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A majority of Americans find little or no common ground with Donald Trump on issues, but the share who say they agree with him on many or all issues has risen since last August. The public's assessment of Trump's conduct as president is little changed over the past nine months, with 54% saying they don't like the way he conducts himself as president.

Currently, 41% of the public agrees with Trump on "all or nearly all" or many of the issues facing the country, while 57% agree with him on just a few issues or virtually none. In August, just 33% said they agreed with Trump on many or all issues.

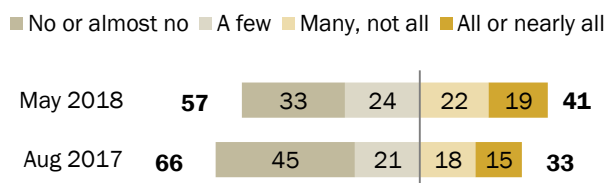
The latest national survey by Pew Research Center, conducted April 25-May 1 among 1,503 adults, finds that 80% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents now say they agree with Trump on many or all issues, up from 69% in August. And while just 12% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say the same today, the share of Democrats who say there are "no or almost no" issues where they align with Trump has dropped from 77% to 58%.

Democrats remain deeply critical of Trump's conduct, with 85% saying they don't like the way Trump conducts himself in office. But there is also criticism from within Trump's own party: Just 38% of Republicans say they like the way he conducts himself, while 45% say they have "mixed feelings about the way he conducts himself as president."

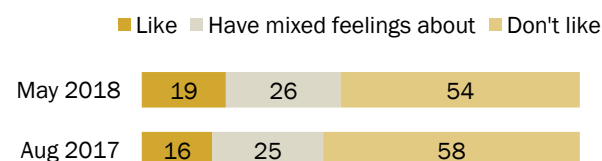
The Trump administration also gets low marks from the public for its ethical standards: 39% say the administration's ethical standards are excellent or good, while 58% rate them as not good or

Public views of Trump's issue positions improve; critiques of conduct remain

% who say they agree with Donald Trump on ___ issues facing the country today



% who say they ___ the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president



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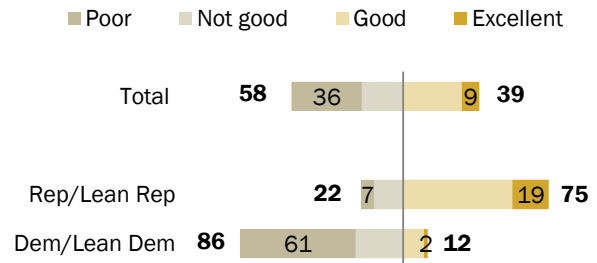
poor. On these views partisans are deeply divided, with three-quarters of Republicans (75%) giving the administration high marks and 86% of Democrats rating its ethical standards negatively.

Critiques about ethical standards also extend to the two parties: Just 41% of Americans say the GOP has high ethical standards, while a nearly identical share (42%) say this about the Democratic Party.

The Republican and Democratic parties are now seen by half of the public (50% each) as having good policy ideas, a trait the public rated Democrats higher on in 2017. And more continue to view the GOP as “too extreme” (48%) than say this of the Democratic Party (42%).

Most rate top Trump administration officials’ ethics as ‘not good’ or ‘poor’

% who say that the ethical standards of top Trump administration officials are ...



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Confidence in Trump higher on economic issues than in other domains

Public confidence in Trump on most key issues remains mixed, though a narrow majority (54%) now say they are either very or somewhat confident in him to negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries. This is the first measure in Pew Research Center surveys on which significantly more say they are at least somewhat confident in Trump than say they are not too or not at all confident (54% vs. 44%).

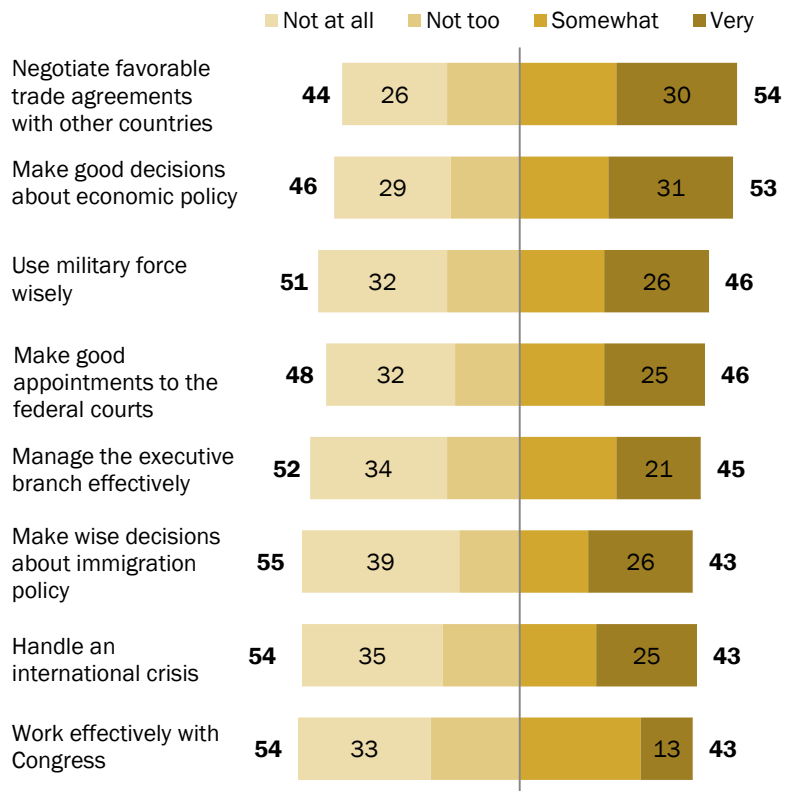
Views are similar about Trump's ability to make good decisions about economic policy (53% express at least some confidence, 46% little or no confidence).

Public opinion is split over whether Trump can use military force wisely (46% confident, 51% little or no confidence) and make good appointments to federal courts (46% vs 48%).

On several other issues, such as immigration policy (55%), handling an international crisis (54%) and working effectively with Congress (54%), narrow majorities of the public say they have little or no confidence in Trump.

Public's confidence in Trump to handle several policy areas mixed

% who are ___ confident that Donald Trump can ...



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

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As was true in previous months, there are deep partisan divisions on these measures, with no fewer than three-quarters of Republicans – and no more than a quarter of Democrats – expressing confidence in Trump in each of these domains.

On many items, the share expressing confidence in Trump has remained steady over the past several months, but on others public confidence in Trump is now higher than earlier this year.

Today, 43% express confidence in Trump to handle an international crisis, up from 35% in January; last April, 48% had at least some confidence in Trump's ability to handle an international crisis.

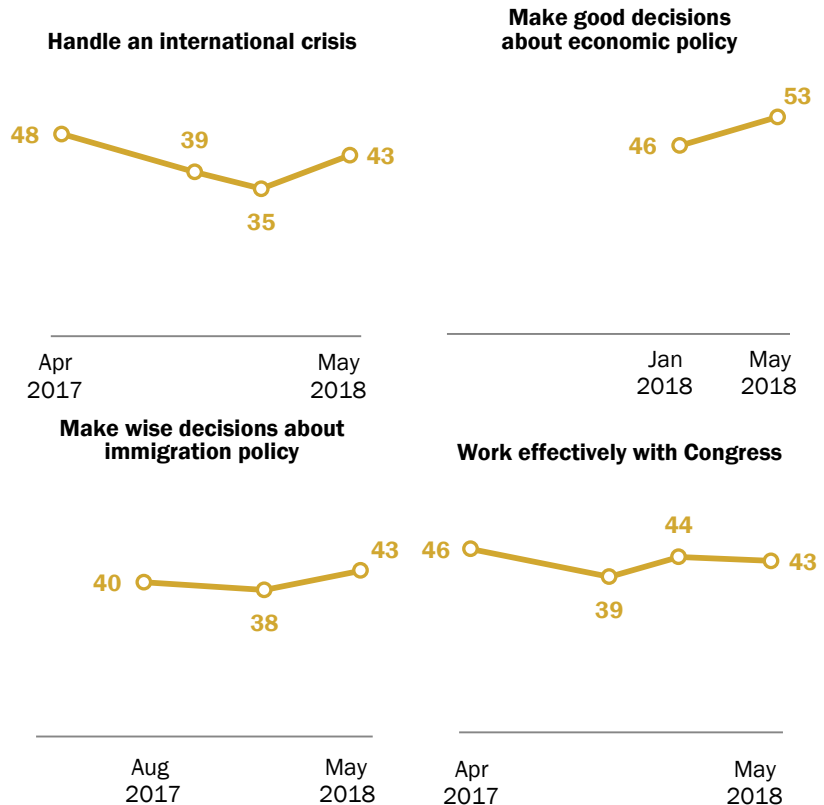
Since January, Republicans have grown significantly more confident in Trump to handle an international crisis (84% now, 73% then).

Public confidence in Trump's handling of economic policy also has ticked up since January (53% now, 46% then).

In other arenas, such as immigration, working effectively with Congress and managing the executive branch, there has been little change over the past several months of Trump's presidency.

Since January, public's confidence in Trump to handle international crisis and economy ticks up

% who are *very/somewhat* confident that Donald Trump can ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 25-May 1, 2018.

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Republicans increasingly see eye-to-eye with Trump on important issues

Eight-in-ten Republicans and Republican-leaners (80%) now say they agree with Trump on many or all issues, up 11 percentage points from last August. Nearly four-in-ten (38%) say they agree on “all or nearly all” policy areas, while 42% say they agree on many, but not all issues.

Though an overwhelming majority of Democrats and Democratic leaners (88%) continue to say they have few or no areas of agreement with Trump, the share saying there are “no or almost no” areas of agreement has dropped from 77% in August to 58% today.

Fewer than half of Republicans ‘like’ Trump’s conduct as president

Roughly four-in-ten Republicans and Republican leaners (38%) say they like the way Trump conducts himself as president, while 45% say they “have mixed feelings about” his conduct and 16% do not like it.

Conservative Republicans are significantly more likely than their moderate or liberal counterparts to say they like Trump’s conduct (44% to 25%, respectively). And roughly a third of moderate or liberal Republicans say they do not like his conduct in office (32%).

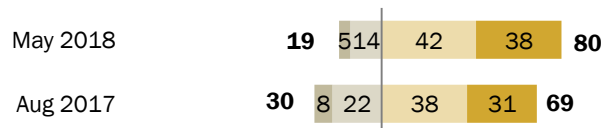
Democrats continue to overwhelmingly say they do not like the way Trump conducts himself (85%). Just 10% say they have mixed feelings and 5% say they like his behavior. These views are little changed since August.

More Republicans agree with Trump on many or all issues than did so last year

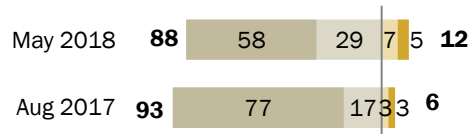
% who say they agree with Donald Trump on ___ issues facing the country today

■ No or almost no ■ A few ■ Many, not all ■ All or nearly all

Among Rep/Lean Rep...



Among Dem/Lean Dem...



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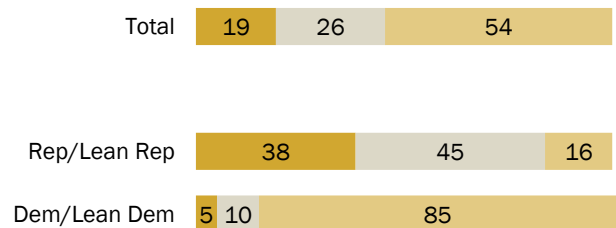
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Many in GOP have ‘mixed feelings’ about Trump’s conduct as president

% who say they ___ the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president

■ Like ■ Have mixed feelings about ■ Don't like



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Majority rates ethical standards of Trump administration officials negatively

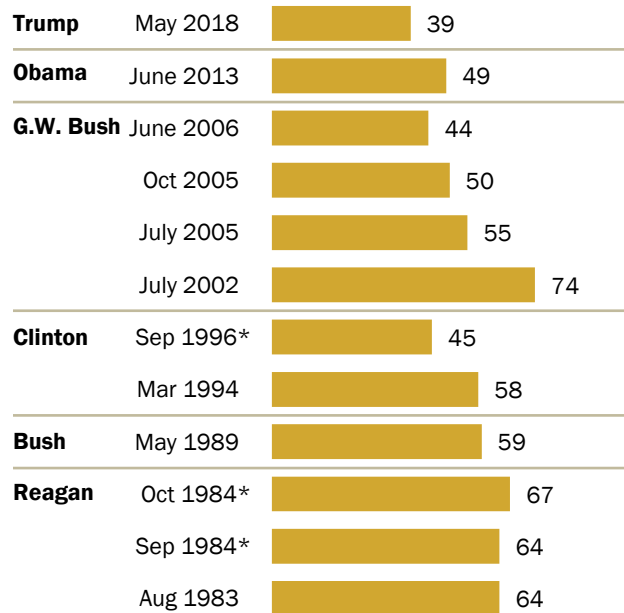
About four-in-ten Americans rate the ethical standards of Trump administration officials as excellent (9%) or good (30%), while 58% say they are not good (21%) or poor (36%).

Current ratings for the Trump administration's ethical standards are lower than for those at various points in other administrations dating back to when the question was first asked by ABC News and The Washington Post of Ronald Reagan's administration in 1983.

This question has often been asked when previous administrations have faced specific ethical controversies.

Ratings for Trump officials' ethical standards trail past administrations

% who rate the ethical standards of top _____ administration officials as excellent or good



Notes: Don't know responses not shown.

*1984 and 1996 surveys based on registered voters.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 25-May 1, 2018.

Trend sources: Gallup, CNN, Gallup/CNN/USA TODAY, Washington Post, ABC News-Washington Post.

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Today, three-quarters of Republicans (75%) rate the ethical standards of key administration members as good or excellent, while 86% of Democrats say they are not good or poor – including 61% who rate them as poor.

Among Republicans and Republican leaners, these views diverge significantly by ideology.

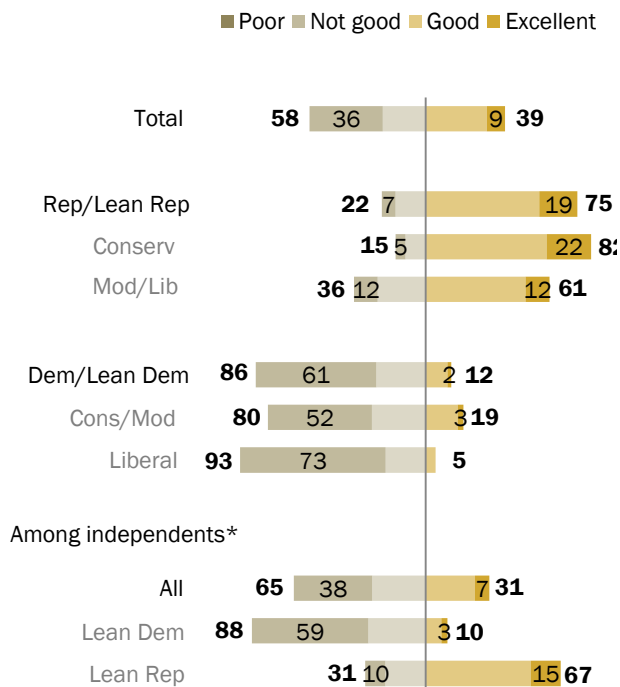
While just 15% of conservative Republicans express negative views of the ethical standards of Trump administration officials, about a third (36%) of moderate and liberal Republicans say they are not good or poor.

Among Democrats, there are also modest differences along ideological lines, with 80% of conservative or moderate Democrats and 93% of liberal Democrats giving low marks for the ethical standards of the Trump administration.

The overall balance of opinion among independents is far more negative than positive: Two-thirds (65%) say the administration’s ethical standards are “not good” or “poor,” while 31% say they are “excellent” or “good.” Among independents who lean toward the GOP, 67% say the administration’s ethical standards are excellent or good, while nearly nine-in-ten independents who lean toward the Democratic Party (88%) rate the standards as not good or poor.

On ethics, most rate top administration officials as ‘poor’ or ‘not good’

% who say that overall, they would rate the ethical standards of top Trump administration officials as ...



Notes: Don't know responses not shown.

*Independents include all those who do not identify as Republican or Democrat.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 25-May 1, 2018.

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Evaluations of Trump's job performance

The public's evaluation of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president is little changed in recent months – and is roughly on par with ratings at the outset of his presidency.

Today, 39% of adults approve of the way Trump is handling his job, while 54% disapprove.

Roughly a quarter of Americans approve *very* strongly (27%), while 11% say they approve *not so* strongly.

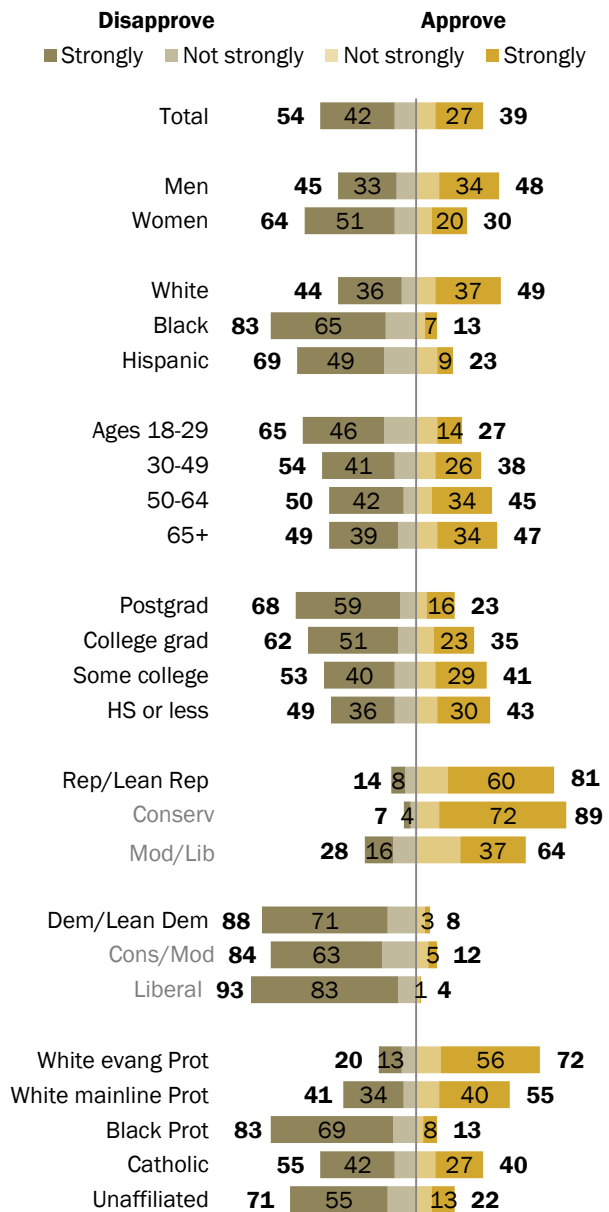
Evaluations are more intense among disapprovers; 42% of the public disapproves of the way Trump is handling his job *very strongly*, while 12% say they disapprove *not so* strongly.

There is an 18-point gender gap in approval ratings of the president: 48% of men approve of Trump's performance, while just 30% of women say the same.

And there continue to be significant differences in views of Trump by race, age and education: Younger adults, those with higher levels of education and non-whites are more likely to disapprove of the job Trump is doing.

Wide gender gap in approval of Trump

% who ___ of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president



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Similar views of both parties on ethics, policy ideas

The public has similar views of the Republican and Democratic parties in assessments of their policy ideas and ethical standards. However, somewhat more Americans view the Republican Party than the Democratic Party as “too extreme.”

Overall, half the public says the Republican Party has good policy ideas, while 42% say it does not; opinions about the Democratic Party are identical (50% say it has good ideas, 42% say it does not).

Opinions about whether the GOP has good policy ideas are little changed from about a year ago, but the share saying the Democratic Party has good ideas has declined, from 58% last April to 50% today.

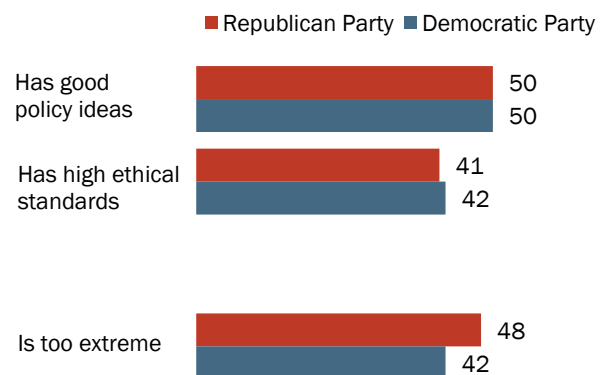
About four-in-ten say each party has high ethical standards (42% say that about the Democratic Party, 41% about the GOP). These views are about the same as they were in April 2017.

More continue to view the Republican Party as “too extreme” (48%) than say this about the Democratic Party (42%). While the GOP performs worse on this trait than the Democratic Party, the share of Americans who view the Republican Party as too extreme has declined since last June (from 54%); views of the Democratic Party are little changed (45% then, 42% now).

Opinions about the traits of the two parties continue to be deeply divided along partisan lines. For example, overwhelming shares (more than 80%) of both Republicans and Republican-leaning independents and Democrats and Democratic leaners say their own party has good policy ideas, while less than a quarter say this describes the opposing party. Similarly, while only about two-in-ten Republicans or Democrats think their own party is “too extreme,” about three-quarters in each party think the other party can be described this way.

More view GOP as ‘too extreme’ than say this about Democratic Party

% who say each describes Republican/Democratic parties



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 25-May 1, 2018.

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However, partisans are somewhat less positive about their own party in views on whether it has high ethical standards, though majorities of Republicans (66%) and Democrats (64%) describe their party this way.

Combining views of both political parties on ethics, a quarter of the public says “high ethical standards” describes *neither* the Republican Party nor the Democratic Party; 47% say it describes one party but not the other; and 17% say the description applies to both.

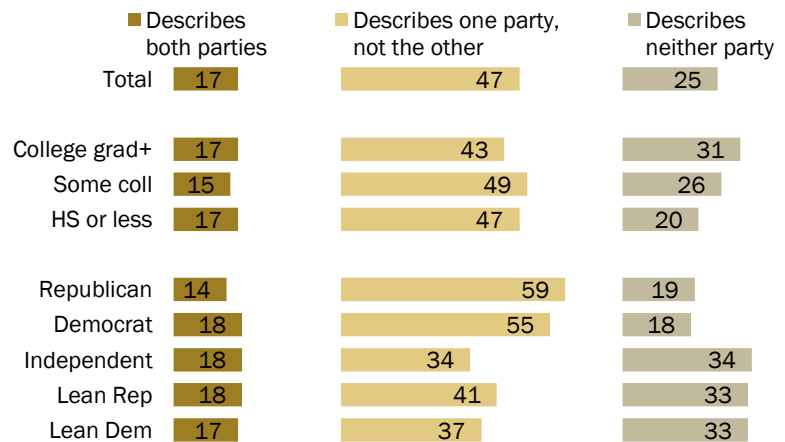
Among those with at least a college degree, 31% say “high ethical standards” does not describe the GOP or the Democratic Party; 43% say it describes one and not the other, and 17% think it describes both.

By comparison, fewer of those with some college experience (26%) or a high school degree or less education (20%) think neither party has high ethical standards.

And independents are significantly more likely than partisans to say neither party has “high ethical standards.” About a third of independents (34%), including equal shares of Republican leaners and Democratic leaners (33% each) say neither party has high ethical standards. By comparison, only about two-in-ten Republicans (19%) or Democrats (18%) say this.

Nearly a third of college graduates say neither party has ‘high ethical standards’

% who say ‘high ethical standards’ ...



Note: Independents include all those who do not identify as Republican or Democrat. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted April 25-May 1, 2018.

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2018 midterms: Interest and voter preferences

Nearly six months before the congressional midterm elections in November, just 19% of Americans say they are following news about the candidates and campaign in their state or district very closely, while 32% say they are following them fairly closely. About half of Americans (49%) say they are following election news not too closely or not at all closely.

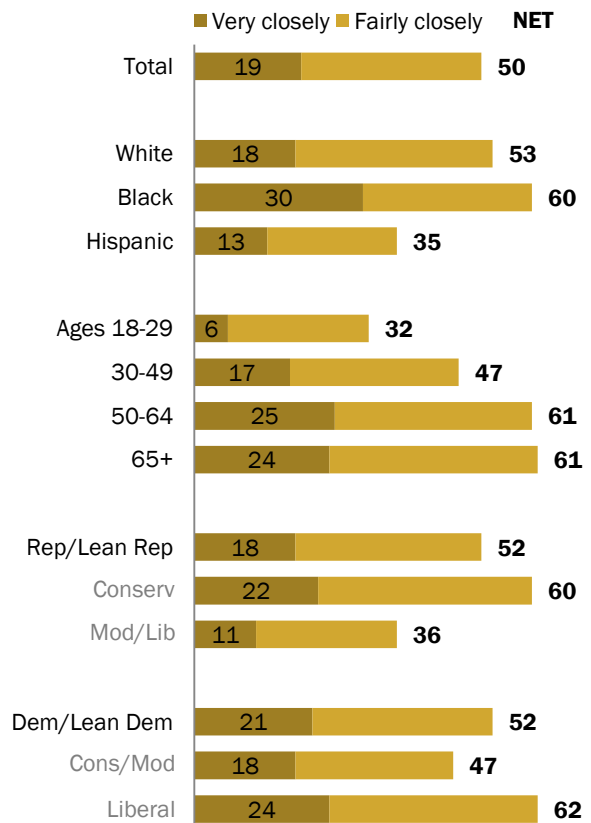
There are differences in attentiveness by race, education and ideology. Blacks are significantly more likely than either whites or Hispanics to say they have been following campaign news *very* closely (30% of blacks compared with 18% of whites and 13% of Hispanics).

Only about a third of those younger than 30 (32%) are tracking news about the congressional elections even fairly closely, with just 6% following this news very closely. Nearly half of those ages 30 to 49 (47%) are following news about the midterms very or fairly closely, as are a majority of those 50 and older (61%).

Identical shares of Republicans and Republican leaners and Democrats and Democratic leaners (52% each) say they have been following news about the upcoming elections very or fairly closely. And liberal Democrats (62%) are about as likely as conservative Republicans (60%) to say they have followed news about the elections at least fairly closely.

Young people far less likely than older adults to follow news about midterms

% who say they have followed news about congressional elections in their state or district ...



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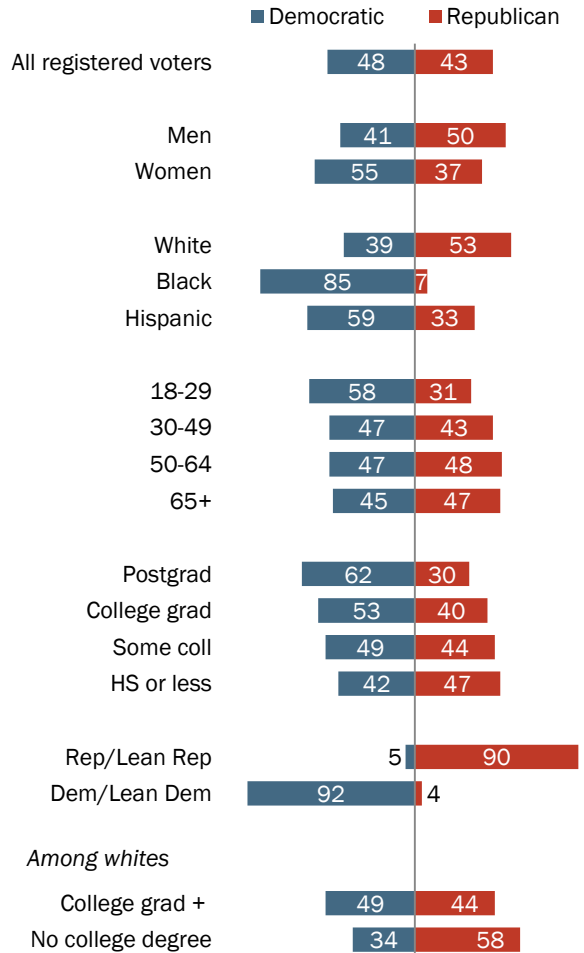
Currently, 48% of registered voters say they would vote for the Democratic Party’s candidate for Congress in their district, compared with 43% who say they would vote for or lean toward the Republican Party’s candidate.

A majority of adults under 30 (58%) favor the Democrat in their district. In contrast, those in older age groups are more divided.

There are sizable educational differences in early midterm vote preferences: Those with a postgraduate degree favor the Democratic candidate over the Republican by roughly two-to-one (62% to 30%) and those with a four-year college degree favor the Democrat, 53% to 40%. Preferences are more divided among voters who do not have a college degree.

Divisions in congressional vote preferences by gender, race, education

% of registered voters who say they support or lean toward the ___ candidate for Congress in their district



Notes: Based on registered voters. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Other/Don't know responses not shown.

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The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted April 25-May 1, 2018 among a national sample of 1,503 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (376 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,127 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 740 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers under the direction of Abt Associates. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2016 Census Bureau's American Community Survey one-year estimates and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2016 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Survey conducted April 25-May 1, 2018

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,503	2.9 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	644	4.5 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	710	4.3 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

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Apr 25-May 1, 2018	33	62	6	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	66	4	Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4
Jan 10-15, 2018	32	62	6	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	68	6	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	July, 2008	19	74	7
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	June, 2008	19	76	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	March, 2008	22	72	6
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	October, 2007	28	66	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	February, 2007	30	61	9
Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5	Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7	Early January, 2007	30	63	7
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6				
Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6				
Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4				

¹ In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

Q.1 CONTINUED...

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Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
July, 2006	30	65	5	June, 2000	47	45	8
May, 2006*	29	65	6	April, 2000	48	43	9
March, 2006	32	63	5	August, 1999	56	39	5
January, 2006	34	61	5	January, 1999	53	41	6
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
February, 2005	38	56	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
January, 2005	40	54	6	January, 1998	46	50	4
December, 2004	39	54	7	September, 1997	45	49	6
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	August, 1997	49	46	5
July, 2004	38	55	7	January, 1997	38	58	4
May, 2004	33	61	6	July, 1996	29	67	4
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
December, 2003	44	47	9	June, 1995	25	73	2
October, 2003	38	56	6	April, 1995	23	74	3
August, 2003	40	53	7	July, 1994	24	73	3
April, 2003	50	41	9	March, 1994	24	71	5
January, 2003	44	50	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
November, 2002	41	48	11	September, 1993	20	75	5
September, 2002	41	55	4	May, 1993	22	71	7
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	January, 1993	39	50	11
May, 2002	44	44	12	January, 1992	28	68	4
March, 2002	50	40	10	November, 1991	34	61	5
Late September, 2001	57	34	9	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
Early September, 2001	41	53	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
June, 2001	43	52	5	May, 1990	41	54	5
March, 2001	47	45	8	January, 1989	45	50	5
February, 2001	46	43	11	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**ASK ALL:**

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	39	54	6
Mar 7-14, 2018	39	54	7
Jan 10-15, 2018	37	56	7
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	32	63	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	59	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	55	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	54	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	56	6

See past presidents' approval trends: [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2/Q.2a BLOCK**ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.2=1,2):**

Q.2a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	39	27	11	1	54	42	12	1	6
Jan 10-15, 2018	37	27	9	1	56	47	8	1	7
Oct 25-30, 2017	34	25	8	1	59	51	8	*	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	29	9	2	55	47	7	1	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	30	8	1	54	44	10	1	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	29	8	1	56	46	9	1	6

NO QUESTIONS 3-7**ASK ALL:**

The Congressional elections will be coming up later this year.

CAMPNII How closely have you followed news about candidates and election campaigns in your state and district? Have you followed it very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

	<u>Very closely</u>	<u>Fairly closely</u>	<u>Not too closely</u>	<u>Not at all closely</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
2018 Election					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	19	32	26	23	*
2014 Election					
Oct 15-20, 2014	22	34	21	22	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	14	30	31	24	1
2010 Election					
Oct 27-30, 2010	27	35	17	20	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	24	34	22	19	1
Jun 16-20, 2010	15	33	31	20	*
2006 Election					
Early November, 2006	27	37	18	17	1
Late October, 2006 (RVs)	27	45	17	11	*
Early October, 2006	21	38	25	15	1
Early September, 2006	16	32	28	23	1
August, 2006	20	29	28	22	1
June, 2006	18	30	29	21	2
May, 2006	18	28	30	23	1
2002 Election					
Early November, 2002 (RVs)	27	46	18	9	*
Late October, 2002 (RVs)	28	34	24	13	1
Early October, 2002 (RVs)	21	46	22	10	1
Early September, 2002	17	29	29	24	1
1998 Election					
Late October, 1998 (RVs)	26	45	20	9	*
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	21	43	24	11	1
Early September, 1998	17	32	28	23	*
Early August, 1998	13	30	28	23	1
June, 1998	9	27	33	30	1
April, 1998	16	33	24	27	*
1994 Election					
November, 1994	18	42	25	15	*
Late October, 1994	14	38	31	16	1
Early October, 1994	23	34	23	19	1
September, 1994	19	34	29	18	*
1990 Election					
November, 1990	38	34	17	11	*
October, 1990	18	32	28	22	*

ASK ALL:

Q.8 If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

ASK IF 'OTHER' 'DON'T KNOW/REFUSED' (Q.8=3,9):

Q.9 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more to the **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS Q.8; IF NECESSARY: "for U.S. Congress in your district"]**?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=1,221]:

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) Other/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
2018 Election			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	43	48	9
Jan 10-15, 2018	39	53	8
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	40	53	7
2014 Election			
Oct 15-20, 2014	42	48	10
Sep 2-9, 2014	42	47	11
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	42	47	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	45	47	9
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	47	43	9
Feb 12-26, 2014	44	46	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	44	48	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	43	49	8
2012 Election			
Jun 7-17, 2012	43	47	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	44	48	8
2010 Election			
Oct 27-30, 2010	43	44	12
Oct 13-18, 2010	46	42	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	44	47	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	44	45	11
Jun 16-20, 2010	45	45	10
Mar 11-21, 2010	44	44	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	45	13
Jan 6-10, 2010	44	46	10
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	42	47	11
Aug 20-27, 2009	44	45	10
2008 Election			
June, 2008	37	52	11
2006 Election			
November, 2006	40	48	12
Late October, 2006	38	49	13
Early October, 2006	38	51	11
September, 2006	39	50	11
August, 2006	41	50	9
June, 2006	39	51	10
April, 2006	41	51	8
February, 2006	41	50	9
Mid-September, 2005	40	52	8
2004 Election			
June, 2004	41	48	11
2002 Election			
Early November, 2002	42	46	12
Early October, 2002	44	46	10
Early September, 2002	44	46	10
June, 2002	44	46	10
February, 2002	46	45	9
Early November, 2001	44	44	12

Q.8/Q.9 CONTINUED...

	Rep/ <u>Lean Rep</u>	Dem/ <u>Lean Dem</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other/ DK/Ref</u>
2000 Election			
Early November, 2000	42	48	10
Early October, 2000	43	47	10
July, 2000	43	47	10
February, 2000	44	47	9
October, 1999	43	49	8
June, 1999	40	50	10
1998 Election			
Late October, 1998	40	47	13
Early October, 1998	43	44	13
Early September, 1998	45	46	9
Late August, 1998	44	45	11
Early August, 1998	42	49	9
June, 1998	44	46	10
March, 1998	40	52	8
February, 1998	41	50	9
January, 1998	41	51	8
August, 1997	45	48	7
1996 Election			
November, 1996	41	48	11
October, 1996	42	49	9
Late September, 1996	43	49	8
Early September, 1996	43	51	6
July, 1996	46	47	7
June, 1996	44	50	6
March, 1996	44	49	7
January, 1996	46	47	7
October, 1995	48	48	4
August, 1995	50	43	7
1994 Election			
November, 1994	45	43	12
Late October, 1994	47	44	9
Early October, 1994	52	40	8
September, 1994	48	46	6
July, 1994	45	47	8

NO QUESTIONS 10-19, 23-25**QUESTIONS 20-22 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****RANDOMIZE Q.26 AND Q.27****ASK ALL:**

Now I have a few questions about the political parties...

[First]

Q.26 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Is too extreme			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	48	45	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	54	43	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	52	45	2
Mar 17-26, 2016	54	42	4
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	54	41	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	50	46	4
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	52	43	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	48	46	6

Q.26 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i>			
<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	56	42	3
b. Has good policy ideas			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	50	42	8
Apr 5-11, 2017	49	47	4
Mar 17-26, 2016	45	49	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	48	46	6
c. Has high ethical standards			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	41	51	8
Jun 8-18, 2017	41	55	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	52	3
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Do you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... Has high ethical standards</i>			
<i>CNN/ORC: October, 2006</i>	46	52	2

RANDOMIZE Q.26 AND Q.27**ASK ALL:**

[Now thinking about...]

Q.27 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Is too extreme			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	42	52	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	45	52	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	57	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	37	59	4
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	39	56	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	59	4
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	39	56	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	54	5
Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	39	57	3
b. Has good policy ideas			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	50	42	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	58	38	4
Mar 17-26, 2016	53	41	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	52	43	5
c. Has high ethical standards			
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	42	50	8
Jun 8-18, 2017	44	52	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	49	48	3

Q.27 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Do you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ...</i>			
<i>Has high ethical standards</i>			
<i>CNN/ORC: October, 2006</i>	49	46	5

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 28-34****ASK ALL:**

Q.35 Thinking about important issues facing the country today, overall, would you say you tend to agree with Donald Trump on **[READ IN ORDER; ROTATE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**?

Apr 25-May 1		Aug 15-21
<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
19	All or nearly all issues	15
22	Many, but not all issues	18
24	A few issues	21
33	No or almost no issues	45
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK ALL:

Q.36 Now thinking NOT about issues, but just about the way Donald Trump conducts himself as president, would you say you ... **[READ IN ORDER; ROTATE ORDER FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**?

Apr 25-May 1		Aug 15-21
<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
19	Like the way he conducts himself	16
26	Have mixed feelings about the way he conducts himself	25
54	Don't like the way he conducts himself	58
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

NO QUESTIONS 37-39, 42-44, 48-59**QUESTIONS 40-41, 45-47 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.60 Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, please tell me whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can **[ITEM]**?**

ASK ALL:	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	30	24	18	26	2
Aug 15-21, 2017	27	23	16	33	1
b. Make wise decisions about immigration policy					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	26	17	15	39	2
Jan 10-15, 2018	27	11	15	45	2
Aug 15-21, 2017	23	17	15	43	1

Q.60 CONTINUED...

	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
c. Manage the Executive Branch effectively					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	21	24	18	34	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	22	19	16	40	3
Oct 25-30, 2017	23	19	15	42	1
Apr 5-11, 2017	28	22	16	33	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26	26	20	26	2
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	33	44	15	7	1
d. Handle an international crisis					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	25	19	19	35	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	21	14	16	46	2
Oct 25-30, 2017	23	16	14	45	1
Apr 5-11, 2017	27	21	14	38	*
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 ²	21	24	18	35	2
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2005	36	28	17	18	1
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	32	39	19	9	1
ASK ALL FORM 1 [N=752]:					
e.F1 Make good appointments to the federal courts					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	25	21	16	32	6
Aug 15-21, 2017	24	22	15	37	2
f.F1 Use military force wisely					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	26	21	18	32	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	20	19	35	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	20	18	35	2
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2005	34	22	19	24	1
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	41	37	14	7	1
ASK ALL FORM 2 [N=751]:					
g.F2 Work effectively with Congress					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	13	30	22	33	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	19	25	19	35	2
Oct 25-30, 2017	14	25	22	37	2
Apr 5-11, 2017	17	29	22	30	2
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26	35	17	21	1
Bush					
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2005 ³	26	44	17	12	1
<i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>					
January, 2001	27	47	17	8	1

² In December 2016 survey and Gallup/CNN/USA Today surveys, this question was worded: "I'd like you to think about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things over the next four years."

³ In January 2005 and January 2001 surveys, item was worded: "Work effectively with Congress to get things done."

Q.60 CONTINUED...

		<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
h.F2	Make good decisions about economic policy					
	Apr 25-May 1, 2018	31	22	17	29	1
	Jan 10-15, 2018	29	17	14	37	3

ASK ALL FORM 2 ASKED APR 26-MAY 1 ONLY [N=745]:

i.F2	Handle the situation with Iran					
	Apr 25-May 1, 2018	24	18	18	34	6

NO QUESTION 61**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 Overall, how would you rate the ethical standards of top Trump administration officials--excellent, good, not good or poor?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Not good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref⁴
Trump					
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	9	30	21	36	3
Obama					
Gallup: June 1-4, 2013	8	42	17	32	2
Bush					
CNN: June, 2006	8	36	25	25	7
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 2005	11	40	19	29	1
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: July, 2005	8	47	24	18	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: July, 2002	15	59	15	8	3
Clinton					
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: September, 1996 (RVs)	5	41	25	25	5
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: March, 1994	5	53	20	21	3
Bush					
WaPo: May, 1989	5	54	20	7	13
Reagan					
ABC News/WaPo: October, 1984 (RVs)	7	60	17	12	4
ABC News/WaPo: September, 1984 (RVs)	6	58	19	15	3
ABC News/WaPo: August, 1983	5	59	22	9	4

NO QUESTIONS 63-69, 77-79**QUESTIONS 70-75, ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, 80-83 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

⁴ In May 1989 Washington Post survey, volunteered responses were: 4% too soon to tell; 1% some are, some are not; 8% don't know/refused.

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	27	28	38	4	1	2	14	19
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18
Jan 10-15, 2018	26	33	34	3	1	3	12	18
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	20	32	40	4	1	3	13	19
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Yearly Totals								
2017	23.6	31.4	39.4	3.3	.6	1.7	15.8	18.7
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls