

PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JANUARY 2019 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 9-14, 2019
N=1,505

QUESTION 1 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-14, 2019	37	59	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	38	55	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	40	54	6
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](#)

QUESTIONS 3-4, 10, 17-18, 25, 29-30, 50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 5-9, 11-16, 19-24, 26-28, 31-49

ASK ALL:

Q.51 As you may know, there is a proposal to substantially expand the wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. In general, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Jan 9-14 <u>2019</u>		Jun 5-12 <u>2018</u>	Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u>
40	Favor	40	37
58	Oppose	56	60
2	Don't know/Refused	4	3

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Building a wall along the entire border with Mexico</i>			
Feb 7-12, 2017	35	62	3
Aug 9-16, 2016	36	61	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	34	62	4
<i>Building a fence along the entire border with Mexico</i>			
Mar 17-26, 2016	38	58	4
Sep 22-27, 2015	46	48	5
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 ¹	46	47	6

¹ In Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011, item was asked as part of a list.

QUESTION 51 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Building a fence along 700 miles of the border with Mexico</i>			
January, 2007	46	48	6
CNN: September, 2006	54	44	2

ASK ALL:

Q.52 Do you think substantially expanding the wall along the border with Mexico would lead to a major reduction in illegal immigration into the U.S., a minor reduction in illegal immigration or not have much impact?

Jan 9-14

2019

34	Major reduction
20	Minor Reduction
44	Not have much impact
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	<u>Major reduction</u>	<u>Minor reduction</u>	<u>Not have much impact</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>A wall along the entire border with Mexico</i>				
Feb 7-12, 2017	29	25	43	3

QUESTIONS 53, 55-63, 69-71, 83 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 54, 64-68, 72-82, 84-85****ASK ALL:**

Thinking about the government shutdown that started on December 22nd ...

Q.86 How serious a problem, if at all, do you think the government shutdown is for the country
[READ IN ORDER]?

Jan 9-14

2019

58	Very serious
22	Somewhat serious
13	Not too serious [OR]
7	Not at all serious
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.87 Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of how **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** (is/are) handling negotiations over the government shutdown? What about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of how **[ITEM]** (is/are) handling negotiations over the government shutdown?]

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Donald Trump Jan 9-14, 2019	23	14	9	53	2

QUESTION 87 CONTINUED...

	Strongly <u>approve</u>	Somewhat <u>approve</u>	Somewhat <u>disapprove</u>	Strongly <u>disapprove</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
b. Republican leaders in Congress Jan 9-14, 2019	12	24	20	40	4
c. Democratic leaders in Congress Jan 9-14, 2019	18	24	20	33	4

As you may know, the main point of disagreement in the shutdown is about funding to substantially expand the wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. The Trump administration wants several billion dollars for expanding the border wall, while Democrats oppose this proposal.

ASK ALL:

Q.51 As you may know, there is a proposal to substantially expand the wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. In general, do you favor or oppose this proposal?

ASK IF OPPOSE EXPANDING THE WALL (Q.51=2):

Q.88a If the only way to end the government shutdown is to pass a bill that INCLUDES Trump's requested funding for the border wall, would this be acceptable or NOT acceptable to you?

ASK IF FAVOR EXPANDING THE WALL (Q.51=1):

Q.88b If the only way to end the government shutdown is to pass a bill that DOES NOT INCLUDE Trump's requested funding for the border wall, would this be acceptable or NOT acceptable to you?

BASED ON TOTAL:

Jan 9-14

2019

40	Favor expanding wall along U.S. border
11	Acceptable to pass a bill that DOES NOT INCLUDE funding for border wall
29	Not acceptable to pass a bill that DOES NOT INCLUDE funding for border wall
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
[OR]	
58	Oppose expanding wall along U.S. border
6	Acceptable to pass a bill that INCLUDES funding for border wall
51	Not acceptable to pass a bill that INCLUDES funding for border wall
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:

Disagreement over whether funding for Planned Parenthood should be included in a budget deal...

BASED ON TOTAL:

Sep 22-27

2015

32	Any budget agreement must eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood
10	Acceptable to agree to budget with funding for Planned Parenthood
21	Unacceptable to agree to budget with funding for Planned Parenthood
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
[OR]	
60	Any budget agreement must maintain funding for Planned Parenthood
19	Acceptable to agree to budget without funding for Planned Parenthood
39	Unacceptable to agree to budget without funding for Planned Parenthood
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTIONS 88a/88b TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

Disagreement over whether changes to the 2010 health care law should be included in a budget deal...

BASED ON TOTAL:

Oct 3-6 2013 ²	
42	Should Obama agree to a bill that INCLUDES cuts or delays to the health care law
14	Acceptable if Republicans agree to bill without cuts or delays
26	Unacceptable if Republicans agree to bill without cuts or delays
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
	[OR]
44	Should Republican leaders agree to a bill WITHOUT cuts or delays to the health care law
13	Acceptable if Obama agrees to bill with cuts or delays
29	Unacceptable if Obama agrees to bill with cuts or delays
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 89, 93-96

QUESTIONS 90-92, 97-98 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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
					No party	Other party		
Jan 9-14, 2019	25	31	40	2	1	2	16	18
Sep 18-24, 2018	25	32	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	31	38	3	1	2	15	18
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
Yearly Totals								
2018	25.7	30.8	37.6	3.0	.8	2.0	14.7	18.3
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

² Response options for Oct 3-6, 2013 survey were [RANDOMIZE: Obama has said any budget deal must NOT include cuts or delays to the health care law because they are separate issues. / Republican leaders have said that any budget deal must include cuts or delays to the health care law because the law is bad for the country.]

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	preference	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
					No party	Other party			
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	--	--	--	--	--	

QUESTIONS 99-100 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE