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

**WAVE 21 SEPTEMBER**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**September 27 – October 10, 2016**

**TOTAL N=4,132[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**ROTATE SATISF AND SATISFPERS BY FORM (SATISF FIRST ON FORM 1; SATISFPERS FIRST ON FORM 2)**

**ASK ALL:**

SATISF[[2]](#footnote-2) All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | June 7-  July 5  2016 |
| 23 | Satisfied | 19 |
| 75 | Dissatisfied | 80 |
| 2 | No Answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ROTATE SATISF AND SATISFPERS BY FORM (SATISF FIRST ON FORM 1; SATISFPERS FIRST ON FORM 2)**

**ASK ALL:**

SATISFPERS Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in YOUR LIFE today?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 71 | Satisfied |
| 28 | Dissatisfied |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF FORM 1 AND DISSATISFIED IN SATISFPERS (SATISFPERS=2) [N=511]:**

SATISFPERSOE What about the way things are going in your life today are you most dissatisfied with?

**OPEN-END; RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**

**ASK IF FORM 2 AND DISSATISFIED IN SATISF (SATISF=2) [N=1,529]:**

SATISFOE What about the way things are going in this country today are you most dissatisfied with?

**OPEN-END; RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSINTERP Thinking about the news media in general, which comes closer to your view about how the news media should cover events? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 40 | Present the facts with some interpretation |
| 59 | Present the facts without interpretation |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

CAMPNII[[3]](#footnote-3) How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2016 presidential election…

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | June 7-  July 5  2016 |
| 35 | Very closely | 35 |
| 40 | Fairly closely | 43 |
| 18 | Not too closely | 18 |
| 7 | Not at all closely | 4 |
| 0 | No answer | 0 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=2,074]:**

THOUGHTA[[4]](#footnote-4) How much thought have you given to the coming presidential election?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Aug 16-  Sept 12  2016 | July 12-Aug 8  2016 | June 7-  July 5  2016 | May 10-June 6  2016[[5]](#footnote-5) | Apr 5-  May 2  2016 | Mar 2-  Mar 28  2016 | Mar 10-  Apr 6  2015 |
| 56 | A lot | 54 | 54 | 59 | 55 | 52 | 57 | 26 |
| 29 | Some | 30 | 28 | 29 | 27 | 31 | 28 | 40 |
| 9 | Not much | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 23 |
| 5 | None at all | 5 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| 1 | No Answer | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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**ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=2,058]:**

THOUGHTB[[6]](#footnote-6) How much thought have you given to the coming November election?

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Nov 24-  Dec 21  2015 |
| 59 | Quite a lot | 43 |
| 25 | Some | 34 |
| 11 | Not much | 14 |
| 4 | None at all | 8 |
| 1 | No answer | 0 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

PRECINCT Have you ever voted in your precinct or election district?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Sept 9-  Oct 3  2014 |
| 86 | Yes | 64 |
| 14 | No | 36 |
| 0 | No answer | 0 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

FOLGOV Would you say you follow what is going on in government and public affairs…

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Sept 9-  Oct 3  2014 |
| 40 | Most of the time | 34 |
| 37 | Some of the time | 39 |
| 16 | Only now and then | 17 |
| 7 | Hardly at all | 11 |
| 1 | No answer | 0 |
|  |  |  |

**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; CAPTURE RANDOMIZATION; WE MAY WANT SAME RANDOMIZATION IN THE FUTURE]**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Aug 16-  Sept 12  2016 | June 7-  July 5  2016 | Apr 5-  May 2  2016 | Mar 2-  Mar 28  2016 | Nov 24-  Dec 21  2015 |
| 64 | 1 - Really matters who wins | 61 | 62 | 57 | 65 | 58 |
| 18 | 2 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 18 | 22 |
| 8 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 10 |
| 10 | 4 - Doesn’t really matter who wins | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| 1 | No Answer | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEGENA If the 2016 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGENA=5 OR MISSING):**

VOTEGENB As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,616]:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Aug 16-  Sept 12  2016 |
| 39 | Donald Trump/lean Trump | 38 |
| 46 | Hillary Clinton/lean Clinton | 45 |
| 10 | Gary Johnson/lean Johnson | 10 |
| 4 | Jill Stein/lean Stein | 4 |
| 1 | None/other | 2 |
| 0 | No Answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEGENA If the 2016 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

**ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGENA=5 OR MISSING):**

VOTEGENB As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

**ASK IF JOHNSON/STEIN IN VOTEGENA (VOTEGENA=3,4) OR VOTEGENB (VOTEGENB=3,4):**

VOTEGEND And even though you don’t plan to support Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton, if you had to choose, would you say you … **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGENA]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,616]:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Aug 16-  Sept 12  2016 |
| 44 | Donald Trump/lean Trump | 44 |
| 53 | Hillary Clinton/lean Clinton | 52 |
| 1 | None/other | 2 |
| 2 | No Answer | 2 |
|  |  |  |

**VOTEGENA/VOTEGENB/VOTEGEND TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED…**

**ASK ALL:**

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

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

VOTEGEND **[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]** *Note: Display Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting Trump or Clinton*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **NET Trump** | Trump | Lean Trump | **NET Clinton** | Clinton | Lean Clinton | **Neither in VOTEGEND** | **No Answer** | *Neither in VOTEGENA* |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 46 | 38 | 8 | 50 | 41 | 9 | 3 | 1 | *20* |
| June 7- July 5, 2016 | 45 | 36 | 9 | 51 | 40 | 11 | 3 | 1 | *23* |

**ASK ALL:**

VOTEGENA If the 2016 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 FIRST FOLLOWED BY RANDOMIZED OPTIONS 3 AND 4, WITH OPTION 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

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

VOTEGENC And would you say…

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Aug 16-  Sept 12  2016 | July 12- Aug 8,  2016 | June 7- July 5,  2016 |
| **Among Trump supporters (VOTEGENA=1) [N=1,323]** | | | | |
| 90 | You are certain to vote for Trump over Clinton | 85 | 91 | 92 |
| 10 | There is a chance you might change your mind | 15 | 8 | 8 |
| 0 | No Answer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Among Clinton supporters (VOTEGENA=2) [N=1,701]** | | | | |
| 88 | You are certain to vote for Clinton over Trump | 85 | 90 | 91 |
| 12 | There is a chance you might change your mind | 14 | 9 | 7 |
| 0 | No Answer | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

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

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No Answer |
| 1. Interested |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 30 | 70 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 28 | 72 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 29 | 71 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 31 | 69 |
| 2. Excited |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 12 | 88 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 9 | 91 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 10 | 90 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 9 | 91 |
| 3. Optimistic |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 14 | 86 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 14 | 86 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 13 | 87 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 17 | 83 |
| 4. Indifferent |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 10 | 90 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 11 | 89 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 11 | 89 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 10 | 90 |
| **CAMPFEEL CONTINUED…** | | |
| 5. Frustrated |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 56 | 44 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 54 | 46 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 47 | 53 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 48 | 52 |
| 6. Disgusted |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 56 | 44 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 54 | 46 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 50 | 50 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 45 | 55 |
| 7. Scared |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 44 | 56 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 41 | 59 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 40 | 60 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 38 | 62 |
| 8. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 3 | 97 |
| Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016 | 4 | 96 |
| July 12-Aug 8, 2016 | 5 | 95 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 4 | 96 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

PRESCOVERAGENow thinking about how news organizations have been covering the presidential candidates in the campaign so far, would you say news organizations have given too much, too little, or about the right amount of coverage to… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A & B IN SAME ORDER AS PRESTOUGH]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Too much | Too little | About the right amount | No Answer |
| a. Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 33 | 18 | 46 | 3 |
| b. Donald Trump |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 52 | 14 | 31 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

PRESTOUGHThinking about recent news coverage, would you say the press has been too easy, too tough or fair in the way it has covered**… [RANDOMIZE ITEMS A & B IN SAME ORDER AS PRESCOVERAGE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Too easy | Too tough | Fair | No Answer |
| a. Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 43 | 18 | 37 | 2 |
| b. Donald Trump |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 35 | 32 | 30 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF LIVES IN STATE WITH A SENATE RACE:**

**[INSERT NAMES OF CANDIDATES AND RANDOMIZE]**

SEN If the elections for the U.S. Senate in **[RSTATE]** were being held TODAY, would you vote for…

*Program an answer choice of “Live in different state” that will appear only when a soft prompt is used.*

**ASK IF ANSWERED NOT SURE (SEN=4) OR IF NO RESPONSE TO SEN (SEN=99):**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS SEN]**

SENA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. Senate?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS IN STATES WITH SENATE RACES [N=3,075]:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Sep 15-  Oct 3  2014[[7]](#footnote-7) |
| 34 | Rep/Lean Rep | 40 |
| 42 | Dem/Lean Dem | 45 |
| 7 | Another/Lean to another | 6 |
| 17 | Not sure | 9 |
| 0 | No Answer | 0 |
|  |  |  |

**DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC OR IF SEN=Live in different state, ELSE ASK ALL:**

**[INSERT NAMES OF CANDIDATES AND RANDOMIZE]**

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for…

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: USE THE “HCANDIDATES” EXCEL FOR AUTOFILL LANGUAGE.**

**ASK IF ‘NOT SURE’ (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99) DO NOT ASK IF RSTATE=11 DC:**

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

CONGA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. House of Representatives?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,596]:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016[[8]](#footnote-8) |  | Sep 15-  Oct 3  2014[[9]](#footnote-9) |
| 38 | Rep/Lean Rep | 40 |
| 42 | Dem/Lean Dem | 45 |
| 3 | Another/Lean to another | 6 |
| 17 | Not sure | 9 |
| 0 | No Answer | 0 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Aug 16-  Sept 12  2016 | July 12-  Aug 8  2016 | June 7-  July 5  2016 |
| 32 | Donald Trump | 29 | 40 | 36 |
| 64 | Hillary Clinton | 67 | 56 | 59 |
| 3 | No Answer | 4 | 4 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF RESPONDED TO WHOWIN (WHOWIN = 1,2) [N=4,036]:**

WINMARGIN And do you think **[PIPE RESPONSE FROM WHOWIN]** will win… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 71 | In a close election |
| 29 | By a lot |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

NET WHOWIN/WINMARGIN

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 9 | Trump by a lot |
| 23 | Trump in a close election |
| 45 | Clinton in a close election |
| 19 | Clinton by a lot |
| 4 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

OFTVOTE How often would you say you vote?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | Sep 15-  Oct 3  2014 |
| 43 | Always | 35 |
| 26 | Nearly always | 27 |
| 11 | Part of the time | 11 |
| 19 | Seldom | 25 |
| 1 | No Answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

PGENERAL How likely are you to vote in **[**the general election**] [IF RSTATE=22 LOUISIANA:** the election**]** this November?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 72 | Definitely will vote |
| 12 | Probably will vote |
| 7 | Probably will not vote |
| 8 | Definitely will not vote |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF DEFINITELY OR PROBABLY WILL VOTE IN GENERAL (PGENERAL=1,2) [N=3,822]:**

PLAN2 Do you plan to cast your vote in **[**the general election**] [IF RSTATE=22 LOUISIANA:** the November election**]**...

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 32 | Before Election Day |
| 55 | On Election Day |
| 13 | Not sure |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE EARLY (PLAN2=1) and state is NOT WA, OR, CO (RSTATE != 8,41, OR 53) [N=1,156]:**

EARLY1 Do you plan to vote in **[**the general election**] [IF F\_STATE\_FINAL=22 LOUISIANA:** the November election**]**in person or will you mail in your ballot?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 44 | Vote in person |
| 54 | Mail in ballot |
| 2 | Not sure |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE IN PERSON OR NOT SURE (SKIP IF EARLY1=2, ELSE ASK ALL) [N=3,517]:**

WHEREVT Do you happen to know where people in your area go to vote?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 81 | Yes |
| 18 | No |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE BY MAIL (EARLY1=2) [N=615]:**

WHEREVTM Do you happen to know what people in your area need to do in order to get a mail ballot?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 79 | Yes |
| 21 | No |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

THERMO We'd like to get your feelings toward the presidential candidates 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 the group.

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Rating of  0 to 24 | Rating of  25 to 49 | Rating of  50 | Rating of  51 to 75 | Rating of  76 to 100 | No  Answer | Mean  rating |
| 1. Hillary Clinton |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 42 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 22 | 3 | 41 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 43 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 22 | 3 | 40 |
| 1. Donald Trump |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 48 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 18 | 4 | 35 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 53 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 3 | 32 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1) [N=1,831]:**

CONGTRUMPSUPP        Thinking about the candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district, if the Republican candidate in your district strongly supports Donald Trump, would this make you feel… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 45 | More favorably toward the Republican candidate in your district |
| 8 | Less favorably toward the Republican candidate in your district |
| 46 | Wouldn’t matter |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2) [N=2,200]:**

CONGCLINTONSUPP     Thinking about the candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district, if the Democratic candidate in your district strongly supports Hillary Clinton, would this make you feel… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 46 | More favorably toward the Democratic candidate in your district |
| 3 | Less favorably toward the Democratic candidate in your district |
| 51 | Wouldn’t matter |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

MARITAL           Which of these best describes you?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 46 | Married |
| 11 | Living with a partner |
| 12 | Divorced |
| 2 | Separated |
| 6 | Widowed |
| 22 | Never been married |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK THOSE NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=3-6, REFUSED) [N=1,443]:**

MAR2 Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship, or not?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 28 | Yes |
| 70 | No |
| 2 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK THOSE MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MAR2=1) [N=3,053]:**

PARTNERTLK How often do you talk with your (**IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1):** spouse/**IF COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=2 OR MAR2=1):** partner) about politics?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 34 | Very often |
| 35 | Somewhat often |
| 23 | Not too often |
| 9 | Not at all often |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK THOSE MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MAR2=1) [N=3,053]:**

PARTNERSPT Do you happen to know who your (**IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1):** spouse/**IF COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=2 OR MAR2=1):** partner) is planning to vote for in the presidential election? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 35 | Hillary Clinton |
| 31 | Donald Trump |
| 8 | Other candidate |
| 25 | Don’t know |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK THOSE MARRIED, LIVING WITH A PARTNER, OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MAR2=1) [N=3,053]:**

ARGUESPT Have you ever gotten into an argument with your (**IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1):** spouse/**IF COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP(MARITAL=2 OR MAR2=1):** partner) about the 2016 presidential election?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 16 | Yes |
| 84 | No |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF CHILD UNDER 18 ((SONS\_W21=1-3 or DAUGHTERS\_W21=1-3) OR IF SONS\_W21 AND DAUGHTERS\_W21 ARE NOT ASKED, F\_KIDS1\_FINAL=1) [N=1,099]:**

For the next few questions, please think about your child or children who are under 18.

CHILDTLK1         How often, if at all, do you talk about the 2016 election with your children?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 8 | Very often |
| 23 | Somewhat often |
| 20 | Not too often |
| 44 | Not at all often |
| 5 | Do not have children under 18 |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**IF AT LEAST SOMEWHAT OFTEN (CHILDTLK1=1,2) [N=494]:**

CHILDTLK2       When you talk about the election with your children, is this mostly because:

**[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 45 | You bring it up in conversation |
| 55 | Your child(ren) brings it up in conversation |
| 0 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

TCFACTS          When it comes to important issues facing the country, would you say most Trump and Clinton supporters… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 19 | Can agree on the basic facts, even if they often disagree over plans and policies |
| 79 | Not only disagree over plans and policies, but they also cannot agree on the basic facts |
| 2 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

CONCEDE Thinking about the results of the presidential election this November, how important do you think it is for a losing candidate to publicly acknowledge the winner as the legitimate president of the country?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 50 | Very important |
| 24 | Somewhat important |
| 13 | Not too important |
| 12 | Not at all important |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**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]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No Answer |
| a. Attended a political rally, speech, or campaign event |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 8 | 92 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 7 | 93 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 10 | 90 |
| b. Attended an organized protest of any kind[[10]](#footnote-10) |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 4 | 96 |
| c. Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate, or campaign |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 5 | 95 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 3 | 97 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 5 | 95 |
| d. Been an active member of any group that tries to influence public policy or government, not including a political party |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 6 | 94 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 5 | 95 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 9 | 91 |
| **NO ITEMS e-f** |  |  |
| g. Contacted any elected official |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 15 | 85 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 12 | 88 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 18 | 82 |
| h. Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 15 | 85 |
| **CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD CONTINUED…** | | |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 13 | 87 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 14 | 86 |
| i. Displayed a poster or bumper-sticker or worn clothing or a button related to a political campaign |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 16 | 84 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 11 | 89 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 14 | 86 |
| j. Publicly expressed your support for a political campaign on Facebook, Twitter or other social media |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 25 | 75 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 19 | 81 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 25 | 75 |
| k. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 53 | 47 |
| July 12-Aug 8,2016 | 62 | 38 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 51 | 49 |

**ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD\_h=1) [N=1,101]:**

CONTRHOWMUCH Thinking about the contributions you have made to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate in the past year, would you say all of those contributions added up to…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 55 | Less than $100 |
| 32 | $100 to less than $250 |
| 12 | More than $250 |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK CONTRIBUTORS (CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD\_h=1) [N=1,101]:**

CONTRWHO                  Which of the following groups have you contributed to?

*[Check all that apply]*

**[RANDOMIZE a & b, c & d, ITEM e FOLLOWED BY ITEM f ALWAYS LAST]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No Answer |
| a. Donald Trump’s campaign |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 26 | 74 |
| b. Hillary Clinton’s campaign |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 25 | 75 |
| c. Other Republican candidates |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 23 | 77 |
| d. Other Democratic candidates |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 35 | 65 |
| e. Other groups working to elect a candidate |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 22 | 78 |
| **CONTRWHO CONTINUED…** | | |
| f. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 | 2 | 98 |

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject…

STATEIDLAW As far as you know, does your state require voters to present photo identification to be allowed to vote on Election Day?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 62 | Yes |
| 36 | No |
| 2 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE CANDACCURACY AND CANDOFFENSE]**

**ASK ALL:**

CANDACCURACY Thinking about how the news media covers the presidential campaign and candidates, if a candidate makes a statement that is inaccurate, which comes closer to your view about what the news media should do? **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS CANDOFFENSE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 76 | Emphasize the statement because it is important for the public to know |
| 21 | NOT emphasize the statement because it unfairly gives the candidate extra attention |
| 3 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE CANDACCURACY AND CANDOFFENSE]**

**ASK ALL:**

CANDOFFENSE Thinking about how the news media covers the presidential campaign and candidates, if a candidate makes a statement that many people might find offensive, which comes closer to your view about what the news media should do? **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS CANDACCURACY]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 62 | Emphasize the statement because it is important for the public to know |
| 35 | NOT emphasize the statement because it unfairly gives the candidate extra attention |
| 4 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

CANDRESP More broadly, in covering political campaigns and candidates, how much of a responsibility is it of the news media to correct statements that a candidate makes that are inaccurate?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 62 | A major responsibility |
| 19 | A minor responsibility |
| 17 | Not a responsibility |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,616]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  | June 7-  July 5  2016 | Sept 9-  Oct 3  2014 |
| 83 | 10- Definitely will vote | 79 | 70 |
| 5 | 9 | 4 | 8 |
| 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| 1 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 2 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| 2 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 1- Definitely will not vote | 3 | 2 |
| 0 | No answer | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL REGISTERED VOTERS (REG=1 OR IF REG\_W21 IS NOT ASKED, F\_REG\_FINAL=1) [N=3,616]:**

PRIMARYPAST In this year’s presidential primary election, did you have a chance to vote in your state’s primary or caucus, or did things come up that kept you from voting?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 63 | Voted |
| 35 | Did not vote |
| 2 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF VOTED IN PRIMARY (PRIMARYPAST=1) [N=2,596]:**

PTYPRIMARYPAST Did you vote in a... **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 46 | Republican primary or caucus |
| 53 | Democratic primary or caucus |
| 2 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF VOTED IN PRIMARY (PRIMARYPAST=1) AND (DID NOT VOTE IN 2012 (F\_PVOTE12A\_FINAL OR PVOTE12A\_W21=2, REFUSED) AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2014 (F\_VOTE14\_RF1=2,99, missing)) [N=74]:**

FIRSTPRIM Had you EVER voted before voting in this year’s primary, or was the primary the FIRST time you ever voted?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 14 | First time |
| 13 | Had voted before |
| 73 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF DID NOT VOTE IN PRIMARY (PRIMARYPAST=2, REFUSED) AND (DID NOT VOTE IN 2012 (F\_PVOTE12A\_FINAL OR PVOTE12A=2, REFUSED) AND DID NOT VOTE IN 2014 (F\_VOTE14\_RF1=2,99, missing)) [N=157]:**

FIRSTGELECTb Have you EVER voted before, or not?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 27-  Oct 10  2016 |  |
| 21 | Yes, I have voted before |
| 16 | No, I have never voted before |
| 63 | No Answer |
|  |  |

1. The Wave 21 survey was administered exclusively in web mode. The survey included N=147 previous mail mode panelists that were converted to web and were provided an internet-enabled tablet if necessary. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. STATISF has been asked in previous Pew Research Center phone surveys. Because of mode differences (phone vs. online/mail), these questions should not be treated as directly comparable to those instances when they have been asked on the phone. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. CAMPNII has been asked in previous Pew Research Center phone surveys. Because of mode differences (phone vs. online/mail), this question should not be treated as directly comparable to those instances when the question has been asked on the phone. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. THOUGHTA has been asked in previous Pew Research Center phone surveys. Because of mode differences (phone vs. online/mail), this question should not be treated as directly comparable to those instances when they have been asked on the phone. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. In surveys conducted in early 2016, question asked about “candidates running for president.” In 2015, asked about “candidates who may be running for president.” [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. THOUGHTB has been asked in previous Pew Research Center phone surveys. Because of mode differences (phone vs. online/mail), this question should not be treated as directly comparable to those instances when they have been asked on the phone. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. In web version, question was asked “If the elections for the U.S. Senate in [RSTATE] were being held TODAY, who would you vote for?” where respondent’s state name was shown in place of [RSTATE]. Response options were customized based on respondent’s state; the candidate’s name and political affiliation were shown in addition to “Another candidate” and “Not sure.” Question wording on mail mode questionnaire asked SEN only as follows: “If the elections for U.S. Senate were being held TODAY, would you vote for [FORM1/FORM2: “the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”] for U.S. Senate in your state? [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Candidates were presented based on respondent’s Congressional District (CD). CD was determined based on geolocation coordinates where available or zip code if full geolocation coordinates were not available. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Mail and web survey presented answer choices by party only instead of listing a specific candidate. Question wording on mail mode questionnaire asked POL5 only as follows: “If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for [FORM1/FORM2: “the Republican Party’s candidate” OR “the Democratic Party’s candidate”] for Congress in your district? [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. CIVIC\_ENG\_ACTMOD item B was not included prior to the Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016 panel survey wave. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)