

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
MAY 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 25 – MAY 1, 2018
N=1,503**

QUESTIONS 1-2, 8-9 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**NO QUESTIONS 3-7, 10-19**

Next,

ASK ALL:

Q.20 Do you think the United States plays a more important and powerful role as a world leader today compared to 10 years ago, a less important role, or about as important a role as a world leader as it did 10 years ago?

	<u>More important</u>	<u>Less important</u>	<u>As important</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	31	35	32	3
Apr 12-19, 2016	21	46	31	3
Aug 20-24, 2014 (U)	15	48	34	2
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	17	53	27	3
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	41	30	4
July, 2004	45	20	31	4
Early September, 2001	33	26	38	3
September, 1997	35	23	40	2
December, 1994	40	27	29	4
October, 1993	37	26	33	4
September, 1993	37	30	31	2
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1990 ¹	37	35	24	4
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1986	41	26	29	4
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1982	27	25	44	5
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : November, 1978	29	41	24	6
<i>Chicago CFR</i> : December, 1974	28	39	27	6

ASK ALL:

Q.21 In terms of solving world problems, does the United States do too much, too little, or the right amount in helping solve world problems?

Apr 25-May 1 <u>2018</u>		Apr 12-19 <u>2016</u>	(U) Aug 20-24 <u>2014</u>	Oct 30-Nov 6 <u>2013</u>	(GA) Summer <u>2002</u>
30	Does too much	41	39	51	47
33	Does too little	27	31	17	17
29	Does right amount	28	24	28	31
1	United States does nothing (VOL.)	1	*	1	*
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	5	3	5

ASK ALL:

Q.22 In general, do you think that free trade agreements between the U.S. and other countries have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	56	30	14
Apr 5-11, 2017	52	40	8
Oct 20-25, 2016	45	43	11
Aug 9-16, 2016	50	42	8
Mar 17-26, 2016	51	39	10

¹ Surveys conducted December 1974 through November 1990 by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Q.22 CONTINUED...

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	58	33	9
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	59	30	10
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	41	12
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	52	34	14

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In general, do you think that free trade agreements like NAFTA and the policies of the World Trade Organization have been a good thing or a bad thing for the United States?

	<u>Good thing</u>	<u>Bad thing</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Nov 4-7, 2010	35	44	21
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	43	32	25
Mar 31-Apr 21, 2009	44	35	21
April, 2008	35	48	17
November, 2007	40	40	20
December, 2006 ²	44	35	21
Late October, 2005	44	34	22
December, 2004	47	34	19
July, 2004	47	34	19
March, 2004	44	37	19
December, 2003	34	33	33
Early September, 2001	49	29	22
November, 1997	45	34	21
September, 1997	47	30	23

NO QUESTIONS 23-25, 28-34, 37-39, 42-44, 48-59, 61, 63-69

QUESTIONS 26-27, 35-36, 60, 62 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTIONS 40-41, 45-47, 70 AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.71 As you may know, there are proposals to raise tariffs or fees on steel and aluminum that is imported into the United States from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about these proposals? Have you heard ... **[READ IN ORDER]**

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29	A lot
41	A little
29	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

² In December 2006, December 2004, July 2004 and March 2004, the question wording asked about: "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the World Trade Organization," and did not mention "policies of" the World Trade Organization. In October 2005 the question asked: "So far, do you think that NAFTA has been a good thing or a bad thing from a U.S. point of view?" In December 2003 the question wording asked about "free trade agreements like NAFTA and the WTO;" full names of the organizations were read out only if the respondent was uncertain. In Early September 2001 and earlier the question asked about: "...NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement..."

ASK ALL:

Q.72 Do you think that raising tariffs on steel and aluminum imports would be a good thing or a bad thing for the U.S.? **[IF NECESSARY: tariffs or fees on steel and aluminum that is imported into the U.S. from other countries]**

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37	Good thing
45	Bad thing
17	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTION 73 AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**QUESTIONS 74, 75 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 77-79****ASK ALL:**

Q.80 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of **[INSERT ITEM; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** today... Do you think **[ITEM]** is **[READ IN ORDER]**?

	<u>An adversary</u>	<u>A serious problem but not an adversary</u>	<u>Not much of a problem</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=752]:				
a.F1 Russia				
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	28	42	24	6
Jan 4-9, 2017	29	44	24	3
Oct 20-25, 2016	23	46	23	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	23	44	30	4
July 24-27, 2014	26	49	15	9
March 20-23, 2014	26	43	22	10
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	18	36	40	6
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	15	32	42	11
Mid-September, 2008	18	48	28	6
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=751]:				
b.F2 China				
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	16	43	34	7
Jan 4-9, 2017	22	43	31	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	18	48	28	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	23	44	29	3
March 20-23, 2014	22	35	32	10
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	23	43	28	6
Jan 5-9, 2011	22	43	27	9
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	19	41	30	9
Mid-September, 2008	19	49	26	6
October, 2005	16	45	30	9
July, 2004	14	40	36	10
February, 2002	17	39	33	11
Early September, 2001	23	48	23	6
May, 2001	19	51	22	8
March, 2000	17	44	26	13
June, 1999	18	53	22	7
March, 1999	20	48	25	7
September, 1997	14	46	32	8

ASK ALL:

Q.81 How much, if anything, have you heard about negotiations between the United States and North Korea on North Korea's nuclear program? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**?

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44	A lot
44	A little
12	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.82 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the United States negotiating directly with North Korea over the issue of its nuclear program?

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71	Approve
21	Disapprove
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.83 Do you think North Korea's leadership is serious about addressing international concerns about their country's nuclear enrichment program, or not?

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38	Serious
49	Not serious
13	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
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	--	--	--	--	--

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(GA) Pew Research Center Global Attitudes Project

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls