**2017 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

**WAVE 25 MARCH**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**March 13 – March 27, 2017**

**TOTAL N=4,151[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**ASK ALL:**

ESSENTIALRIGHTS Please indicate whether you think each of these is essential to your own sense of freedom, important but not essential, or not important. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Essential | Important but not essential | Not important | No answer |
| a. Freedom of speech |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 92 | 7 | 1 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Freedom of religion |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 85 | 11 | 3 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. The right to own guns |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 48 | 33 | 19 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. The right to vote |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 91 | 7 | 2 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| e. The right to privacy |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 87 | 12 | 1 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

NEWS\_LEVEL How closely do you follow…

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very closely | Somewhat  closely | Not very  closely | Not at all  closely | No answer |
| a. International news |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 17 | 49 | 27 | 6 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 19 | 46 | 25 | 9 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. National news |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 40 | 43 | 14 | 4 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 33 | 44 | 16 | 6 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Local news |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 33 | 45 | 18 | 3 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 37 | 41 | 16 | 6 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. News about your neighborhood |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 30 | 39 | 22 | 9 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 33 | 37 | 20 | 10 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

NEWS\_DEVICE Thinking about news (by news we mean information about events and issues

that involve more than just your friends and family), how often do you get

news… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Hardly  ever | Never | No answer |
| a. On a desktop or laptop computer |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27,2017 | 31 | 34 | 20 | 15 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 33 | 30 | 16 | 21 | \* |
| Aug 21-Sep 2, 2013 | 35 | 30 | 17 | 18 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. On a mobile device (such as a smartphone or tablet) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 45 | 29 | 10 | 15 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 36 | 24 | 12 | 28 | \* |
| Aug 21-Sep 2, 2013 | 21 | 19 | 13 | 46 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF GETS NEWS ON BOTH COMPUTER AND MOBILE DEVICE (NEWS\_DEVICEa=1-3 & NEWS\_DEVICEb=1-3) [N=3,402]:**

NEWSDIGPREF Do you prefer to get your news…

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  | Jan 12-Feb 8  2016 |
| 34 | On a desktop or laptop computer | 42 |
| 65 | On a mobile device (such as a smartphone or tablet) | 56 |
| 2 | No answer | 2 |
|  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE WHETHER LOCALMEDIA\_JOB AND NATLMEDIA\_JOB ARE ASKED FIRST**

**ASK ALL:**

LOCALMEDIA\_JOB Regardless of how closely you follow news about YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, how well do the local news media keep you informed of the most important local stories of the day?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  | Jan 12-Feb 8  2016 |
| 23 | Very well | 21 |
| 55 | Fairly well | 54 |
| 18 | Not too well | 18 |
| 3 | Not at all well | 6 |
| \* | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE WHETHER LOCALMEDIA\_JOB AND NATLMEDIA\_JOB ARE ASKED FIRST**

**ASK ALL:**

NATLMEDIA\_JOB Regardless of how closely you follow NATIONAL NEWS, how well do the national news media keep you informed of the most important national stories of the day?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  | Jan 12-Feb 8  2016 |
| 21 | Very well | 23 |
| 54 | Fairly well | 54 |
| 20 | Not too well | 17 |
| 4 | Not at all well | 5 |
| \* | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

GROUP\_TRUST How much, if at all, do you trust the information you get from…?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A lot | Some | Not too  much | Not at all | No  answer |
| a. National news organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 20 | 52 | 22 | 6 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 18 | 59 | 18 | 6 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Local news organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27,2017 | 25 | 60 | 12 | 2 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 22 | 60 | 14 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Friends, family, and acquaintances |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 15 | 61 | 21 | 3 | 1 |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 14 | 63 | 19 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 5 | 30 | 40 | 25 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016[[2]](#footnote-2) | 4 | 30 | 33 | 32 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE WATCHDOG\_1 & WATCHDOG\_3**

**ASK ALL:**

WATCHDOG\_1 Some people think that by criticizing leaders, news organizations keep political leaders from doing their job. Others think that such criticism is worth it because it keeps political leaders from doing things that should not be done. Which position is closer to your opinion?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  | Jan 12-Feb 8  2016 |
| 28 | Keep political leaders from doing their job | 21 |
| 70 | Keep political leaders from doing things that shouldn’t be done | 75 |
| 2 | No answer | 4 |
|  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE WATCHDOG\_1 & WATCHDOG\_3**

**ASK ALL:**

WATCHDOG\_3 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations deal fairly with all sides, or do they tend to favor one side?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  | Jan 12-Feb 8  2016 |
| 28 | Deal fairly with all sides | 24 |
| 72 | Tend to favor one side | 74 |
| \* | No answer | 3 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

STORYTRUST How much impact does each of the following have on whether you think a news story is trustworthy? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A large impact | Some impact | No impact at all | No answer |
| a. The news organization that publishes the story |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 48 | 46 | 6 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. The person, if any, who shares the story with me |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 26 | 58 | 15 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. The sources the story cites |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 51 | 44 | 5 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. My gut instinct about the story |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 30 | 58 | 12 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Now we are going to ask you some questions about the news you get online, whether on a computer, phone, or tablet. Again, by news we mean information about events and issues that involve more than just your friends or family.

**ASK IF GETS NEWS DIGITALLY (NEWS\_DEVICEa=1-3 OR NEWS\_DEVICEb=1-3) [N=4,038]:**

NEWS\_SOURCE How often do you get news online from… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Hardly  ever | Never | No answer |
| a. People that you are close with |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 16 | 54 | 24 | 6 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 15 | 54 | 24 | 6 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. People you are not particularly close with |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 9 | 32 | 43 | 16 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8 2016 | 6 | 28 | 41 | 25 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. News organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 45 | 39 | 12 | 4 | \* |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016 | 36 | 40 | 16 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF AT LEAST HARDLY EVER TO AT LEAST 1 ITEM IN NEWS\_SOURCE (NEWS\_SOURCEa-c=1-3); SHOW ONLY THOSE AT LEAST HARDLY EVER IN NEWS\_SOURCE (NEWS\_SOURCEa-c=1-3):**

NEWSACC How accurate, do you think, is the news posted online by… **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS NEWS\_SOURCE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very accurate | Somewhat accurate | Not too accurate | Not at all accurate | No answer |
| a. People that you are close with |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017  [N=3,846] | 7 | 70 | 21 | 2 | 1 |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016  [N=4,045] | 7 | 68 | 22 | 2 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. People you are not particularly close with |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017  [N=3,340] | 2 | 49 | 43 | 5 | 1 |
| Jan 12-Feb 8 2016  [N=3,370] | 2 | 49 | 42 | 4 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. News organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017  [N=3,929] | 18 | 62 | 18 | 2 | 1 |
| Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016  [N=4,040] | 15 | 69 | 13 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF GETS NEWS DIGITALLY (NEWS\_DEVICEa=1-3 OR NEWS\_DEVICEb=1-3) [N=4,038]:**

DIGWDOG\_3 Thinking about the news that your friends, family and acquaintances post or send you online about political and social issues, overall, do you think the mix of news you get from them… **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  | Jan 12-Feb 8  2016 |
| 40 | Represents just one side | 35 |
| 29 | Represents more than one side | 31 |
| 31 | They don’t send me news about political and social issues | 33 |
| \* | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

ADMIN1 How much, if anything, have you heard about the relationship between the [**RANDOMIZE ORDER:** Trump administration and the U.S. news media/U.S. news media and the Trump administration]?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 72 | A lot |
| 22 | A little |
| 6 | Nothing at all |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

ADMIN2 Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 15 | Despite current tensions, the relationship between the [**USE SAME ORDER FROM ADMIN1**: Trump administration and the U.S. news media/U.S. news media and the Trump administration] is generally HEALTHY |
| 83 | Current tensions have made the relationship between the [**USE SAME ORDER FROM ADMIN1**: Trump administration and the U.S. news media/U.S. news media and the Trump administration] generally UNHEALTHY |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

ADMIN3 Would you say that these tensions between the [**USE SAME ORDER FROM ADMIN1:** Trump administration and the U.S. news media/U.S. news media and the Trump administration] are getting in the way or not getting in the way of Americans’ access to important national political news and information? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 73 | Getting in the way |
| 26 | Not getting in the way |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**[RANDOMLY ASSIGN PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOUR VIGNETTES; VIGNETTE=1, 2, 3 or 4]**

**ASK IF VIGNETTE=1 [N=1,005]:**

Please think about the following situation…

David and his friend are messaging privately about a sensitive political issue on which they disagree. David says something that offends his friend, who forwards the conversation to some people they know. One of those people shares the conversation publicly on a social media account, and David receives unkind messages from strangers. The original conversation is then reposted on an account with thousands of followers, and David receives messages that are vulgar. Eventually someone posts David’s phone number and home address online, and David starts to receive threatening messages.

V1Q1 In your opinion, did David experience online harassment in this situation?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 89 | Yes |
| 4 | No |
| 7 | Not sure |
| 0 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF YES OR NOT SURE TO V1Q1 (V1Q1=1,3) [N=971]:**

V1Q2 Which parts, if any, of David’s experience do you consider to be online harassment? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

[*Check all that apply*]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| a. When David offends his friend |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 5 | 95 |
|  |  |  |
| b. When David’s friend forwards their private conversation to others |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 50 | 50 |
|  |  |  |
| c. When someone shares the conversation publicly on social media |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 56 | 44 |
|  |  |  |
| d. When David receives unkind messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 75 | 25 |
|  |  |  |
| e. When David receives vulgar messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 85 | 15 |
|  |  |  |
| f. When David’s phone number and home address are posted online |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 89 | 11 |
|  |  |  |
| g. When David receives threatening messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 89 | 11 |
|  |  |  |
| h. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 2 | 98 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF VIGNETTE=2 [N=1,096]:**

Please think about the following situation…

Julie and her friend are messaging privately about a sensitive political issue on which they disagree. Julie says something that offends her friend, who forwards the conversation to some people they know. One of those people shares the conversation publicly on a social media account, and Julie receives unkind messages from strangers. The original conversation is then reposted on an account with thousands of followers, and Julie receives messages that are vulgar. Eventually someone posts Julie’s phone number and home address online, and Julie starts to receive threatening messages.

V2Q1 In your opinion, did Julie experience online harassment in this situation?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 91 | Yes |
| 4 | No |
| 5 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF YES OR NOT SURE TO V2Q1 (V2Q1=1,3) [N=1,072]:**

V2Q2 Which parts, if any, of Julie’s experience do you consider to be online harassment? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

[*Check all that apply*]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| a. When Julie offends her friend |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 4 | 96 |
|  |  |  |
| b. When Julie’s friend forwards their private conversation to others |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 56 | 44 |
|  |  |  |
| c. When someone shares the conversation publicly on social media |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 61 | 39 |
|  |  |  |
| d. When Julie receives unkind messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 73 | 27 |
|  |  |  |
| e. When Julie receives vulgar messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 82 | 18 |
|  |  |  |
| f. When Julie’s phone number and home address are posted online |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 86 | 14 |
|  |  |  |
| g. When Julie receives threatening messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 88 | 12 |
|  |  |  |
| h. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 2 | 98 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF VIGNETTE=3 [N=993]:**

Please think about the following situation…

Julie posts on her social media account, defending one side of a controversial political issue. A few people reply to her, with some supporting and some opposing her. As more people see her post, Julie receives unkind messages. Eventually her post is shared by a popular blogger with thousands of followers, and Julie receives vulgar messages that insult her looks and sexual behavior. She also notices people posting pictures of her that have been edited to include sexual images. Eventually, she receives threatening messages.  
  
V3Q1 In your opinion, did Julie experience online harassment in this situation?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 89 | Yes |
| 6 | No |
| 5 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF YES OR NOT SURE TO V3Q1 (V3Q1=1,3) [N=955]:**

V3Q2 Which parts, if any, of Julie’s experience do you consider to be online harassment? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

[*Check all that apply*]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| a. When some of Julie’s friends first disagree with her |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 3 | 97 |
|  |  |  |
| b. When Julie receives unkind messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 46 | 54 |
|  |  |  |
| c. When Julie’s post is shared on social media by the blogger |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 18 | 82 |
|  |  |  |
| d. When Julie receives vulgar messages about her looks and sexual behavior |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 91 | 9 |
|  |  |  |
| e. When Julie’s picture is edited to include sexual images |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 90 | 10 |
|  |  |  |
| f. When Julie receives threatening messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 92 | 8 |
|  |  |  |
| g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 2 | 98 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF VIGNETTE=3 [N=993]:**

V3Q3 Do you think the social media service should have stepped in at any point during this situation?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 65 | Yes |
| 12 | No |
| 22 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**IF YES OR NOT SURE TO V3Q3 (V3Q3=1,3) [N=871]:**

V3Q4. At which points, if any, do you think the social media service should have stepped in? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

[*Check all that apply*]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| a. When some of Julie’s friends first disagree with her |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 2 | 98 |
|  |  |  |
| b. When Julie receives unkind messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 23 | 77 |
|  |  |  |
| c. When Julie’s post is shared on social media by the blogger |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 15 | 85 |
|  |  |  |
| d. When Julie receives vulgar messages about her looks and sexual behavior |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 75 | 25 |
|  |  |  |
| e. When Julie’s picture is edited to include sexual images |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 81 | 19 |
|  |  |  |
| f. When Julie receives threatening messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 88 | 12 |
|  |  |  |
| g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 3 | 97 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF VIGNETTE=4 [N=1,057]:**

Please think about the following situation…

John posts on his social media account, defending one side of a controversial political issue. A few people reply to him, with some supporting and some opposing him. As more people see his post, John receives unkind messages. Eventually his post is shared by a popular blogger with thousands of followers, and John receives vulgar messages that make racial insults and use a common racial slur. He also notices people posting pictures of him that have been edited to include racially insensitive images. Eventually, he receives threatening messages.

V4Q1 In your opinion, did John experience online harassment in this situation?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 85 | Yes |
| 6 | No |
| 10 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF YES OR NOT SURE TO V4Q1 (V4Q1=1,3) [N=1,009]:**

V4Q2 Which parts, if any, of John’s experience do you consider to be online harassment? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

[*Check all that apply*]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| a. When some of John’s followers first disagree with him |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 3 | 97 |
|  |  |  |
| b. When John receives unkind messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 37 | 63 |
|  |  |  |
| c. When John’s post is shared on social media by the blogger |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 17 | 83 |
|  |  |  |
| d. When John receives vulgar messages with racially insulting language |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 86 | 14 |
|  |  |  |
| e. When John’s picture is edited to include racially insensitive images |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 85 | 15 |
|  |  |  |
| f. When John receives personal threats |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 87 | 13 |
|  |  |  |
| g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 4 | 96 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF VIGNETTE=4 [N=1,057]:**

V4Q3 Do you think the social media service should have stepped in at any point during this situation?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 54 | Yes |
| 19 | No |
| 27 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF YES OR NOT SURE TO V4Q3 (V4Q3=1,3) [N=879]:**

V4Q4 At which points, if any, do you think the social media service should have stepped in? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

[*Check all that apply*]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Selected | Not selected  /No answer |
| a. When some of John’s followers first disagree with him |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 2 | 98 |
|  |  |  |
| b. When John receives unkind messages |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 20 | 80 |
|  |  |  |
| c. When John’s post is shared on social media by the blogger |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 15 | 85 |
|  |  |  |
| d. When John receives vulgar messages with racially insulting language |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 71 | 29 |
|  |  |  |
| e. When John’s picture is edited to include racially insensitive images |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 71 | 29 |
|  |  |  |
| f. When John receives personal threats |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 83 | 17 |
|  |  |  |
| g. None of these **[EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]** |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 3 | 97 |
|  |  |  |

Turning to a different topic…

**ASK ALL:**

GUNSTRICT Which of the following statements comes closest to your overall view of gun laws in this country? **[REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

**ASK IF WANT MORE/LESS STRICT GUN LAWS (GUNSTRICT=1,3) [N=2,908]:**

GUNSTRICT2 Do you think gun laws should be…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 51 | NET Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today |
| 34 | A lot |
| 17 | Somewhat |
| 30 | Gun laws are about right |
| 18 | NET Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today |
| 8 | A lot |
| 10 | Somewhat |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE TOGETHER; I.E. RESPONDENTS SHOULD SEE ALL THREE WITH THE RESPONSE ORDERS SHOWN BELOW OR SEE ALL THREE WITH THE REVERSE.]**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE**

**ASK ALL:**

GUNWHO Which comes closest to your view about WHO should be able to legally own guns in the United States? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 8 | Almost everyone should |
| 64 | Most people should, but some people should NOT |
| 19 | Some people should, but most people should NOT |
| 9 | Almost no one should |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE**

**ASK ALL:**

GUNWHERE Which comes closest to your view about THE PLACES where people should be able to legally carry guns in the United States? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 21 | Almost everywhere |
| 36 | Most places, but some places should be off-limits |
| 28 | Some places, but most places should be off-limits |
| 15 | Almost nowhere |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE**

**ASK ALL:**

GUNTYPE Which comes closest to your view about the TYPES OF GUNS that should be legally available to buy in the United States? **[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 20 | Almost all types should |
| 41 | Most types should, but some types should NOT |
| 29 | Some types should, but most types should NOT |
| 10 | Almost no types should |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**[PROGRAMMING NOTE: FOR THE LAST QUESTION FROM GUNWHO, GUNWHERE, AND GUNTYPE THAT RESPONDENTS SEE, ASK ALL OF THOSE WHO SELECT PUNCH 2:]**

**ASK IF GUNWHO IS LAST AND GUNWHO=2 [N=899]:**

GUNWHO\_OE In your own words, what should disqualify someone from being able to legally own guns in the United States? **[MAKE BOX A COUPLE OF LINES]**

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE NOT SHOWN**

**ASK IF GUNWHERE IS LAST AND GUNWHERE=2 [N=457]:**

GUNWHERE\_OE In your own words, what are some of the places you think people should NOT be able to legally carry guns in the United States? **[MAKE BOX A COUPLE OF LINES]**

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE NOT SHOWN**

**ASK IF GUNTYPE IS LAST AND GUNTYPE=2 [N=580]:**

GUNTYPE\_OE In your own words, what are some of the types of guns you think should NOT be legally available to buy in the United States? **[MAKE BOX A COUPLE OF LINES]**

**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSE NOT SHOWN**

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2**

**ASK ALL:**

GUNPRIORITY1 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose**]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY2]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |
| a. Barring gun purchases by people on the federal no-fly or watch lists |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 66 | 17 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 72 | 16 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
|  | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |
| **GUNPRIORITY1 CONTINUED…** |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Banning assault-style weapons |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 53 | 15 | 13 | 17 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 49 | 22 | 14 | 15 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 46 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 64 | 20 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2**

**ASK ALL:**

GUNPRIORITY2 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose**]** the following proposals about gun policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE, USE SAME ORDER AS GUNPRIORITY1]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |
| g. Allowing people to carry concealed guns in more places |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 18 | 28 | 24 | 29 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| h. Allowing people to carry concealed guns without a permit |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 9 | 10 | 15 | 65 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i. Allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 18 | 27 | 19 | 35 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| j. Shortening waiting periods for people who want to buy guns legally |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 14 | 23 | 23 | 38 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

GUNACTIVISM Have you ever done any of the following, or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes, in the last 12 months | Yes, but not in the last 12 months | No | No answer |
| a. Contacted a public official to express your opinion on gun policy |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 6 | 8 | 86 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 8 | 8 | 84 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

NRAINFLNC When it comes to gun laws in this country, do you think the National Rifle Association (NRA) has… **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 & 2; ALWAYS ASK PUNCH 3 LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 44 | Too much influence |
| 15 | Too little influence |
| 40 | The right amount of influence |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the internet…

BB1 How important do you think it is for Americans today to have access to high-speed home internet service?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 49 | Essential |
| 41 | Important, but not essential |
| 6 | Not too important |
| 3 | Not important at all |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

BB2 What percentage of Americans would you guess have some type of high-speed home internet service?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 1 | 0%-5% |
| 1 | 6%-10% |
| \* | 11%-15% |
| 1 | 16%-20% |
| 1 | 21%-25% |
| 3 | 26%-30% |
| 1 | 31%-35% |
| 4 | 36%-40% |
| 3 | 41%-45% |
| 11 | 46%-50% |
| 1 | 51%-55% |
| 11 | 56%-60% |
| 6 | 61%-65% |
| 10 | 66%-70% |
| 14 | 71%-75% |
| 12 | 76%-80% |
| 5 | 81%-85% |
| 8 | 86%-90% |
| 3 | 91%-95% |
| 4 | 96%-100% |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BB3 AND BB4**

**ASK ALL:**

BB3 Which statement best describes your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 44 | The government should provide subsidies to help low-income Americans purchase high-speed home internet service |
| 54 | High-speed home internet service is affordable enough that nearly every household should be able to buy service on their own |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

BB4 Which statement best describes your view, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 70 | Local governments should be able to build their own high-speed networks if the service in their area is too expensive or not good enough |
| 27 | Local governments should not be allowed to build their own high-speed networks, regardless of the cost or quality of service in their area |
| 3 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF HOME BROADBAND USER (F\_BBINT\_RF1=1) [N=3,647]:**

BB5 What is the download speed for your own high-speed home internet service? **[SHOW ITEMS IN ORDER]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 5 | 10 megabits per second (Mbps) or less |
| 6 | 11-24 Mbps |
| 11 | 25-49 Mbps |
| 15 | 50-99 Mbps |
| 12 | 100 Mbps or more |
| 47 | Not sure |
| 4 | I do not have high-speed home internet service |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

Turning back to gun policy for a moment.

GUNVIOLENCE How much of a problem do you think gun violence is in…

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A very  big problem | A moderately big problem | A small problem | Not a problem  at all | No answer |
| a. The United States |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 51 | 33 | 14 | 2 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Your local community |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 19 | 25 | 36 | 20 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

MOREGUNIMPACT If more Americans owned guns, do you think there would be… **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 AND 2 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE; ALWAYS DISPLAY THIRD OPTION LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 35 | More crime |
| 32 | Less crime |
| 32 | Not make a difference |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

MASSSTRICT If it was harder for people to legally obtain guns in the United States, do you think there would be … **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1 AND 2 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE; ALWAYS DISPLAY THIRD OPTION LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 47 | Fewer mass shootings |
| 13 | More mass shootings |
| 40 | Not make a difference |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

Now for one last different set of questions…

**ASK ALL:**

**[RANDOMLY ASSIGN A VALUE OF 1-100, READ IN TEXT FROM ACCOMPANYING CSV FILE FOR CORRESPONDING VALUE AT VARIABLE T\_MOE\_V\_PWIN]**

Please read the following statement about a hypothetical election for the U.S. Senate. There are two candidates.

Candidate A supports the majority of the policies you support and is well qualified for the job. Candidate B does not share your views and is less qualified than Candidate A.

A prominent group of statisticians analyzed the 10 most recent polls that include questions about who voters prefer. Their analysis a few days before the election shows that Candidate A [**T\_MOE\_V\_PWIN**].

CERTWIN Based on this information, how certain or uncertain are you that Candidate A will win or lose the election?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 9 | Very certain |
| 33 | Somewhat certain |
| 42 | Neither certain nor uncertain |
| 9 | Somewhat uncertain |
| 5 | Very uncertain |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

LIKELYWIN If you had to guess, on a scale from 0 to 100, how likely is Candidate A to win the election?

[*Enter a percentage between 0 and 100*]

PRCNTVT If you had to guess, on a scale from 0 to 100, what percent of the vote do you expect Candidate A to get?

[*Enter a percentage between 0 and 100*]

VOTEHYPO How likely would you be to vote in this election?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mar 13-Mar 27  2017 |  |
| 63 | Very likely |
| 21 | Somewhat likely |
| 8 | Somewhat unlikely |
| 8 | Very unlikely |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

1. The Wave 25 survey was administered exclusively in web mode. The survey included N=181 previous mail mode panelists that were converted to web and were provided an internet-enabled tablet if necessary. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For the W14 survey GROUP\_TRUSTd was asked only of web respondents [↑](#footnote-ref-2)