**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER’S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**

**WAVE 38 SEPTEMBER**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 7, 2018**

**TOTAL N=10,683[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**ASK ALL:**

DIRECTION Thinking about the way things are going in the country today, do you think things are generally going in the **[RANDOMIZE:** (right direction) or the (wrong direction)**]**?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 33 | Right direction |
| 66 | Wrong direction |
| 2 | No answer |

**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Jul 30-  Aug 12  2018 | Jan 29-  Feb 13  2018 | Aug 8-21  2017 | Apr 4-18  2017 | Feb 28-  Mar 12  2017[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| 38 | Approve | 40 | 38 | 36 | 39 | 44 |
| 61 | Disapprove | 59 | 60 | 63 | 61 | 56 |
| 2 | No Answer | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2018 congressional election, 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]**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Jul 30-  Aug 12  2018 | Jan 29-  Feb 13  2018 |
| 57 | 1 = Really matters which party wins control of Congress | 62 | 57 |
| 20 | 2 | 17 | 19 |
| 11 | 3 | 10 | 10 |
| 12 | 4 = Doesn’t really matter which party wins control of Congress | 10 | 12 |
| 1 | No Answer | \* | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |

**DO NOT ASK IF STATE=DC, ELSE ASK ALL [N=10,641]:**

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

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

CONGA As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to… **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,904]:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Jul 30-  Aug 12  2018 | Jan 29-  Feb 13  2018 | Oct 3–27 2014 | Sep 15– Oct 3 2014 | May 30-  Jun 30 2014 |
| 38 | Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district | 39 | 38 | 39 | 42 | 38 |
| 47 | Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district | 46 | 47 | 43 | 47 | 42 |
| 4 | Another/Lean to another candidate | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| 11 | Not sure | 10 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 14 |
| \* | No Answer | \* | \* | \* | \* | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK U.S. CITIZENS ONLY [N=10,413]:**

VTPLAN Do you plan to vote in the elections this November? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PUNCHES 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK 3 AND 4 LAST IN ORDER]**

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,884]:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 59 | Yes, I plan to vote ON Election Day |
| 31 | Yes, I plan to vote BEFORE Election Day |
| 3 | No, I do not plan to vote |
| 6 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (VTPLAN=1,2) [N=9,163]:**

EARLY1 Do you plan to vote in the November electionin person or will you mail in your ballot?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,390]:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 73 | Vote in person |
| 24 | Mail in ballot |
| 3 | Not sure |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

USWORLD\_T Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion about the United States? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

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| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 22 | The U.S. is better than all other countries in the world |
| 57 | The U.S. is one of the best countries in the world, along with some others |
| 20 | There are other countries that are better than the U.S. |
| 1 | No Answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

CITIZ\_INFL\_T Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **TREND FOR COMPARISON:** [[3]](#footnote-3) | |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Jan 29-  Feb 13  2018 | Nov 29-  Dec 12  2016 |
| 52 | Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington | 52 | 58 |
| 47 | There’s not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington | 47 | 40 |
| 1 | No Answer | 1 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

CAR1 Do you ever use ride-hailing services like Uber or Lyft?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Nov 24- Dec 21  2015 |
| 36 | Yes, I have done this | 15 |
| 61 | I have not done this, but I have heard of it | 51 |
| 3 | I have never heard of this before | 33 |
| \* | No Answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF USE RIDE-HAILING SERVICES (CAR1=1) [N=4,567]:**

CAR10 How often do you use ride-hailing services such as Uber or Lyft?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Nov 24- Dec 21  2015 |
| 2 | Daily or almost daily | 3 |
| 8 | Weekly | 14 |
| 22 | Monthly | 26 |
| 67 | Less often | 56 |
| \* | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

NATPROBS How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A very big problem | A moderately big problem | A small problem | Not a problem  at all | No answer |
| **ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.F24 The affordability of health care |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 70 | 23 | 5 | 2 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b.F24 Racism |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 46 | 32 | 18 | 4 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 39 | 38 | 19 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| c.F13 Illegal immigration |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 42 | 26 | 25 | 6 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 44 | 30 | 21 | 5 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d.F13 Sexism |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 34 | 35 | 24 | 7 | 1 |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 23 | 36 | 30 | 10 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,665]:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| e.F1 Job opportunities for all Americans |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 25 | 37 | 26 | 11 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 47 | 40 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f.F1 The way the U.S. political system operates |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 55 | 30 | 11 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| g.F1 The way racial and ethnic minorities are treated by the criminal justice system |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 44 | 26 | 20 | 10 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| h.F1 The federal budget deficit |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 55 | 35 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,657]:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| i.F2 Drug addiction |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 68 | 25 | 6 | 1 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 56 | 32 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| j.F2 The gap between the rich and poor |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 54 | 28 | 12 | 5 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 57 | 29 | 9 | 5 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| k.F2 Violent crime |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 52 | 33 | 13 | 1 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,650]:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| l.F3 Gun violence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 53 | 28 | 14 | 4 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 48 | 27 | 20 | 4 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NATPROBS CONTINUED…** | A very big problem | A moderately big problem | A small problem | Not a problem  at all | No answer |
| m.F3 The affordability of a college education |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 63 | 27 | 8 | 2 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 52 | 34 | 11 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| n.F3 Climate change |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 43 | 28 | 20 | 9 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 40 | 26 | 21 | 12 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,711]:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| o.F4 Wages and the cost of living |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 52 | 36 | 10 | 2 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| p.F4 Ethics in government |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 67 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| q.F4 Terrorism |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 35 | 37 | 25 | 3 | \* |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 53 | 30 | 13 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| r.F4 The way immigrants who are in the country illegally are treated |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 38 | 28 | 20 | 13 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS VTCONF\_COM/VTCONF\_US AND VTADMIN\_COM/VTADMIN\_US]**

Thinking about the elections this November…

**[CHANGE ORDER OF QUESTIONS BY FORM: FORMS 1 AND 2 GET VTCONF\_COM FIRST AND VTCONF\_US SECOND, FORMS 3 AND 4 GET THE REVERSE]**

**ASK ALL:**

VTCONF\_COM How confident are you that votes in YOUR COMMUNITY will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 42 | Very confident |
| 40 | Somewhat confident |
| 13 | Not too confident |
| 4 | Not at all confident |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

VTCONF\_US How confident are you that votes across the UNITED STATES will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 25 | Very confident |
| 47 | Somewhat confident |
| 21 | Not too confident |
| 6 | Not at all confident |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS VTSYS\_COM/VTCONF\_US AND VTADMIN\_COM/VTADMIN\_US]**

**[CHANGE ORDER OF QUESTIONS BY FORM: FORMS 1 AND 2 GET VTADMIN\_COM FIRST AND VTADMIN\_US SECOND, FORMS 3 AND 4 GET THE REVERSE]**

**ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_COM Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY will be run and administered…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 41 | Very well |
| 46 | Somewhat well |
| 9 | Not too well |
| 3 | Not at all well |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_US Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES will be run and administered…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 20 | Very well |
| 57 | Somewhat well |
| 18 | Not too well |
| 4 | Not at all well |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

VOTETRAITS All in all, is voting in elections … **[RANDOMIZE PAIRS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS, SHOW ALL PAIRS ON SAME SCREEN, REPEAT STEM FOR EACH PAIR]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| a. | Important | Not important | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 91 | 8 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| b. | Convenient | Not convenient | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 73 | 27 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |
| c. | Exciting | Boring | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 62 | 36 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| d. | Straightforward | Confusing | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 70 | 30 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF (FORM 2 OR 3) AND U.S. CITIZEN [N=5,173]:**

VTEASY Overall, **[IF VTPLAN=1, 2:** “do”**, IF VTPLAN=3, 4, SYSMIS:** “would”**]** you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF. RECORD IF RESPONDENT WAS SHOWN 1-4 OR 4-1]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 38 | Very easy |
| 42 | Somewhat easy |
| 16 | Somewhat difficult |
| 4 | Very difficult |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF VTEASY=3-4 [N=785]:**

VTEASYOE Why **[IF VTPLAN=1, 2:** “do”**, IF VTPLAN=3, 4, SYSMIS:** “would”**]** you expect the process of voting in the November elections to be **[INSERT RESPONSE TO VTEASY; DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST WORD]** for you personally?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24–  Oct 7 2018 |  |
| **22** | **NET Political Environment** |
| 11 | Choice of candidates |
| 9 | Divisive political landscape/politicians |
| 3 | State/One party has policies that disadvantaged the other |
| **19** | **NET Logistics/General** |
| 6 | Hard to get information/Time consuming |
| 4 | Long wait times/Crowds |
| 3 | Timing inconvenient/Personal schedule |
| 3 | Unsure how to vote |
| 2 | Travel/Moving |
| 2 | Lack of polling places/Access |
| 1 | Concerns about mail/absentee |
| **8** | **NET Doesn’t matter/Doesn’t represent me** |
| 4 | Doesn’t trust candidates/Views not represented |
| 4 | Doesn’t matter/Nothing changes |
| **8** | **NET Security/Vote count/Foreign Interference** |
| 7 | Vote count/System is corrupt |
| 2 | Russia/Other country interference |
| **5** | **NET Not difficult personally, but for others** |
| 6 | Other |
| 4 | Uncodeable |
| 2 | Not voting |
| **31** | No response |

*Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses*

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1 Thinking about the nation’s economy…

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Feb 28- Mar 12 2017 | Oct 25- Nov 8 2016 | Apr 29- May 27 2014 |
| 12 | Excellent | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 45 | Good | 37 | 30 | 18 |
| 32 | Only fair | 43 | 47 | 50 |
| 11 | Poor | 17 | 21 | 30 |
| \* | No Answer | 0 | \* | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

GENDEROPT On a different subject…

When a form or online profile asks about a person’s gender, do you think it should include options other than “man” and “woman” for people who don’t identify as either?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 42 | Yes |
| 56 | No |
| 1 | No answer |

**ASK ALL:**

GENDACCEPT In general, do you think society is **[RANDOMIZE:** (too accepting) or (not accepting enough)**]** of people who don’t identify as either a man or a woman, or is it about right?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 32 | Too accepting |
| 41 | Not accepting enough |
| 25 | About right |
| 2 | No answer |

**ASK ALL:**

FAIRTRT Overall, in our country today, would you say that… **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 54 | Blacks are treated less fairly than whites |
| 10 | Whites are treated less fairly than blacks |
| 34 | Both are treated about equally |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

CONVOZ How often, if at all, **[INSERT ITEM; DO NOT CAPTIALIZE FIRST WORD IN ITEM]** come up in the conversations you have, either in person, over the phone or online?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very often | Somewhat often | Not too often | Not at all often | No answer |
| **ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY (N=5,315)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Do Donald Trump’s presidency and policies |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 25 | 37 | 28 | 10 | \* |
| **TREND FOR COMPARISON:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Donald Trump’s election and plans for his presidency |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016 | 25 | 40 | 25 | 10 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY (N=5,368)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Do the 2018 midterm elections and candidates running for office |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 12 | 29 | 38 | 20 | 1 |
| **TREND FOR COMPARISON:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| The 2016 presidential election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 | 21 | 40 | 29 | 9 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A lot | Some | Just a few | None | No answer |
| a. Approve of Donald Trump’s job performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 21 | 25 | 28 | 26 | 1 |
| **TREND FOR COMPARISON:** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Support Donald Trump for president |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 2 |
| Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016[[4]](#footnote-4) | 19 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Disapprove of Donald Trump’s job performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 48 | 25 | 18 | 8 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

MESUM3 Do each of the following statements describe you well, or not? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Describes me well | Does not describe me well | No answer |
| a. Environmentalist |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 59 | 40 | 1 |
| Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017 | 58 | 40 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| b. Have traditional values |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 73 | 26 | 1 |
| Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017 | 75 | 24 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| c. Supporter of the National Rifle Association (NRA) |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 40 | 58 | 2 |
| Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017 | 44 | 54 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| d. Feminist |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 36 | 61 | 2 |
| Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017[[5]](#footnote-5) | 31 | 67 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |
| e. Open minded |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 92 | 8 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| f. Active in my local community |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 32 | 67 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| g. Typical American |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 70 | 29 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking again about the elections coming up in November…

**ASK ALL:**

VTPPL How confident are you that **[INSERT ITEM; DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST WORD IN ITEM]** will do a good job during the elections this November?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very confident | Somewhat confident | Not too confident | Not at all confident | No answer |
| **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,665]** |  |  |  |  |  |
| a. Poll workers in your community |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 45 | 44 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,650]** |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Officials who run election in your local area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 28 | 50 | 18 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,657]** |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Officials who run elections in your state |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 32 | 51 | 12 | 3 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **VTPPL CONTINUED…** | Very confident | Somewhat confident | Not too confident | Not at all confident | No answer |
| **ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,711]** |  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Officials who run elections across the United States |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 17 | 54 | 24 | 5 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**SHOW BEFORE FIRST QUESTION:** Thinking about the election rules in your state (for example, when and how elections take place and what is required to register or vote)…[[6]](#footnote-6)

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

ELRULE\_FAIR All in all, would you say your state’s election rules are…

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 83 | Fair |
| 15 | Not fair |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

ELRULE\_EASE All in all, would you say your state’s election rules… **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 19 | Make it too easy to register and vote |
| 10 | Make it too hard to register and vote |
| 69 | Make it about right to register and vote |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

**[SHOW ON SAME SCREEN AS ELRULE\_EASE]**

ELRULE\_PTY All in all, would you say your state’s election rules… **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 14 | Unfairly favor the Republican Party over the Democratic Party |
| 11 | Unfairly favor the Democratic Party over the Republican Party |
| 73 | Do not favor one party over the other |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 ONLY [N=5,322]:**

VTSYSSEC\_ST How confident are you that election systems in YOUR STATE are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 16 | Very confident |
| 50 | Somewhat confident |
| 24 | Not too confident |
| 10 | Not at all confident |
| 1 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,361]:**

VTSYSSEC\_US How confident are you that election systems in the UNITED STATES are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 8 | Very confident |
| 37 | Somewhat confident |
| 37 | Not too confident |
| 17 | Not at all confident |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTEFFORT-VOTING]**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Citizens should have to prove they really want to vote by registering ahead of time | Everything possible should be done to make it easy for every citizen to vote | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 32 | 67 | 1 |
| Apr 19-23, 2017[[7]](#footnote-7) | 39 | 59 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | All citizens should be required to vote in national elections | Every citizen should be able to decide for themselves whether or not to vote in national elections | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 21 | 79 | 1 |
| Apr 19-23, 20174 | 20 | 78 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Voting gives people like me some say about how government runs things | Voting by people like me doesn’t really affect how government runs things | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 68 | 31 | 1 |
| Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 | 61 | 38 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | If election rules were changed to make it easier to register and vote, that would also make elections less secure | It would not make elections any less secure if election rules were changed to make it easier to register and vote | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 37 | 60 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | A voter should only be allowed to vote early or absentee if they have a documented reason for not voting in person on Election Day | Any voter should have the option to vote early or absentee without having to document a reason | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 28 | 71 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | People need to be more careful about the language they use to avoid offending people with different backgrounds | Too many people are easily offended these days over the language that others use | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 41 | 58 | 1 |
| Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 | 45 | 55 | \* |
| Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 | 39 | 59 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

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

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Government should  do more to solve problems | Government is doing too many things better left to  businesses and individuals | No answer |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 55 | 43 | 2 |
| Feb 26-March 11, 2018 | 55 | 42 | 2 |
| Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017 | 56 | 43 | 1 |
| Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 | 53 | 44 | 2 |
| Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 | 47 | 51 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE VTBLWH, VTHISWH, VTECON]**

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

VTBLWH Which comes closer to your view about your state[[8]](#footnote-8)… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 80 | Black and white citizens in my state have equal access to voting |
| 17 | Black citizens in my state have less access to voting than white citizens |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

VTHISWH Which comes closer to your view about your state… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 69 | Hispanic and white citizens in my state have equal access to voting |
| 27 | Hispanic citizens in my state have less access to voting than white citizens |
| 3 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

VTECON Which comes closer to your view about your state… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 67 | Lower-income and middle-income citizens in my state have equal access to voting |
| 30 | Lower-income citizens in my state have less access to voting than middle-income citizens |
| 2 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF NOT IN DC [N=10,641]:**

CANDHOUKN How much would you say you know about the candidates running for Congress in your district?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,904]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 14 | A great deal |
| 45 | A fair amount |
| 31 | Not too much |
| 9 | Nothing at all |
| \* | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF NOT IN DC [N=10,641]:**

CANDHOUSAT How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for Congress in your district this November?

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=8,904]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 14 | Very satisfied |
| 52 | Somewhat satisfied |
| 24 | Not too satisfied |
| 7 | Not at all satisfied |
| 3 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK IF STATE HAS MORE THAN ONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (STATE IS NOT AK, DE, VT, WY, MT, SD, ND, DC) [N=10,448]:**

GERRY\_PTY All in all, would you say the way congressional districts are drawn in your state… **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP 3 LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |
| 22 | Unfairly favors the Republican Party over the Democratic Party |
| 15 | Unfairly favors the Democratic Party over the Republican Party |
| 58 | Does not favor one party over the other |
| 5 | No answer |
|  |  |

**ASK RANDOM 3/4 OF RESPONDENTS [N=7,941]:**

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 [N=3,968]:**

ELECMIS\_1Ma Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters, if **[INSERT ITEM]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do sowould you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=1,300]** | 41 | 30 | 28 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=657]** | 44 | 31 | 25 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=682]** | 52 | 31 | 17 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 people **[N=690]** | 62 | 22 | 16 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10,000 people **[N=639]** | 69 | 20 | 9 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 [N=3,973]:**

ELECMIS\_1Mb Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters, if **[INSERT ITEM]** (was/were) prevented from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements would you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=1,401]** | 58 | 26 | 15 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=664]** | 59 | 26 | 14 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=659]** | 66 | 20 | 12 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 people **[N=630]** | 83 | 10 | 5 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10,000 people **[N=619]** | 86 | 9 | 5 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK OTHER RANDOM 1/4 OF RESPONDENTS [N=2,742]:**

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 [N=1,354]:**

ELECMIS\_100ka Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters, if **[INSERT ITEM]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do so would you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=458]** | 38 | 30 | 31 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=449]** | 42 | 39 | 18 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=447]** | 54 | 31 | 14 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 [N=1,388]:**

ELECMIS\_100kb Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters, if **[INSERT ITEM]** (was/were) prevented from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements would you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=480]** | 65 | 21 | 13 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=436]** | 62 | 24 | 13 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=472]** | 76 | 19 | 5 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK IF RESPONDENT GOT ELECMIS\_1M AND (FORM 1 OR 4) [N=3,962]:**

**ASK FORM 4 [N=2,006]:**

ELECMIS\_1M2a Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters, if **[INSERT NUMBER FROM ELECTMIS\_1Mb]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do so would you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=688]** | 53 | 27 | 18 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=339]** | 56 | 29 | 14 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=300]** | 61 | 26 | 12 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 people **[N=347]** | 71 | 18 | 12 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10,000 people **[N=332]** | 73 | 19 | 6 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 1 [N=1,956]:**

ELECMIS\_1M2b Thinking about an election in a place that has 1,000,000 voters, if **[INSERT NUMBER FROM ELECTMIS\_1Ma]** (was/were) prevented from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirements would you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=648]** | 66 | 24 | 9 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=330]** | 65 | 18 | 16 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=344]** | 72 | 20 | 8 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,000 people **[N=337]** | 77 | 14 | 9 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10,000 people **[N=297]** | 80 | 11 | 6 | 2 |

**ASK IF RESPONDENT GOT ELECMIS\_100K AND (FORM 1 OR 4) [N=1,414]:**

**ASK FORM 4 [N=705]:**

ELECMIS\_100k2a Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters, if **[INSERT NUMBER FROM ELECMIS\_100Kb]** voted in the election even though they were not eligible to do sowould you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=245]** | 62 | 25 | 12 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=220]** | 65 | 24 | 8 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=240]** | 68 | 24 | 7 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 1 [N=709]:**

ELECMIS\_100k2b Thinking about an election in a place that has 100,000 voters, if **[INSERT NUMBER FROM ELECMIS\_100Ka]** (was/were) from voting in the election even though they tried to vote and met all eligibility requirementswould you consider this to be a…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | Major problem with the election | Minor problem with the election | Not much of a problem with the election | No answer |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 person **[N=246]** | 60 | 25 | 15 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 people **[N=246]** | 66 | 19 | 13 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 100 people **[N=217]** | 79 | 16 | 4 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,665]:**

TALKDISA In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you DISAGREE with, do you generally find it to be… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Mar 2- Mar 28 2016 |
| 45 | Interesting and informative | 51 |
| 53 | Stressful and frustrating | 46 |
| 2 | No answer | 2 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,650]:**

TALKCMN In your experience, when you talk about politics with people who you DISAGREE with, do you usually find that… **[RANDOMIZE]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Mar 2- Mar 28 2016 |
| 31 | You have more in common politically than you thought | 36 |
| 63 | You have less in common politically than you thought | 61 |
| 5 | No answer | 3 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

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]**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Republican Party | Democratic Party | No answer |
| a. The U.S. Senate |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 57 | 40 | 3 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 49 | 46 | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |
| b. The U.S. House of Representatives |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 51 | 46 | 3 |
| June 7-July 5, 2016 | 57 | 38 | 5 |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

Thinking about the congressional elections that will take place in November...

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM, SHOW INTRO TEXT ONLY ON FIRST QUESTION]**

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

EMTCONGREP How would you feel if the REPUBLICAN PARTY keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 11 | Excited |  |
| 30 | Relieved |  |
| 42 | Disappointed |  |
| 13 | Angry |  |
| 4 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,315]:**

EMTCONGDEM How would you feel if the DEMOCRATIC PARTY gains control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

**[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTCONGREP AND RECORD ORDER]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 17 | Excited |  |
| 38 | Relieved |  |
| 34 | Disappointed |  |
| 7 | Angry |  |
| 4 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTCMMT\_R & ELCTCMMT\_D]**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

ELCTCMMT\_R How committed would you say the REPUBLICAN PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 20 | Very committed |  |
| 35 | Somewhat committed |  |
| 23 | Not too committed |  |
| 19 | Not at all committed |  |
| 3 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTCMMT\_R & ELCTCMMT\_D]**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

ELCTCMMT\_D How committed would you say the DEMOCRATIC PARTY is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 23 | Very committed |  |
| 40 | Somewhat committed |  |
| 19 | Not too committed |  |
| 17 | Not at all committed |  |
| 2 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

VTPRIORITY Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** favor or oppose**]** the following ideas about election policy. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; REVERSE ORDER OF PUNCHES FOR RANDOM HALF-SAMPLE]**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |
| **ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,665]** |  |  |  |  |  |
| a.F1 Automatically registering all eligible citizens to vote |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 34 | 31 | 17 | 17 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b.F1 Making Election Day a national holiday |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 36 | 29 | 18 | 17 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c.F1 Removing inaccurate and duplicate registrations from voter lists using automatic methods |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 36 | 41 | 16 | 6 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d.F1 Conducting all elections by mail |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 9 | 25 | 28 | 37 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e.F1 Allowing people convicted of felonies to vote after serving their sentences |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 33 | 37 | 15 | 14 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NO ITEM f.** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **VTPRIORITY CONTINUED…** | Strongly favor | Somewhat favor | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | No answer |
| **ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,711]** |  |  |  |  |  |
| g.F4 Automatically updating voter registrations when people move |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 58 | 29 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| h.F4 Allowing people to register on Election Day at the polls |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 36 | 28 | 17 | 18 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i.F4 Removing people from registration lists if they have not recently voted or confirmed their registration |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 15 | 22 | 27 | 35 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| j.F4 Requiring all voters to show government-issued photo identification to vote |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 54 | 22 | 13 | 11 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| k.F4 Requiring electronic voting machines to print a paper backup of the ballot |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 49 | 36 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

SHOP18 Now thinking about ALL of the purchases you make in a typical week (including things like groceries, gas, services, or meals) how many do you pay for using cash?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Nov 24- Dec 21 2015 |
| 18 | All or almost all | 24 |
| 52 | Some | 51 |
| 29 | None | 24 |
| 1 | No Answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,376]:**

SHOP19 Which of the following statements best describes you?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Nov 24- Dec 21  2015 |
| 53 | I try to make sure that I always have cash with me, just in case I need it | 60 |
| 46 | I don’t really worry much about whether or not I have cash with me -- there are lots of other ways to pay for things these days | 39 |
| 1 | No Answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

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]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Mar 13- Mar 27 2017 |
| 57 | Gun laws should be MORE strict than they are today | 52 |
| 31 | Gun laws are about right | 30 |
| 11 | Gun laws should be LESS strict than they are today | 18 |
| 1 | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

GUNPRIORITY1 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** favor or 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 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 67 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 66 | 17 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Preventing people with mental illnesses from purchasing guns |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 74 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 73 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| c. Banning assault-style weapons |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 51 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 53 | 15 | 14 | 17 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Creating a federal government database to track all gun sales |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 54 | 20 | 11 | 14 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 50 | 22 | 13 | 15 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e. Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines that hold more than 10 rounds |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 50 | 17 | 14 | 18 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 47 | 17 | 14 | 20 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| f. Making private gun sales and sales at gun shows subject to background checks |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 69 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 65 | 20 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF GUNPRIORITY1 AND GUNPRIORITY2**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

GUNPRIORITY2 Please indicate whether you would **[MATCH ORDER WITH PUNCHES:** favor or 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 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 20 | 25 | 18 | 37 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 19 | 28 | 23 | 30 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| h. Allowing people to carry concealed guns without a permit |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 8 | 9 | 13 | 69 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 9 | 9 | 15 | 66 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| i. Allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 20 | 23 | 15 | 42 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 18 | 26 | 19 | 36 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| j. Shortening waiting periods for people who want to buy guns legally |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 13 | 18 | 23 | 45 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 14 | 22 | 25 | 38 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=5,307]:**

GUNACTIVISM Have you ever done any of the following? **[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 |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 7 | 7 | 86 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 6 | 9 | 85 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Contributed money to an organization that takes a position on gun policy |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 7 | 7 | 85 | 1 |
| Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017 | 7 | 8 | 84 | \* |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| c. Attended a rally or protest about the issue of guns |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 3 | 3 | 93 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| d. Publicly expressed your feelings about the issue of guns on Facebook, Twitter or other social media |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 18 | 8 | 73 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,657]:**

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]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Mar 13- Mar 27  2017 |
| 37 | More crime | 35 |
| 29 | Less crime | 33 |
| 33 | Not make a difference | 32 |
| 1 | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,650]:**

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]** {W25, mod not make a difference}

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Mar 13- Mar 27  2017 |
| 47 | Fewer mass shootings | 47 |
| 6 | More mass shootings | 13 |
| 46 | No difference | 39 |
| \* | No answer | 1 |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORM 1 AND 3 [N=5,315]:**

FRGNINFL How likely, if at all, do you think it is that Russia or other foreign governments will attempt to influence the U.S. congressional elections in November?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 32 | Very likely |  |
| 35 | Somewhat likely |  |
| 22 | Not too likely |  |
| 9 | Not at all likely |  |
| 2 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**ASK IF EXPECT INTERFERENCE (FRGNINFL=1-3) [N=4,904]:**

FRGNIMPCT Overall, do you think the attempts by Russia or other foreign governments to influence the U.S. congressional elections are a…

**BASED ON VERY LIKELY AND SOMEWHAT LIKELY [N=3,872]**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 71 | Major problem |  |
| 23 | Minor problem |  |
| 6 | Not much of a problem |  |
| \* | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**[ROTATE VTSECACT\_ST VTSECACT\_US BY FORM. FORM 2 GETS STATE FIRST, COUNTRY SECOND. FORM 4 GETS COUNTRY FIRST, STATE SECOND]**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

VTSECACT\_ST How confident are you that your STATE GOVERNMENT[[9]](#footnote-9) is making serious efforts to protect election systems in your state from hacking and other technological threats?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 14 | Very confident |  |
| 48 | Somewhat confident |  |
| 27 | Not too confident |  |
| 9 | Not at all confident |  |
| 1 | No answer |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

VTSECACT\_US How confident are you that the federal government is making serious efforts to protect election systems in the United States from hacking and other technological threats?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 13 | Very confident |  |
| 42 | Somewhat confident |  |
| 30 | Not too confident |  |
| 14 | Not at all confident |  |
| 1 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

VTSECTECH1 Do you think technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google have a responsibility to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the U.S. elections this November?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 76 | Yes, they have this responsibility |  |
| 23 | No, they do not have this responsibility |  |
| 1 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=5,368]:**

VTSECTECH2 How confident are you in technology companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google to prevent the misuse of their platforms to influence the U.S. elections this November?

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  |  |
| 6 | Very confident |  |
| 27 | Somewhat confident |  |
| 44 | Not too confident |  |
| 22 | Not at all confident |  |
| 1 | No answer |  |
|  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY:**

**ASK ALL REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1) [N=2,198]:**

GOPDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 | Nov 29-  Dec 12  2016 | Oct 25-  Nov 8  2016 |
| 23 | Very optimistic | 12 | 28 | 12 |
| 51 | Somewhat optimistic | 47 | 51 | 49 |
| 19 | Somewhat pessimistic | 29 | 16 | 29 |
| 5 | Very pessimistic | 10 | 4 | 9 |
| 2 | No answer | 2 | 2 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY:**

**ASK ALL DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2) [N=2,965]:**

DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are…

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sep 24- Oct 7 2018 |  | Sept 14-  Sept 28  2017 | Nov 29-  Dec 12  2016 | Oct 25-  Nov 8  2016 |
| 19 | Very optimistic | 13 | 14 | 22 |
| 58 | Somewhat optimistic | 51 | 47 | 55 |
| 16 | Somewhat pessimistic | 28 | 29 | 15 |
| 5 | Very pessimistic | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| 2 | No answer | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |

**ASK ALL:**

SOCIETY Do you think each of the following is generally **[RANDOMIZE:** (a good thing) or (a bad thing)**]** for our society, or doesn’t it make much difference? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, SPLIT OVER 2 SCREENS]**

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN SAME ORDER AS STEM, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

1. Increasing racial and ethnic diversity

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 53 | Good thing for society |
| 17 | Bad thing for society |
| 29 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

1. People of different races marrying each other

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 40 | Good thing for society |
| 7 | Bad thing for society |
| 52 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

**SOCIETY CONTINUED…**

1. Couples living together without being married

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 15 | Good thing for society |
| 19 | Bad thing for society |
| 66 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

1. Single women raising children on their own

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 13 | Good thing for society |
| 40 | Bad thing for society |
| 47 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

1. Gay and lesbian couples being allowed to marry

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 36 | Good thing for society |
| 25 | Bad thing for society |
| 38 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

1. More women running for political office

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 63 | Good thing for society |
| 4 | Bad thing for society |
| 32 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

1. More people getting news from social media

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 18 | Good thing for society |
| 49 | Bad thing for society |
| 32 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

**SOCIETY CONTINUED…**

1. More jobs being done by robots

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 16 | Good thing for society |
| 63 | Bad thing for society |
| 21 | Doesn’t make much difference |
| 1 | No answer |

**[RANDOMIZE GENDRESP1 AND GENDRESP2]**

**ASK ALL:**

GENDRESP1 Who do you think should be mostly responsible for providing for the family financially in households where there’s a mother and a father?

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 1 | Mother |
| 23 | Father |
| 76 | Both equally |
| 1 | No answer |

**ASK ALL:**

GENDRESP2 Who do you think should be mostly responsible for taking care of the children in households where there’s a mother and a father?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS GENDRESP1]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 11 | Mother |
| 1 | Father |
| 88 | Both equally |
| \* | No answer |

**ASK ALL:**

CLIMATECHG\_T Which of these three statements about the Earth’s temperature comes closest to your view?

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 AND 8 ALWAYS LAST]**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **TREND FOR COMPARISON:**[[10]](#footnote-10) | | |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  | Mar 27-  Apr 9  2018 | Dec 4-18  2017 | May 10-  June 6  2016 |
| 21 | The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth’s environment | 24 | 18 | 26 |
| 49 | The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity | 47 | 49 | 45 |
| 11 | There is no solid evidence the Earth is getting warmer | 13 | 12 | 14 |
| 19 | Not sure | 14 | 21 | 14 |
| 1 | No answer | 1 | \* | 1 |

**ASK ALL:**

IMMIMPACTUS Overall, do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. legally are having **[RANDOMIZE:** (a positive impact) or (a negative impact)**]** on our country these days?

**[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THIS ORDER IF STEM HAS POSITIVE FIRST; REVERSE RESPONSE OPTIONS IF STEM HAS NEGATIVE FIRST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 32 | Very positive |
| 44 | Somewhat positive |
| 16 | Somewhat negative |
| 7 | Very negative |
| 1 | No answer |

**ASK ALL:**

ANTHEM As you may know, some NFL (National Football League) players are choosing to kneel during the national anthem as a form of protest. Do you approve or disapprove of this form of protest?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 47 | Approve |
| 50 | Disapprove |
| 2 | No answer |

**ASK ALL ADULTS WHO ARE PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 12-17 IN HH [N=1,344]:**

TIMEWCHILD In a previous survey you mentioned that you were the parent of **[IF 1 CHILD:** a child who is**;** **IF 2+ CHILDREN:** children who are**]** 12 to 17 years old.

Thinking about the time you spend with your **[IF 1 CHILD:** child who is**;** **IF 2+ CHILDREN:** children who are**]** 12 to 17 years old, in general, do you think you spend…

**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 4 | Too much time together |
| 45 | Too little time together |
| 51 | The right amount of time |
| \* | No answer |

**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

On another topic…

Some people who don’t identify as either a man or a woman may prefer that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” instead of “he” or “she” when referring to them.

**ASK ALL:**

PRONHEARD How much, if anything, have you heard about people preferring that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” instead of “he” or “she” when referring to them?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 22 | A lot |
| 38 | A little |
| 39 | Nothing at all |
| 1 | No answer |

**ASK IF HEARD ABOUT GENDER-NEUTRAL PRONOUNS A LOT OR A LITTLE (PRONHEARD=1,2) [N=6,943]:**

PRONKNOW Do you personally know anyone who prefers that others use gender-neutral pronouns such as “they” instead of “he” or “she” when referring to them?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 30 | Yes |
| 70 | No |
| \* | No answer |

**PRONHEARD/PRONKNOW COMBO TABLE BASED ON TOTAL:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 60 | Heard a lot/a little |
| 18 | Knows someone who prefers gender-neutral pronouns |
| 42 | Doesn’t know anyone who prefers gender-neutral pronouns |
| \* | No answer to PRONKNOW |
| 39 | Heard nothing at all |
| 1 | No answer to PRONHEARD |

**ASK ALL:**

PRONCOMFORT How comfortable, if at all, would you feel using a gender-neutral pronoun to refer to someone if they asked you to do so?

**[REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Sept 24-  Oct 7  2018 |  |
| 27 | Very comfortable |
| 25 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 24 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 23 | Very uncomfortable |
| 1 | No answer |

1. The original dataset contained a duplicate response from the same person. The duplicate was removed, reducing the

   sample size in the final dataset by 1 from 10,683 to 10,682. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In Jan.-Feb. 2018 and Nov.-Dec. 2016, the question stem was worded, “Which statement comes closer to your views – even if neither is exactly right?”, and the first response option was worded, “Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington if they are willing to make the effort.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The W18 questionnaire did not include the wording “for president” in either item. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Wording was “Consider myself a feminist” in W29. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. For questions ELRULE\_FAIR, ELRULE\_EASE, ELRULE\_PTY and VTSYSSEC\_ST, residents of D.C. were asked about “the District of Columbia.” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. April 2017 survey was conducted by telephone. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. For questions VTBLWH, VTHISWH and VTECON, residents of D.C. were asked about “the District of Columbia.” [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Residents of D.C. were asked about “the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA’S GOVERNMENT.” [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. In March-April 2018, Dec. 2017 and May-June 2016, the second response option was worded, “The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels.” The March-April 2018 and May-June 2016 surveys included a follow-up question asked of those who were not sure or did not answer. This follow-up question asked again which statement about the Earth’s temperature comes closest to their view. The combined responses from these two questions were used in reported results from these surveys. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)