

2 There is a chance you might change your mind

**ASK IF NEITHER/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3 OR MISSING):**

VOTEGEN3 **[IF NEITHER/OTHER IN VOTEGEN DISPLAY:]**

And even though you don’t plan to support Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, if you had to choose, would you say you…

**[IF SKIPPED VOTEGEN DISPLAY:]**

If you had to choose, would you say you…

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]**

1 Lean more toward Donald Trump

2 Lean more toward Hillary Clinton

3 Neither

*Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2*

*Soft Prompt: If you would not support either candidate please select answer choice Neither. If you would like to skip, click Next.*

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (F\_REG\_FINAL=1):**

SCALE10 **Please rate your chance of voting in November on a scale of 10 to 1.**

Definitely will vote --- (10)

(9)

(8)

(7)

(6)

(5)

(4)

(3)

(2)

Definitely will not vote --- (1)

**ASK ALL:**

ELECTFTIGUE Thinking about the coverage of the presidential campaign and candidates, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 I like seeing a lot of coverage of the campaign and candidates

2 I am worn-out by so much coverage of the campaign and candidates

**ASK IF SELECTED CANDIDATE (VOTEGEN=1,2):**

SHAREPREF Thinking about your preference in the 2016 presidential election, which best describes you? **[REVERSE SCALE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]**

1 I’d rather other people not know that I support **[**Trump/Clinton**]**

2 I don’t mind if other people know I support **[**Trump/Clinton**]** but I don’t go out of my way to say it

3 I’m pretty outspoken with others about my support for **[**Trump/Clinton**]**

**ASK ALL:**

### CAMPFEEL How have you been feeling about the 2016 presidential campaign recently?

### *[Check all that apply]* **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Interested

2 Excited

3 Optimistic

4 Indifferent

5 Frustrated

6 Disgusted

7 Scared

8 None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

WHOWIN Regardless of who you support, who do you think will win the 2016 presidential election… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Donald Trump

2 Hillary Clinton

**RANDOMIZE DTIDEO AND HRCIDEO**

**ASK ALL:**

DTIDEO Which best describes your impression of Donald Trump’s views? **[REVERSE SCALE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS; USE SAME SCALE ORDER FOR BOTH DTIDEO AND HRCIDEO]**

1 He has conservative views on ALMOST ALL issues

2 He has conservative views on MOST issues

3 His views on issues are a mix of conservative and liberal

4 He has liberal views on MOST issues

5 He has liberal views on ALMOST ALL issues

**RANDOMIZE DTIDEO AND HRCIDEO**

**ASK ALL:**

HRCIDEO Which best describes your impression of Hillary Clinton’s views? **[REVERSE SCALE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS; USE SAME SCALE ORDER FOR BOTH DTIDEO AND HRCIDEO]**

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3 Her views on issues are a mix of conservative and liberal

4 She has liberal views on MOST issues

5 She has liberal views on ALMOST ALL issues

**ASK ALL:**

TRAITHRC Which of the following describe HILLARY CLINTON…

*[Check all that apply]* **[RANDOMIZE; SHOW IN SAME ORDER FOR BOTH TRAITHRC AND TRAITDT]**

1 Honest

2 Extreme

3 Has deeply held beliefs

4 Willing to work with people she disagrees with

5 Well-informed

6 Out of touch

7 Someone you admire

8 Can unite the country

9 Has poor judgment

10 None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**RANDOMIZE TRAITHRC AND TRAITDT**

**ASK ALL:**

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10 None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL:**

CONVOP How often does the 2016 presidential election come up in the conversations you have, either in person, over the phone or online?

1 Very often

2 Somewhat often

3 Not too often

4 Not at all

**ASK IF CONVERSE ABOUT ELECTION (CONVOP=1-3):**

CONSUPRT And have you recently had a conversation about the 2016 presidential election, either in person, over the phone or online, with someone who… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Supports Donald Trump?

b. Supports Hillary Clinton?

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF CONVERSE ABOUT ELECTION (CONVOP=1-3):**

CAMPISSUE Overall, would you say your recent conversations about the 2016 presidential election have been… **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 Mostly about the candidates’ personalities and comments

2 Mostly about specific issues or policy positions

**ASK ALL:**

FRIENDP Thinking about your close friends, how many would you say… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Support Donald Trump for president

b. Support Hillary Clinton for president

1 A lot

2 Some

3 Just a few

4 None

**ASK ALL:**

ARGUE16 Have you had an argument with another person over the 2016 presidential election?

1. Yes, a MAJOR argument
2. Yes, a MINOR argument
3. No, have not had an argument

**ASK ALL:**

ELECTTOPICIn the news you have gotten about the presidential campaign and candidates, has there been too much, too little, or about the right amount of coverage of each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

1. The candidates’ personal lives
2. Too much
3. Too little
4. About the right amount

1. The candidates’ stances on issues
2. Too much
3. Too little
4. About the right amount

1. The candidates’ experience

1. Too much
2. Too little
3. About the right amount

1. The candidates’ moral character

1. Too much
2. Too little
3. About the right amount

1. Which candidate is leading in the race

1. Too much
2. Too little
3. About the right amount

1. Candidates’ comments on the campaign trail

1. Too much
2. Too little
3. About the right amount

**ASK ALL:**

NEXTCOMP Thinking about the next president, which comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 The next president should work closely with members of the opposing party in Congress

2 The next president should advance their own programs and not worry about working with the opposing party in Congress

**ASK ALL:**

GOVT\_ROLE Which statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right?

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 Government should do more to solve problems

2 Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals

**ASK ALL:**

MARREARN On a different subject…

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

1 Generally, it’s better for a marriage if a husband earns more than a wife

2 Generally, it doesn’t make a difference in a marriage which spouse earns more money

**ASK ALL:**

DIFFBLACK How much more difficult, if at all, is it to be black in this country than it is to be white?

1 A lot more difficult

2 A little more difficult

3 No more difficult

**ASK ALL:**

PAR2CHILD Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

1 Children with two parents are better off when a parent stays home to focus on the family

2 Children with two parents are just as well off when their parents work outside the home

**ASK IF PAR2CHILD=1:**

PAR2CHILDa If one parent is able to stay home to focus on the family, is it generally better if that parent is the... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1 Mother

2 Father

3 It doesn’t matter which parent stays home

**ASK ALL:**

DEBATEMIN Imagine that you are moderating a national debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton and you had to decide how much time to give to the following issues. If you had 100 minutes, how many minutes, if any, do you think the candidates should spend talking about their plans on… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

**[INSTRUCTION:** Please enter whole numbers. Enter 0 for any issue that you think should not be discussed**]** *[programming note: include box that dynamically sums allocated minutes; do not allow entries that add to more than 100. Allow respondents to move to next screen if total adds to less than 100. Is it possible to add a soft prompt if minutes add to under 75 that reads: “You have not used all 100 minutes, if you would like to do so, please edit your responses. Otherwise click Next.”]*

1. Economic growth

2. Immigration

3. Keeping the U.S. safe from terrorism

4. Foreign policy and dealing with other countries

5. Health care policy

6. The nation’s budget deficit

7. Abortion policy

8. Gun policy

9. Supreme Court nominations

10. Global climate change

*Hard prompt: Minutes cannot total more than 100.*

**ASK ALL:**

POLCRCT Which comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1 People need to be more careful about the language they use to avoid offending people with different backgrounds

2 Too many people are easily offended these days over the language that others use

**RANDOMIZE DTPOLICY AND HRCPOLICY**

**ASK ALL:**

DTPOLICY Looking ahead a few years, if DONALD TRUMP were to become president, do you think each of the following would be better, worse or not much different than it is now? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A – F, KEEP SAME ORDER USED FOR HRCPOLICY]**

a. The economy

b. The immigration situation

c. Security from terrorism in the U.S.

d. U.S. foreign policy

e. Health care policy

f. The nation’s budget deficit

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 A lot better than now

2 A little better than now

3 Not much different than now

4 A little worse than now

5 A lot worse than now

**RANDOMIZE DTPOLICY AND HRCPOLICY**

**ASK ALL:**

HRCPOLICY Looking ahead a few years, if HILLARY CLINTON were to become president, do you think each of the following would be better, worse or not much different than it is now?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A – F, KEEP SAME ORDER USED FOR DTPOLICY]**

a. The economy

b. The immigration situation

c. Security from terrorism in the U.S.

d. U.S. foreign policy

e. Health care policy

f. The nation’s budget deficit

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 A lot better than now

2 A little better than now

3 Not much different than now

4 A little worse than now

5 A lot worse than now

ISSUERW How much, if at all, are your views on each of the following connected to your fundamental beliefs about right and wrong? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Economic policy

b. Immigration policy

c. Policies to prevent terrorism

d. Foreign policy

e. Health care policy

f. The federal budget deficit

g. Abortion policy

h. Gun policy

i. Climate change

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Strongly connected to my beliefs about right and wrong

2 Somewhat connected to my beliefs about right and wrong

3 Not connected to my beliefs about right and wrong

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**ASK ALL:**

WHADVANT How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?

1 A great deal

2 A fair amount

3 Not too much

4 Not at all

### **RANDOMIZE SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR**

**ASK ALL:**

SENCONTR Do you happen to know which political party currently has a majority in the U.S. Senate? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST; PRESENT REP/DEM PARTY IN SAME ORDER FOR SENCONTR, HOUCONTR, PREDELEC]**

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

3 Don’t know

**RANDOMIZE SENCONTR AND HOUCONTR**

**ASK ALL:**

HOUCONTR Do you happen to know which political party has a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST; PRESENT REP/DEM PARTY IN SAME ORDER FOR SENCONTR, HOUCONTR, PREDELEC]**

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

3 Don’t know

**ASK ALL:**

PREDELEC Just your best guess, after the elections this November, which political party do you think will hold a majority in… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; PRESENT REP/DEM PARTY IN SAME ORDER FOR SENCONTR, HOUCONTR, PREDELEC]**

a. The U.S. Senate

b. The U.S. House of Representatives

**RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**

1 Republican Party

2 Democratic Party

**ASK ALL:**

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

1 The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are now largely gone

2 There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women to get ahead than men

**ASK ALL:**

CANDCNTCT So far in the presidential campaign, have you turned to any of the following for news and information about the campaign and candidates?

*[Check all that apply]* **[RANDOMIZE A&B, C&D, E&F, AND RANDOMIZE IN BLOCKS; EXCLUSIVE PUNCH ALWAYS LAST]**

* 1. Emails from the Hillary Clinton campaign
  2. Emails from the Donald Trump campaign
  3. Social media posts from the Hillary Clinton campaign, such as on Twitter or Facebook
  4. Social media posts from the Donald Trump campaign, such as on Twitter or Facebook
  5. The Hillary Clinton campaign website
  6. The Donald Trump campaign website
  7. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK WEB SMARTPHONE OWNERS (F\_SMARTPHONE\_FINAL=1) AND ASK ALL MAIL:**

NEWSNOTIFOn your smartphone, how often do you get unprompted news alerts – a type of push notification that appears on your phone’s main screen, such as for breaking news headlines? By news, we mean information about events and issues that involve more than just your friends or family.

1. Often
2. Sometimes
3. Hardly ever
4. Never

**ASK IF GETS NEWS NOTIFICATIONS (NEWSNOTIF=1-3):**

NEWSNOTIFSTORYWhich of the following statements comes closer to what you do when you get news alerts on your smartphone, even if neither is exactly correct? **[RANDOMIZE]**

1. I usually click through the news alert or search for more information, such as by going to a news article it links to
2. I don’t typically click through or search for more information when I get a news alert

**ASK WEB SMARTPHONE (F\_SMARTPHONE\_FINAL=1) OWNERS AND ASK ALL MAIL:**

NEWSVIDEO When getting news on your phone, how often, if at all, do you watch news videos?

1 Regularly

2 Sometimes

3 Hardly ever

4 Never

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND\_FEW Have you attended religious services at least once or twice in the past few months?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_ABORT In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 Against abortion

2 In support of abortion rights

3 Both

4 Neither

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_IMMIG In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 About the need to be welcoming and supportive of immigrants

2 About the need for stricter immigration enforcement

3 Both

4 Neither

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_LIBERTY In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 In defense of religious liberty

2 To say they don’t really believe religious liberty is under attack

3 Both

4 Neither

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_ECON In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 On the problem of economic inequality

2 In defense of capitalism or free markets

3 Both

4 Neither

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_ENVIRON In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 About the need to protect the environment

2 Against environmental regulations

3 Both

4 Neither

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_GL In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

1 Against homosexuality

2 To encourage acceptance of gays and lesbians

3 Both

4 Neither

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_OTHER Are there any other social or political issues that clergy at your place of worship have spoken out about in the past few months?

1 Yes [SPECIFY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_]

2 No

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_VOTE In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship encouraged people in the congregation to: **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS a AND b]**

a. Vote in a presidential primary or participate in a caucus?

b. Vote in the general election for president?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CLERGY\_SUPPORT AND CLERGY\_AGAINST]**

CLERGY\_SUPPORT In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out IN SUPPORT of a presidential candidate or candidates?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF “YES” ON CLERGY\_SUPPORT (CLERGY\_SUPPORT=1):**

CLERGY\_SUPPORT2 Which presidential candidate or candidates has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out in support of?

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 5]**

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: SPECIFY IS TEXT FIELD 1 LINE LONG]**

1 Donald Trump

2 Hillary Clinton

3 Ted Cruz

4 Bernie Sanders

5 John Kasich

6 Other [SPECIFY:\_\_\_\_\_]

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CLERGY\_SUPPORT AND CLERGY\_AGAINST]**

CLERGY\_AGAINST In the past few months, has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out AGAINST a presidential candidate or candidates?

1 Yes

2 No

**ASK IF “YES” ON CLERGY\_AGAINST (CLERGY\_AGAINST=1):**

CLERGY\_AGAINST2 Which presidential candidate or candidates has the clergy at your place of worship spoken out against?

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 THROUGH 5]**

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: SPECIFY IS TEXT FIELD 1 LINE LONG]**

1 Donald Trump

2 Hillary Clinton

3 Ted Cruz

4 Bernie Sanders

5 John Kasich

6 Other [SPECIFY:\_\_\_\_\_]

**ASK IF ATTENDED IN PAST FEW MONTHS (ATTEND\_FEW=1):**

CLERGY\_SPK In general, how much do the clergy at your place of worship speak out about social and political issues? **[REVERSE SCALE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

1 Often

2 Sometimes

3 Rarely or never

4 Not sure

**ASK ALL [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS]:**

SONS                Are you the parent of any SONS who are…

*[Check all that apply]*

1          0-5 years old

2          6-12 years old

3          13-17 years old

4          18 years old or older

5          I do not have any sons **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

**ASK ALL [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS]:**

DAUGHTERS     Are you the parent of any DAUGHTERS who are…

*[Check all that apply]*

1          0-5 years old

2          6-12 years old

3          13-17 years old

4          18 years old or older

5          I do not have any daughters **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]**

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)