

Appendix C: Topline questionnaire

**2018 FACTUAL/OPINION NEWS STATEMENTS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 22–March 4, 2018
TOTAL N=5,035**

ASK ALL:

FREETIME

During a typical day, which of the following do you most frequently do in your free time? Choose up to three. **[RANDOMIZE]**

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25	Get news
25	Exercise
44	Go on a social media site (such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat)
69	Watch TV or movies for entertainment
11	Shop
26	Read a book
1	No answer

ASK ALL:NEWS_PLATFORMa-i¹²**ASK IF GETS NEWS FROM MULTIPLE PLATFORMS IN NEWS_PLATFORM:**

NEWS_PREFER

ASK IF GETS NEWS FROM MULTIPLE TV PLATFORMS IN NEWS_PLATFORM AND PREFERS TO GET NEWS FROM TV IN NEWS_PREFER:

[NOTE: TV PLATFORM PREFERENCE INCLUDES THOSE WHO ONLY GET NEWS FROM ONE TV PLATFORM IN NEWS_PLATFORM]

NEWS_TVPLAT

ASK ALL:

NEWSIMPT

Which of the following statements best describes you? I follow the news closely... **[RANDOMIZE]**

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34	Only when something important is happening
65	Most of the time, whether or not something important is happening
1	No answer

¹² In this point in the questionnaire, respondents were asked about the platforms from which they get news. We do not think that the measurement of this questions was as accurate as when a similar question was administered in prior surveys. Therefore, NEWS_PLATFORMa-i and the two questions filtered from it – NEWS_PREFER and NEWS_TVPLAT – are not shown here. For more information, please contact Pew Research Center.

ASK ALL:
NEWSSKIP

Which of the following best describes how you approach national news stories, even if neither is exactly right? I typically go into a news story expecting that it will...

[RANDOMIZE]

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71	Largely be accurate
27	Largely be inaccurate
2	No answer

COMBINED RESPONSES TOPICS AND TOPICMOST [BASED ON TOTAL N=5,035]:**ASK ALL:**

TOPICS

Which, if any, of these topics do you regularly get news about? [*Check all that apply*]

[RANDOMIZE]**ASK IF REGULARLY GETS NEWS ABOUT TWO OR MORE TOPICS IN TOPICS**

TOPICMOST

And, among those topics, which do you get news about MOST? **[SHOW ONLY THOSE SELECTED IN TOPICS; KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS TOPICS]**

		Feb 22–March 4, 2018			
		Net interested (TOPICS)	Most interested (TOPICMOST)/ Selected alone (TOPICS)	Interested (TOPICS)/Not most interested (TOPICMOST)	Not selected/ No answer
a.	Government and politics	64	35	28	36
b.	People and events in your own community	45	15	30	55
c.	Sports	35	11	24	65
d.	Business and finance	30	4	26	70
e.	Science and technology	34	4	30	66
f.	Entertainment	33	6	27	67
g.	Crime	48	12	37	52
h.	Health and medicine	38	4	34	62
i.	None of the above	10	N/A	N/A	90

ASK ALL:

GROUP_TRUST

How much, if at all, do you trust the information you get from...?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. National news organizations					
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	21	49	20	9	*
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	20	52	22	6	*
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016	18	59	18	6	*
b. Local news organizations					
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	28	55	12	5	1
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	25	60	12	2	*
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016	22	60	14	3	1
c. Friends, family, and acquaintances					
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	13	58	23	5	1
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	15	61	21	3	1
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016	14	63	19	3	1
d. Social media sites (such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat) ¹³					
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	4	29	36	30	1
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	5	30	40	25	*
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016					
<i>Based on web-using U.S. adults [N=4,339]</i>	4	30	33	32	1

ASK ALL:

NEWSCON1

Thinking about the outlet you get most of your national news from, which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

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42

I feel connected to the outlet I get most of my national news from

56

I do not feel particularly connected to the outlet I get most of my national news from

2

No answer

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?

Feb 22–March 4

2018

17

Very well

58

Fairly well

18

Not too well

6

Not at all well

1

No answer

Mar 13–Mar 27

2017

21

54

20

4

*

Jan 12–Feb 8

2016

23

54

17

5

1

¹³ For the January 2016 and March 2017 surveys, GROUP_TRUSTd read "Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter".

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?

Feb 22-March 4 <u>2018</u>		Mar 13-Mar 27 <u>2017</u>	Jan 12-Feb 8 <u>2016</u>
31	Keep political leaders from doing their job	28	21
65	Keep political leaders from doing things that shouldn't be done	70	75
4	No answer	2	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?

Feb 22-March 4 <u>2018</u>		Mar 13-Mar 27 <u>2017</u>	Jan 12-Feb 8 <u>2016</u>
30	Deal fairly with all sides	28	24
68	Tend to favor one side	72	74
2	No answer	*	3

ASK ALL:

NEWS_FORM Whether online or offline, do you prefer to get your news by...? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4 <u>2018</u>		Jan 12-Feb 8 <u>2016</u>
32	Reading it	35
53	Watching it	46
14	Listening to it	17
1	No answer	2

**ASK ALL:
FACTOPIN**

You will now be shown a series of statements that have been taken from news stories.

Regardless of how knowledgeable you are about the topic, would you consider this statement to be a factual statement (whether you think it is accurate or not) OR an opinion statement (whether you agree with it or not)? **[RANDOMIZE THE 12 IMAGES WITH THE STATEMENTS]**¹⁴

	A factual statement (whether you think it is accurate or not)	An opinion statement (whether you agree with it or not)	No answer ¹⁵
1. Health care costs per person in the U.S. are the highest in the developed world Feb 22–March 4, 2018	76	23	1
2. President Barack Obama was born in the United States Feb 22–March 4, 2018	77	22	1
3. Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally have some rights under the Constitution Feb 22–March 4, 2018	54	44	2
4. ISIS lost a significant portion of its territory in Iraq and Syria in 2017 Feb 22–March 4, 2018	68	30	2
5. Spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid make up the largest portion of the U.S. federal budget Feb 22–March 4, 2018	57	41	2
6. Democracy is the greatest form of government Feb 22–March 4, 2018	29	69	2
7. Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour is essential for the health of the U.S. economy Feb 22–March 4, 2018	26	73	1
8. Abortion should be legal in most cases Feb 22–March 4, 2018	18	80	1
9. Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally are a very big problem for the country today Feb 22–March 4, 2018	31	68	1
10. Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient Feb 22–March 4, 2018	28	71	1
11. Applying additional scrutiny to Muslim Americans would not reduce terrorism in the U.S. Feb 22–March 4, 2018	24	74	2
12. Voter fraud across the U.S. has undermined the results of our elections Feb 22–March 4, 2018	32	66	1

¹⁴ Statements were shown in images that were intended to look like they had been taken from news stories.

¹⁵ If respondents skipped this question, they were given a follow-up question asking why they did not answer the question. For more information, contact Pew Research Center.

ASK IF SELECTED FACTUAL STATEMENT IN FACTOPIN1-12:

STATEFACT To the best of your knowledge, do you think the factual statement is accurate or inaccurate?

	<u>Accurate</u>	<u>Inaccurate</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1. Health care costs per person in the U.S. are the highest in the developed world Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,887]	91	8	1
2. President Barack Obama was born in the United States Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,904]	89	11	*
3. Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally have some rights under the Constitution Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=2,710]	79	20	1
4. ISIS lost a significant portion of its territory in Iraq and Syria in 2017 Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,532]	84	14	2
5. Spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid make up the largest portion of the U.S. federal budget Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=2,914]	62	37	1
6. Democracy is the greatest form of government Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,466]	92	8	1
7. Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour is essential for the health of the U.S. economy Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,174]	83	16	1
8. Abortion should be legal in most cases Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=878]	85	14	1
9. Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally are a very big problem for the country today Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,627]	89	11	1
10. Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,394]	91	8	1
11. Applying additional scrutiny to Muslim Americans would not reduce terrorism in the U.S. Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,126]	82	17	1
12. Voter fraud across the U.S. has undermined the results of our elections Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,520]	81	18	1

ASK IF SELECTED OPINION STATEMENT IN FACTOPIN1-12:

STATEOPIN

Do you tend to agree or disagree with the opinion statement?

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1. Health care costs per person in the U.S. are the highest in the developed world Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,101]	49	48	3
2. President Barack Obama was born in the United States Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,070]	25	73	3
3. Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally have some rights under the Constitution Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=2,261]	27	72	1
4. ISIS lost a significant portion of its territory in Iraq and Syria in 2017 Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=1,403]	33	64	3
5. Spending on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid make up the largest portion of the U.S. federal budget Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=2,054]	17	82	1
6. Democracy is the greatest form of government Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,500]	70	28	2
7. Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour is essential for the health of the U.S. economy Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,818]	37	62	1
8. Abortion should be legal in most cases Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=4,105]	49	49	2
9. Immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally are a very big problem for the country today Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,367]	30	69	1
10. Government is almost always wasteful and inefficient Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,601]	52	46	2
11. Applying additional scrutiny to Muslim Americans would not reduce terrorism in the U.S. Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,847]	51	48	2
12. Voter fraud across the U.S. has undermined the results of our elections Feb 22–March 4, 2018 [N=3,464]	30	69	1

ASK ALL:
NEWSUND

And now, which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? In general... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

40	News organizations understand people like me
58	News organizations don't understand people like me
3	No answer

ASK ALL:
NEWSMIS

And, which of the following statements comes closer to your view? In general... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

30	News organizations are willing to admit their mistakes
68	News organizations try to cover up their mistakes
2	No answer

ASK ALL:
NEWSAMOUNT

Again, which of the following statements comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

68	I am worn out by the amount of news there is these days
30	I like the amount of news there is these days
2	No answer

ASK ALL:
BREAKINGREACT

When a breaking news event happens, where do you typically go FIRST to get more information? **[RANDOMIZE; "SOCIAL MEDIA SITE" ALWAYS BEFORE "A NEWS AGGREGATING WEBSITE OR APP"]**

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54	Your preferred news organization
9	A social media site
13	A news aggregating website or app (such as Google News, Apple News or Flipboard)
15	A search engine
7	Friends, family or acquaintances
2	No answer

RANDOMIZE NEWSTHO1 - NEWSTHO3**ASK ALL:**
NEWSTHO1

Which of the following best describes what you do when you read, watch or listen to a news story that is complicated? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

50	I typically feel the need to gather more information to understand the story
48	I typically read the story and move on
2	No answer

RANDOMIZE NEWSTHO1 - NEWSTHO3**ASK ALL:**

NEWSTHO2 Which of the following best describes how you feel about discussing news with others, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

33	I typically enjoy having debates with others about what I learn from the news
65	I do not typically enjoy having debates with others about what I learn from the news
2	No answer

RANDOMIZE NEWSTHO1 - NEWSTHO3**ASK ALL:**

NEWSTHO3 Which of the following best describes you, even if neither is exactly right? **[RANDOMIZE]**

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55	I typically think a lot about the news I get, even if it doesn't affect me personally
43	I do not typically feel the need to think a lot about the news I get
2	No answer

ASK ALL:**LEAD**

When you talk to friends and family about the news, do you tend to... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

75	Listen to the conversation more than lead
23	Lead the conversation more than listen
2	No answer

ASK ALL:**INTFREQ**

Now, on a different topic,

Overall, how often do you use the internet?

Feb 22-March 4

2018

25	Most of the day
53	Multiple times a day
11	About once a day
5	Several times a week
2	Once a week
2	Less than once a week
2	Never
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COMPCONF

Overall, how confident do you feel using computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices to do the things you need to do online?

Feb 22-March 4

2018

52	Very confident
34	Somewhat confident
10	Only a little confident
4	Not at all confident
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

FACTOPINb

Again, you will be shown a series of statements that have been taken from news stories.

Regardless of how knowledgeable you are about the topic, would you consider the statement to be a factual statement (whether you think it is accurate or not) OR an opinion statement (whether you agree with it or not)? **[RANDOMIZE THE 8 IMAGES WITH THE STATEMENTS]**

FORM 1 (1/4 OF RESPONDENTS): [Shown statements that have no source attributed]

FORM 2 (3/4 OF RESPONDENTS): [Shown statements that were randomly attributed to Fox News Channel, The New York Times or USA Today.¹⁶]

Feb 22–March 4, 2018

	A factual statement (whether you think it is accurate or not)	An opinion statement (whether you agree with it or not)	No answer ¹⁷
1. Republicans currently hold a majority of seats in both chambers of Congress			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	86	12	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,296]	86	13	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,194]	88	11	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,285]	86	11	3
2. Most of the heroin that currently makes it into the U.S. comes across the southern border			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	58	40	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,185]	56	42	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,289]	59	38	3
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,301]	59	38	3
3. In the aftermath of the war in Iraq, no active weapons of mass destruction were found			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	71	26	3
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,278]	68	28	4
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,219]	72	25	3
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,278]	71	26	3

¹⁶ Statements were randomized so that respondents saw at least two and no more than three statements attributed to each news outlet.

¹⁷ If respondents skipped this question, they were given a follow-up question asking why they did not answer the question. For more information, contact Pew Research Center.

FACTOPINb CONTINUED

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	A factual statement (whether you think it is accurate or not)	An opinion statement (whether you agree with it or not)	No answer
4. In general, regardless of who is in power, politicians can't be trusted			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	27	71	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,281]	26	72	3
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,210]	25	73	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,284]	24	74	2
5. The government must make a greater effort to reduce climate change			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	33	65	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,244]	32	66	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,302]	31	67	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,229]	33	64	3
6. The courts have gone too far in restricting public expression of Christian beliefs			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	25	72	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,262]	25	72	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,302]	28	69	3
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,211]	26	72	2
7. Recent tax cuts have benefited the wealthiest of Americans more than others			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	52	45	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,215]	55	44	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,284]	53	45	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,276]	54	44	2
8. Police around the country treat racial and ethnic minorities as fairly as they treat whites			
Attributed to no source [N=1,260]	23	75	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,293]	21	77	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,249]	21	77	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,233]	25	73	2

ASK IF SELECTED FACTUAL STATEMENT IN FACTOPINb1-8:

STATEFACTb To the best of your knowledge, do you think the factual statement is accurate or inaccurate?

Feb 22–March 4, 2018

	<u>Accurate</u>	<u>Inaccurate</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1. Republicans currently hold a majority of seats in both chambers of Congress			
Attributed to no source [N=1,128]	95	4	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,146]	93	6	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=1,076]	94	6	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=1,147]	93	6	1
2. Most of the heroin that currently makes it into the U.S. comes across the southern border			
Attributed to no source [N=739]	83	16	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=675]	82	16	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=779]	81	17	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=784]	83	16	1
3. In the aftermath of the war in Iraq, no active weapons of mass destruction were found			
Attributed to no source [N=919]	81	17	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=901]	79	20	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=904]	82	17	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=937]	78	20	1
4. In general, regardless of who is in power, politicians can't be trusted			
Attributed to no source [N=316]	91	8	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=314]	94	6	*
Attributed to The New York Times [N=287]	90	10	0
Attributed to USA Today [N=301]	94	5	*
5. The government must make a greater effort to reduce climate change			
Attributed to no source [N=389]	94	6	*
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=386]	94	6	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=386]	90	9	*
Attributed to USA Today [N=387]	90	10	0
6. The courts have gone too far in restricting public expression of Christian beliefs			
Attributed to no source [N=318]	91	9	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=314]	90	9	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=355]	88	12	*
Attributed to USA Today [N=310]	89	10	1
7. Recent tax cuts have benefited the wealthiest of Americans more than others			
Attributed to no source [N=648]	92	8	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=662]	91	8	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=688]	91	8	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=676]	91	8	1
8. Police around the country treat racial and ethnic minorities as fairly as they treat whites			
Attributed to no source [N=276]	73	27	*
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=271]	74	24	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=246]	73	27	0
Attributed to USA Today [N=299]	63	36	1

ASK IF SELECTED OPINION STATEMENT IN FACTOPINb1-8:

STATEOPINb

Do you tend to agree or disagree with the opinion statement?

Feb 22–March 4, 2018

	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1. Republicans currently hold a majority of seats in both chambers of Congress			
Attributed to no source [N=112]	47	49	4
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=132]	40	58	3
Attributed to The New York Times [N=102]	38	61	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=109]	31	61	8
2. Most of the heroin that currently makes it into the U.S. comes across the southern border			
Attributed to no source [N=496]	38	60	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=488]	36	61	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=478]	41	57	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=488]	42	56	2
3. In the aftermath of the war in Iraq, no active weapons of mass destruction were found			
Attributed to no source [N=307]	23	74	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=342]	24	74	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=289]	24	74	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=314]	23	74	4
4. In general, regardless of who is in power, politicians can't be trusted			
Attributed to no source [N=929]	67	32	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=947]	64	35	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=906]	66	32	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=968]	67	32	2
5. The government must make a greater effort to reduce climate change			
Attributed to no source [N=849]	55	42	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=840]	54	45	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=899]	56	43	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=820]	55	44	1
6. The courts have gone too far in restricting public expression of Christian beliefs			
Attributed to no source [N=917]	42	56	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=926]	42	57	1
Attributed to The New York Times [N=918]	41	57	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=883]	41	57	2
7. Recent tax cuts have benefited the wealthiest of Americans more than others			
Attributed to no source [N=588]	39	59	2
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=540]	42	55	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=574]	40	58	2
Attributed to USA Today [N=576]	42	56	2
8. Police around the country treat racial and ethnic minorities as fairly as they treat whites			
Attributed to no source [N=962]	30	68	1
Attributed to Fox News Channel [N=1,006]	27	71	2
Attributed to The New York Times [N=984]	26	73	1
Attributed to USA Today [N=913]	25	74	1

ASK ALL:

NEWSOUTL

And now, thinking generally about the news these days, which comes closer to your view? Getting news from many different outlets makes it... **[RANDOMIZE]**

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54

Easy to get a solid understanding of important issues and events

43

Confusing to understand important issues and events

3

No answer

ASK ALL:

NEWS_ACTION

Below is a list of ways people might discuss or share information about news issues and events. Please indicate how often you do any of the following.

[RANDOMIZE; B ALWAYS BEFORE C]

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Share a news story with someone either digitally or in hard copy Feb 22-March 4, 2018	5	27	28	38	2
b. Discuss or comment on the news on social media Feb 22-March 4, 2018	5	20	24	49	2
c. Comment about the news on a website, blog, or letter to the editor Feb 22-March 4, 2018	2	10	19	67	2
d. Call into a live radio or TV show Feb 22-March 4, 2018	1	4	7	86	2
e. Post or submit <i>your own</i> news content to a news outlet, newsletter, listserv, or online forum Feb 22-March 4, 2018	1	6	13	78	2
f. Discuss the news with others in person or over the phone Feb 22-March 4, 2018	12	41	25	20	2

RANDOMIZE KNOW1 – KNOW3

Here are a few questions about people and things that you may have seen in the news. Please answer the questions as best as you can.

ASK ALL:

KNOW1 How many justices are there on the Supreme Court of the United States?

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2018

5	Three
8	Five
19	Seven
64	Nine
5	No answer

RANDOMIZE KNOW1 – KNOW3**ASK ALL:**

KNOW2 Who is Mike Pence? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

87	Vice President of the United States
5	Secretary of State
2	A U.S. Senator from Minnesota
1	Chairman of General Motors
4	No answer

RANDOMIZE KNOW1 – KNOW3**ASK ALL:**

KNOW3 Who is the current Prime Minister of the United Kingdom? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 22-March 4

2018

56	Theresa May
4	Kate Middleton
22	David Cameron
11	Jeremy Corbyn
8	No answer

ASK ALL:

MAINSO_OE

What news outlet do you turn to most often for news about GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS? Please list the name of the specific news organization or outlet.

[OPEN-END RESPONSES RECORDED]**ALL SOURCES MENTIONED**

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2018¹⁸

15	CNN
15	Fox News
6	ABC
6	NBC
4	Local TV
4	CBS
4	MSNBC
3	NPR
2	The New York Times
1	Univision
1	BBC
1	MSN
1	The Washington Post
1	Google
1	Yahoo
1	Telemundo
1	Local newspaper
1	Drudge Report
1	Local radio
1	PBS
18	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY

In politics today, do you consider yourself a...?

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26	Republican
34	Democrat
28	Independent
10	Something else
3	No answer

ASK IF DID NOT SELECT REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT AT PARTY:

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As of today do you lean more to...

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N=1,965

38	The Republican Party
48	The Democratic Party
14	No answer

¹⁸ Respondents were asked to provide their main source. If respondents volunteered more than one source, Pew Research accepted up to three. Sources shown are those that were named by at least 1% of respondents.

ASK ALL:

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In general, would you describe your political views as... **[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS]**

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7	Very conservative
24	Conservative
44	Moderate
17	Liberal
6	Very liberal
3	No answer