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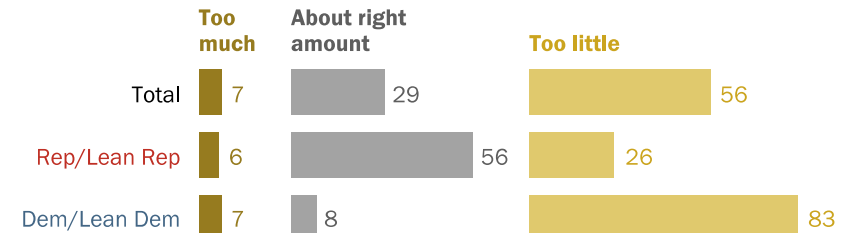
The public’s views of Donald Trump have changed little over the course of his presidency – and this is the case for opinions about whether Trump has done enough to distance himself from white nationalist groups.

In a new survey, a 56% majority says Trump has done too little to distance himself from white nationalist groups; 29% say he has done about the right amount to distance himself from such groups, while 7% say he has done too much. These views are virtually unchanged since December 2016, shortly before Trump took office.

As with other attitudes about Trump, views on whether he has done enough to distance himself from white nationalism are deeply divided by party. Democrats are more than three times as likely as Republicans to say Trump has not done enough to distance himself from white nationalist groups (83% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents vs. 26% of Republicans and Republican leaners).

Majority of public says Trump has done too little to distance himself from white nationalist groups

% who say Trump has done ___ in distancing himself from white nationalist groups



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 20-25, 2019.

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The survey by Pew Research Center, conducted March 20-25 among 1,503 adults, finds that 40% approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president, little changed since January (37%). The survey was largely completed when Attorney General William Barr announced March 24 that special counsel Robert Mueller had found no evidence that Trump’s presidential campaign conspired with Russia to influence the 2016 election. Trump’s job rating was not significantly different in the days following the release of Barr’s report (March 24-25) than before his announcement (March 20-23).

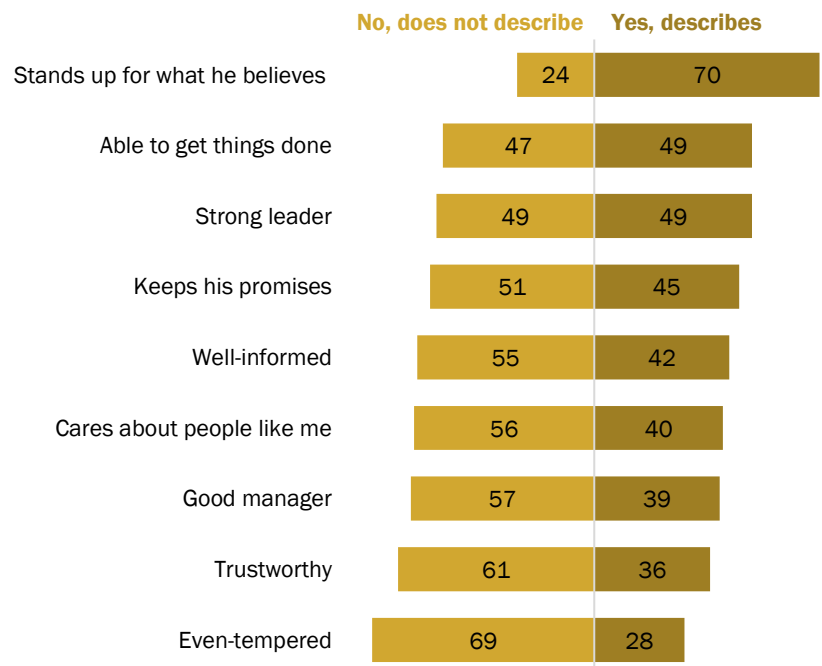
Trump's job rating continues to be more stable – [and more polarized along partisan lines](#) – than those of past presidents. Currently, 81% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents approve of Trump's job performance, while 88% of Democrats and Democratic leaners disapprove.

Similarly, assessments of Trump's personal traits and characteristics, including his trustworthiness, leadership and ability to get things done, have not changed much over the course of his presidency. Trump continues to get low ratings for his temperament: Just 28% of Americans say he is even-tempered, while 69% say that description does not apply. A somewhat larger share (36%) says Trump is trustworthy; a majority (61%) says Trump is not trustworthy.

By contrast, most Americans say Trump stands up for his beliefs (70%). They are divided in evaluations of his effectiveness and leadership; 49% say he is able to get things done, while an identical share says that Trump is a strong leader.

A sizable majority says Trump stands for his beliefs, but only about a quarter view him as 'even-tempered'

% who say each describes Trump



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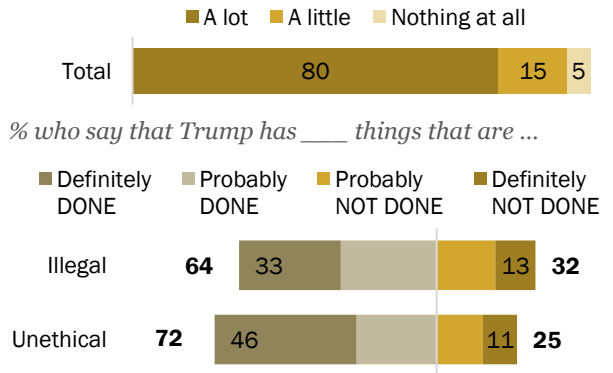
The survey – which, again, was largely completed before Barr’s report on the Mueller investigation – finds that 64% of Americans say that Trump definitely (33%) or probably (31%) has done something illegal while in office or when he was running for president. Only half as many (32%) say he definitely or probably has not done things that are illegal.

An even larger share (72%) thinks Trump definitely or probably has done something unethical – with 46% saying he has definitely done this.

While there are sizable partisan differences in opinions about whether Trump has done things that are illegal or unethical, a substantial minority of Republicans and Republican leaners (45%) say it is at least probable Trump has done something unethical, though just 14% say he “definitely” has done this. Among Democrats and Democratic leaners, 93% say he definitely or probably has done things that are unethical, with 73% saying this has definitely occurred.

Most think it’s at least probable that Trump has acted illegally or unethically

% who say they have heard or read ___ about allegations of misconduct by Trump



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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 20-25, 2019.

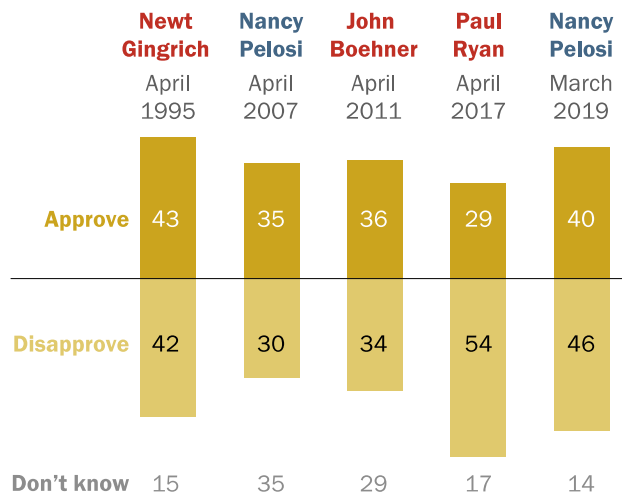
As the new Congress approaches the 100-day mark, the public generally has negative views of both Democratic and Republican leaders. Just a third approve of the job performance of Democratic congressional leaders, while 59% disapprove. Job ratings for GOP leaders are similar (31% approve, 63% disapprove).

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's job rating is somewhat more negative than positive: 40% approve of her job performance while 46% disapprove. Still, Pelosi's job rating is more positive than then-Speaker Paul Ryan's was two years ago. At similar points during their tenures as speaker, John Boehner and Newt Gingrich had evenly divided job ratings.

The partisan gap in views of Pelosi's job rating is generally wider than those of her predecessors. Democrats are about four times as likely as Republicans to approve of Pelosi's job performance than are Republicans (62% vs. 15%).

Pelosi's job rating is somewhat more negative than positive

% who approve of how ____ is handling their job as speaker of the House



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Views of Trump's personal traits, job approval

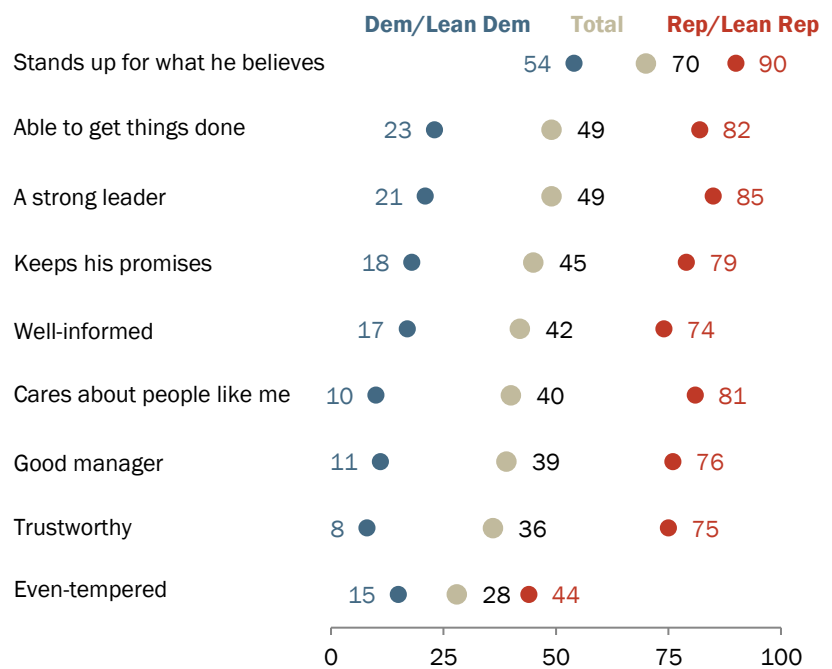
While evaluations of Trump's personal characteristics are sharply divided along partisan lines, there are smaller gaps on two personality traits: his temperament and whether he stands up for his beliefs. Fewer than half in both parties view him as even-tempered, while majorities of both Republicans and Democrats say Trump stands up for his beliefs.

Trump receives positive ratings from large majorities of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (70% or more) on seven of eight personal traits, including his ability to get things done (82%) and his managerial skills (76%). Republicans rank Trump lowest on his temperament: 44% say the phrase even-tempered describes the president; about as many (49%) say he is not even-tempered.

Views of Trump's personal traits among Democrats and Democratic leaners continue to be overwhelmingly negative. For instance, few Democrats say Trump is able to get things done (23%), a strong leader (21%) and trustworthy (8%). Still, a little more than half of Democrats (54%) say Trump stands up for what he believes in.

More than half of Dems say Trump stands for beliefs; fewer than half of Reps say he is 'even-tempered'

% who say each describes Trump ...



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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 20-25, 2019.

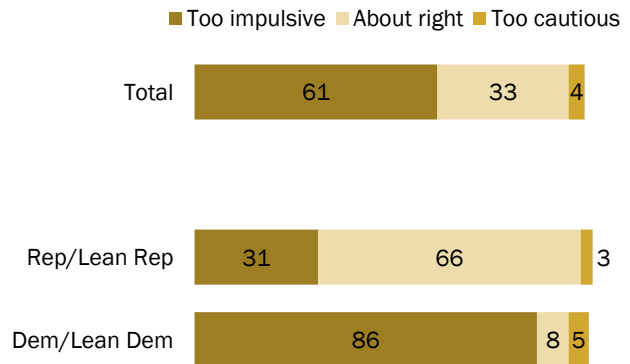
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When asked about how Trump makes important decisions, the public continues to say he is “too impulsive.” In April 2017, shortly after he began his presidency, 63% of the public said Trump was impulsive when making important decisions. Today, a similar share (61%) says this. A third of the public says Trump’s temperament is about right when making important decisions; only 4% say he is too cautious when making decisions.

Two-thirds of Republicans (66%) say Trump is about right when making important decisions; 31% say he is too impulsive. A substantial majority of Democrats (86%) say Trump is too impulsive, while just 8% say he is about right in making key decisions.

In his third year in office, a majority of Americans say Trump is ‘too impulsive’

% who say Donald Trump is ___ in making important decisions



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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 20-25, 2019.

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Trump's overall job approval has changed little since the beginning of his presidency. Currently, 55% of Americans disapprove of his job as president, while 40% approve.

While men are evenly split in their views of Trump's job performance (47% approve, 47% disapprove), women are far more likely to disapprove (63%) than approve (32%).

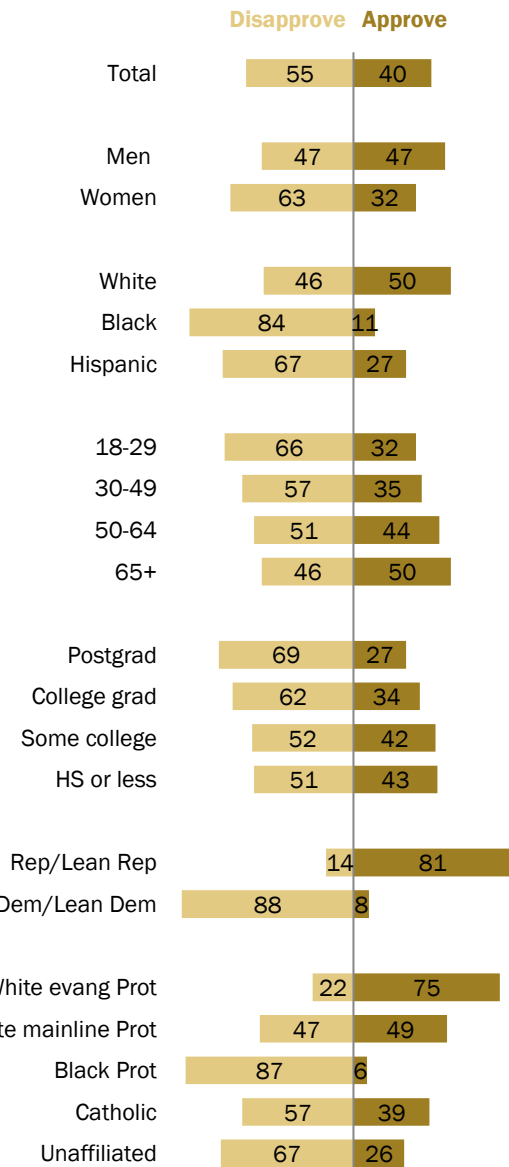
Large majorities of blacks (84%) disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job; whites continue to be divided over Trump's job performance (50% approve, 46% disapprove).

Among religious groups, 75% of white evangelical Protestants approve of Trump. [White evangelical Protestants](#) have been among Trump's strongest supporters throughout his presidency.

By contrast, black Protestants and the religiously unaffiliated overwhelmingly disapprove of how Trump is handling his job as president (87% and 67%, respectively). White mainline Protestants are divided (49% approve, 47% disapprove).

Persistent demographic, partisan differences in Trump's job rating

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



Notes: Don't know responses not shown. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 20-25, 2019.

Majorities think Trump has acted illegally or unethically

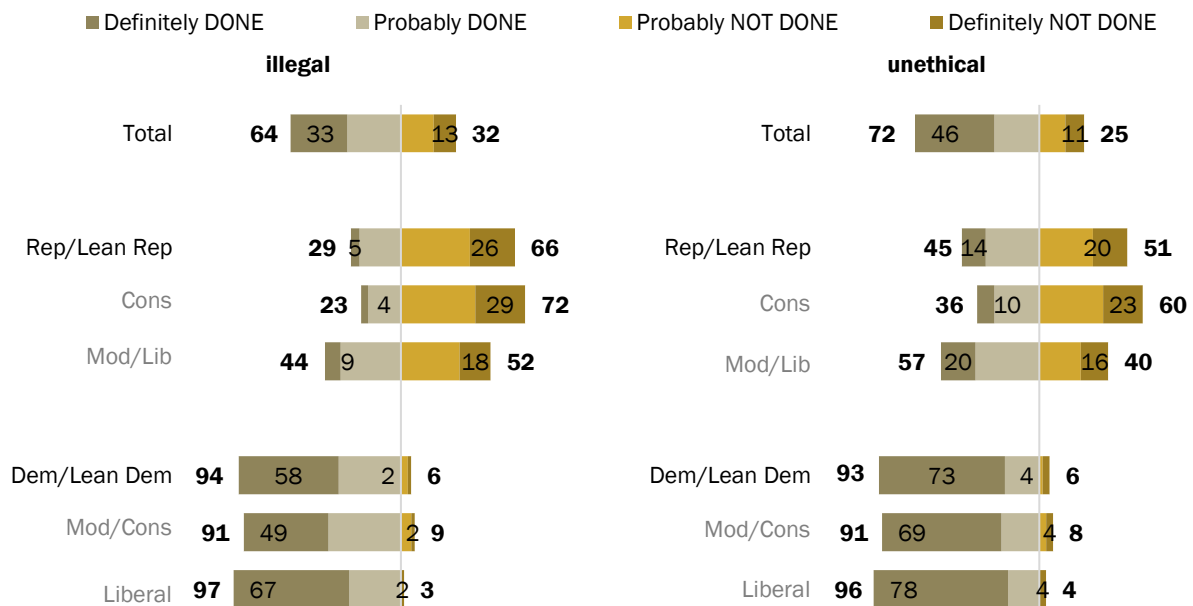
Majorities of Americans say it is likely Trump has done things that are unethical (72%) or illegal (64%) during his time in office or while he was campaigning for president. As noted, this survey was largely finished before Attorney General Barr announced that special counsel Robert Mueller had found no evidence of collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia in 2016.

Nearly three-in-ten (29%) Republicans and Republican leaners say Trump definitely or probably has done things that are illegal during his time in office or while he was running for president. Nearly half (45%) say that he probably or definitely has behaved unethically.

Moderate and liberal Republicans are far more likely than conservative Republicans – who make [up about two-thirds of all Republicans and GOP leaners](#) – to say Trump has probably done something illegal or unethical. A majority of moderate and liberal Republicans (57%) say it is definite or probable that Trump has behaved unethically; fewer conservative Republicans (36%) say the same.

More than four-in-ten Republicans say Trump definitely or probably has acted unethically; about twice as many Democrats say the same

% who say that Trump has ___ things that are ...



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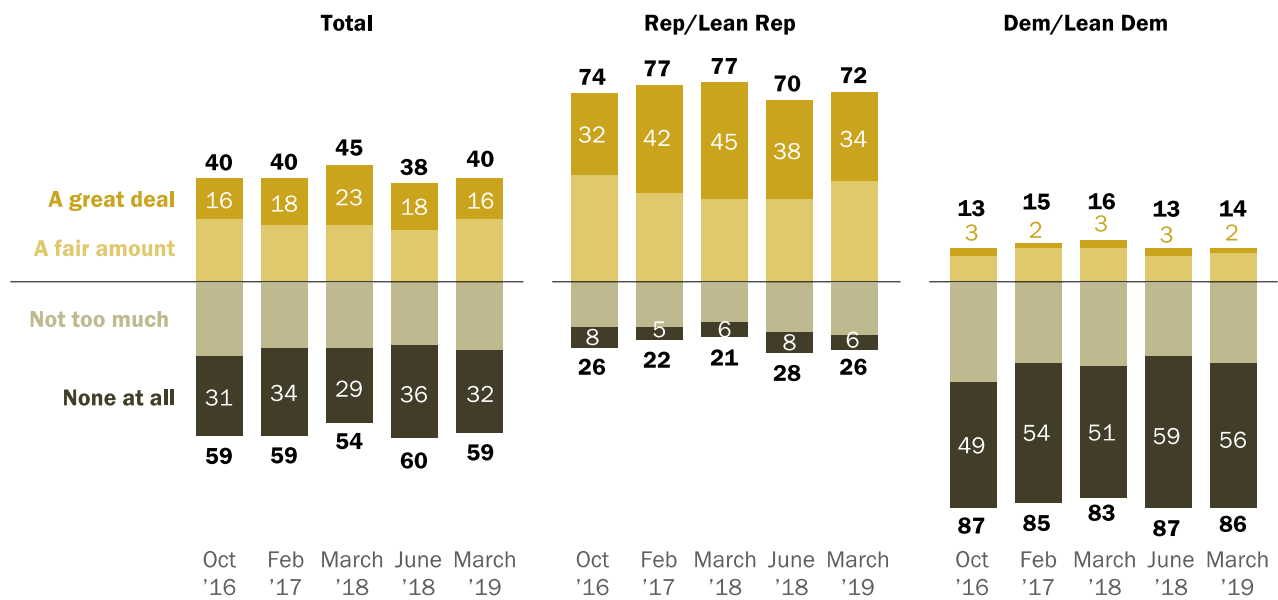
Democrats and Democratic-leaning almost universally say that Trump definitely or probably behaved illegally (94%) or unethically (93%). While comparable shares of liberal Democrats and conservatives and moderates say Trump probably or definitely has engaged in unethical or illegal behavior, more liberal Democrats say this *definitely* has occurred.

Views on Trump’s respect for democratic institutions unchanged

Opinions about Trump’s respect for the country’s democratic institutions and traditions mirror his overall job approval. Overall, 59% of adults say Trump has not too much (26%) or no respect at all (32%) for the country’s democratic institutions. A smaller share (40%) says he has either a great deal (16%) or a fair amount (24%) of respect for these institutions. These attitudes have changed very little since October 2016, before he was elected president.

Views of Trump’s respect for the nation’s democratic institutions have changed little since before the 2016 election

% who say Trump has ___ of respect for this country’s democratic institutions and traditions



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A large majority of Republican and Republican-leaning independents (72%) say Trump has a great deal or a fair amount of respect for the nation’s democratic institutions. By contrast, just 14% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say Trump has a great deal or a fair amount of respect for the nation’s institutions. Overwhelmingly, Democrats and Democratic leaners (86%) say that Trump has little or no respect for the country’s institutions and traditions.

Wide partisan gap in views of Pelosi

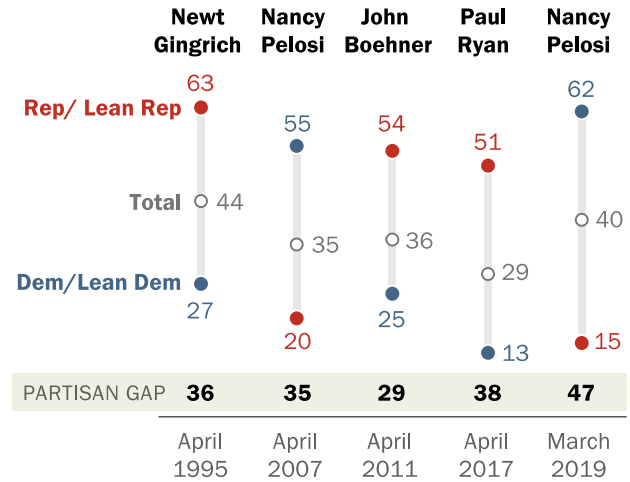
Early in her tenure as House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi’s job rating is deeply divided along partisan lines. In fact, the partisan gap in views of Pelosi are as wide as for any recent House speaker dating to Newt Gingrich (trend data are not available for Dennis Hastert).

About six-in-ten Democrats (62%) approve of Pelosi’s job performance. Pelosi’s job rating among members of her own party is much higher than Paul Ryan’s and John Boehner’s were in their tenure. And her current job rating among Democrats is slightly higher than her rating in April 2007, when she first served as speaker. Among recent speakers, only Gingrich’s job rating was as high among members of his own party (63%).

By contrast, just 15% of Republicans approve of Pelosi’s job performance, which is about as low as Ryan’s among Democrats two years ago (13%).

Wider partisan gap in Pelosi’s early job rating than at similar point in 2007

% who approve of the way the speaker of the House is handling their job



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 20-25, 2019.

When asked about congressional leaders generally, a third of the public approves of the job Democratic (33% approve) and Republican leaders (31%) in Congress are doing.

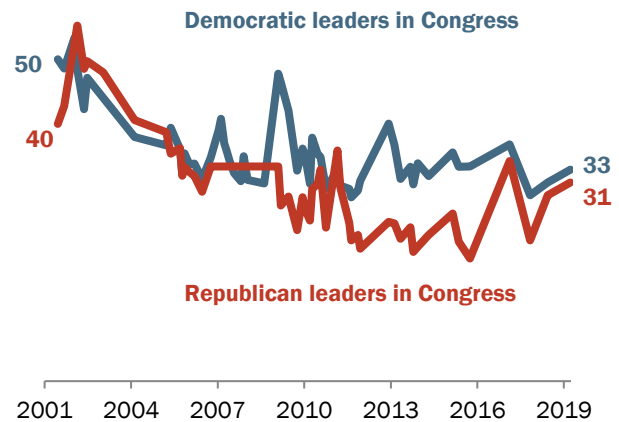
The job ratings for congressional leaders are little changed over the past year. However, views of GOP congressional leaders are more positive today than in October 2017, when 22% approved of their performance.

Members of both parties have much more positive jobs ratings for the congressional leaders of their own party than the opposing party.

A majority of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (55%) approve of Republican leaders in Congress. This share is little changed from June 2018, but significantly higher than October 2017, when 39% of Republicans approved of their party leaders in Congress. However, Republicans' job approval of GOP leaders is much lower than in February 2017, shortly after Trump's inauguration, when 68% approved.

Only about a third of Americans approve of both parties' congressional leaders

% who approve of the job ____ are doing



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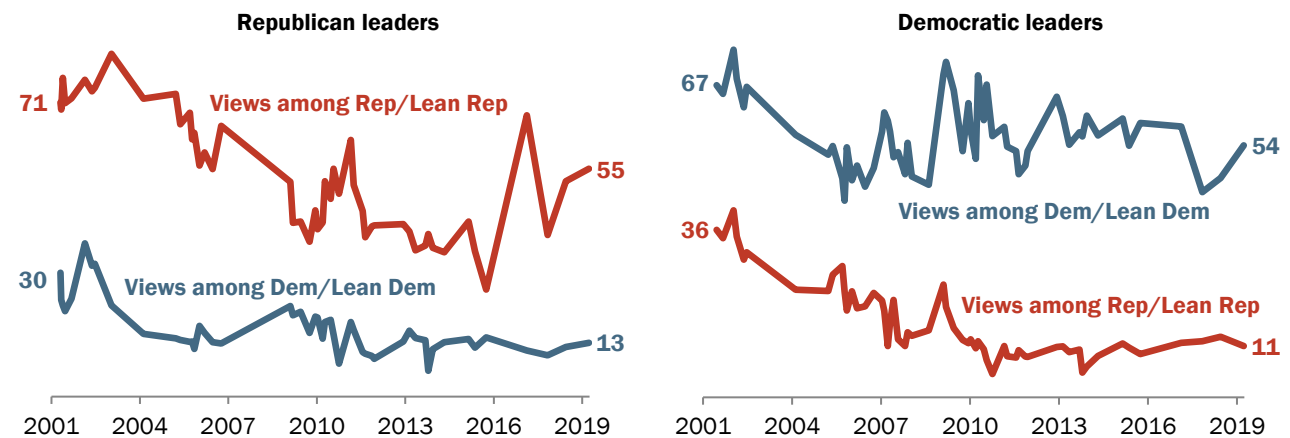
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In contrast, just 13% of Democrats approve of the job Republican leaders are doing. These views have not changed significantly in recent years.

Democrats and Democratic leaners feel similarly about their party leaders as Republicans do about theirs. About half (54%) of Democrats say they approve of the job Democratic leaders in Congress are doing. This is a somewhat higher share than the 47% who approved in June 2018. Only about one-in-ten Republicans (11%) approve of the way Democratic leaders are handling their jobs.

Republicans' views of GOP leaders' job performance have fluctuated considerably in the past two years, but are much more positive now than before Trump took office

% who approve of the job ___ are doing



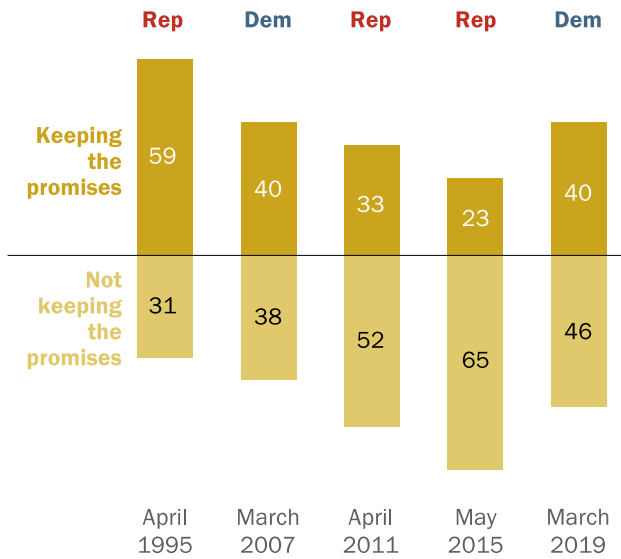
Opinions about whether congressional Democrats are keeping the promises they made during the campaign are similar to Pelosi’s job approval: 40% say Democrats are keeping their campaign promises, while a somewhat larger share (46%) say Democrats are not keeping their promises.

That is a more positive verdict from the public than congressional Republicans received after their 2014 and 2010 victories, when majorities said they were not keeping campaign promises (65% said this in May 2015, 52% in April 2011). After the Democrats won Congress in 2006, the public was divided on whether they kept their promises (40% said they did, 38% said they did not).

Neither party has come close to the positive views of the GOP after they gained control of Congress in the 1994 midterm. In April 1995, 59% of the public said Republicans were keeping their campaign promises; just 31% said they were not.

Four-in-ten say Democrats in Congress are keeping their campaign promises

% who say ___ in Congress are ___ they made during the campaign



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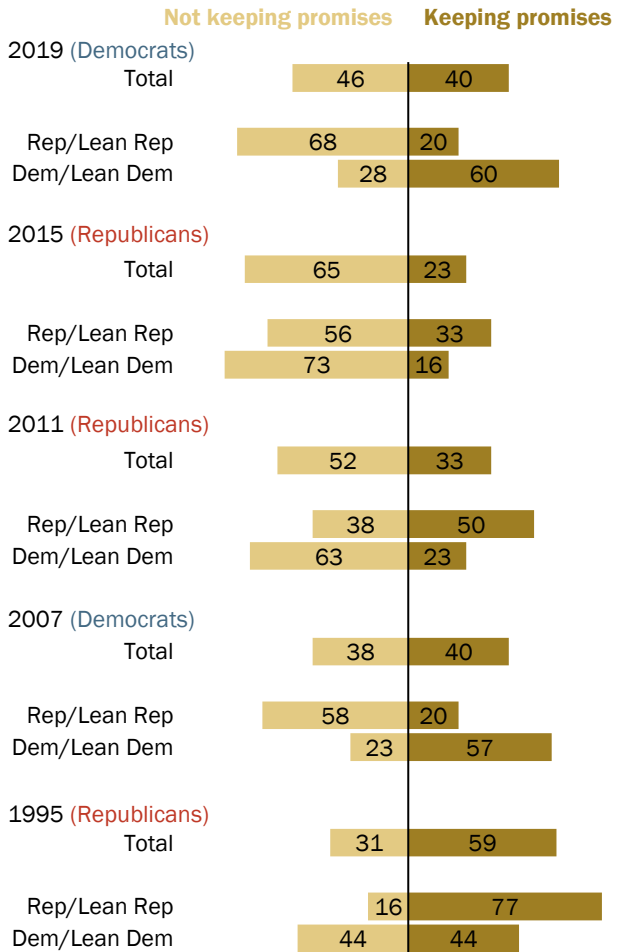
Today, Democrats have more positive views about whether their party is keeping campaign promises than Republicans did after the previous two midterms. Six-in-ten Democrats say their party’s representatives are keeping their promises. In 2015, just a third of Republicans said their party was keeping its promises; half of Republicans said this in 2011.

Democrats are about as positive about their party keeping its promises as they were in 2007, after the 2006 midterm. In March 2007, 57% of Democrats said congressional Democrats were keeping their promises – about the same share as say that today.

In 1995, 77% of Republicans said the GOP was keeping its campaign promises – the highest share among a winning party in the past two decades. Even 44% of Democrats said Republicans were keeping their promises – the highest share among a losing party over this period.

Most Democrats say congressional Dems are keeping campaign promises

% who say ___ in Congress are ___ they made during the campaign



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Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted March 20-25, 2019 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 (300 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,203 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 792 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, LLC. 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. The weighting procedure corrected for the different sampling rates. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>.

The combined landline and cell phone sample is weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2017 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 2018 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 March 20-25, 2019

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,503	3.0 percentage points
Half form	751 (min)	4.2 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	657	4.5 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep half form	326 (min)	6.4 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	708	4.4 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem half form	350 (min)	6.2 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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FINAL TOPLINE
MARCH 20-25, 2019
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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?

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Oct 18-21, 2012	32 Satis- <u>fied</u>	61 Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	8 (VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 20-25, 2019	31	63	6				
Jan 9-14, 2019	26	70	4	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	33	61	6	Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5
Jun 5-12, 2018	34	61	6	May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	33	62	6	Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	66	4	Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6
Jan 10-15, 2018	32	62	6	Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	68	6	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5
Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70	5	Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
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May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	December, 2008	13	83	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	August, 2008	21	74	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	July, 2008	19	74	7
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	June, 2008	19	76	5
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	Late May, 2008	18	76	6

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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March, 2008	22	72	6	March, 2001	47	45	8
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	January, 2001	55	41	4
October, 2007	28	66	6	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
February, 2007	30	61	9	September, 2000	51	41	8
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	June, 2000	47	45	8
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	April, 2000	48	43	9
December, 2006	28	65	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	January, 1999	53	41	6
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
July, 2006	30	65	5	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
May, 2006*	29	65	6	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
March, 2006	32	63	5	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
January, 2006	34	61	5	February, 1998	59	37	4
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	January, 1998	46	50	4
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	September, 1997	45	49	6
July, 2005	35	58	7	August, 1997	49	46	5
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	January, 1997	38	58	4
February, 2005	38	56	6	July, 1996	29	67	4
January, 2005	40	54	6	March, 1996	28	70	2
December, 2004	39	54	7	October, 1995	23	73	4
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
July, 2004	38	55	7	April, 1995	23	74	3
May, 2004	33	61	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	March, 1994	24	71	5
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	October, 1993	22	73	5
December, 2003	44	47	9	September, 1993	20	75	5
October, 2003	38	56	6	May, 1993	22	71	7
August, 2003	40	53	7	January, 1993	39	50	11
April, 2003	50	41	9	January, 1992	28	68	4
January, 2003	44	50	6	November, 1991	34	61	5
November, 2002	41	48	11	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
September, 2002	41	55	4	August, 1990	47	48	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	May, 1990	41	54	5
May, 2002	44	44	12	January, 1989	45	50	5
March, 2002	50	40	10	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
Late September, 2001	57	34	9				
Early September, 2001	41	53	6				
June, 2001	43	52	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]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 20-25, 2019	40	55	5
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](#)

NO QUESTIONS 3-9

ASK FORM 1 [N=751]:

Q.10F1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job the **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** are doing? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the job the [ITEM] are doing? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]. [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: REPEAT FULL QUESTION FOR NEXT ITEM]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a. Republican leaders in Congress			
Mar 20-25, 2019	31	63	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	29	63	8
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	71	8
Feb 7-12, 2017	34	60	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	19	73	8
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL). <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL).</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
December, 1996 ²	40	43	17
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994 ³	52	28	20
b. Democratic leaders in Congress			
Mar 20-25, 2019	33	59	8
Jun 5-12, 2018	31	59	10
Oct 25-30, 2017	29	62	9
Feb 7-12, 2017	37	55	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	34	60	6
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17

² From December, 1994 through December, 1996, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Republican leaders in Congress?"

³ In December 1994, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican Congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

Q.10 CONTINUED...

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 ⁴	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
January, 2002	54	24	22
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early September, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22

NO QUESTIONS 11-13**ASK FORM 2 [N=752]:**

Q.14F2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling his job as Speaker of the House?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 20-25, 2019	40	46	14
Paul Ryan			
Apr 5-11, 2017	29	54	17
John Boehner			
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	36	34	29
Nancy Pelosi			
July, 2007	35	37	28
June, 2007	36	33	31
April, 2007	35	30	35
March, 2007	48	22	30
Newt Gingrich			
April, 1995	44	42	15
March, 1995	44	37	19
February, 1995	38	29	33

NO QUESTIONS 15-18, 21-24, 26-32**QUESTIONS 19, 20, 25 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

⁴ In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

ASK ALL:

Q.33 As I read some pairs of opposite phrases, please tell me which one best reflects your impression of Donald Trump. (First,) does Donald Trump impress you as...**[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** Next, **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: "Does Donald Trump impress you as ..."]**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

			(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a.F1	<u>Trustworthy</u>	Not <u>trustworthy</u>		
Mar 20-25, 2019	36	61	1	1
Sep 18-24, 2018	34	61	2	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	35	59	2	3
Feb 7-12, 2017	37	59	1	3

	<u>Able to get things done</u>	Not able to get <u>things done</u>	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
b.F1				
Mar 20-25, 2019	49	47	2	2
Sep 18-24, 2018	50	46	2	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	50	46	2	3
Feb 7-12, 2017	54	40	1	4

	<u>A strong leader</u>	Not a strong <u>leader</u>	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
c.F1				
Mar 20-25, 2019	49	49	1	*
Sep 18-24, 2018	43	54	1	2
Jan 10-15, 2018	44	54	1	1
Feb 7-12, 2017	49	49	1	1

	<u>Someone who cares about people like me</u>	Someone who doesn't care about people <u>like me</u>	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
d.F1				
Mar 20-25, 2019	40	56	1	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	36	61	1	2

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	<u>Someone who cares about people like me</u>	Someone who doesn't care about people <u>like me</u>	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
d.F1				
Jan 10-15, 2018	35	62	1	2
Feb 7-12, 2017	40	56	1	3

NO ITEM e.**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:**

	<u>Even tempered</u>	Not even <u>tempered</u>	(VOL.) Neither particularly	(VOL.) DK/Ref
f.F2				
Mar 20-25, 2019	28	69	1	2
Sep 18-24, 2018	24	70	2	4
Jan 10-15, 2018	25	68	3	4
Feb 7-12, 2017	28	68	1	4

			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
g.F2		<u>Well informed</u>	<u>Neither particularly</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	Mar 20-25, 2019	42	2	2
	Sep 18-24, 2018	38	2	3
	Jan 10-15, 2018	37	1	1
	Feb 7-12, 2017	39	1	2
h.F2		<u>Keeps his promises</u>	<u>Neither particularly</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	Mar 20-25, 2019	45	2	3
	Sep 18-24, 2018	49	2	4
	Jan 10-15, 2018	39	3	4
	Feb 7-12, 2017	60	3	6
i.F2		<u>Someone who stands up for what he believes in</u>	<u>Neither particularly</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	Mar 20-25, 2019	70	3	3
	Sep 18-24, 2018	68	2	5
j.F2		<u>A good manager</u>	<u>Neither particularly</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
	Mar 20-25, 2019	39	2	2
	Feb 7-12, 2017	45	1	2

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.34F1 In making important decisions, do you think Donald Trump is **[RANDOMIZE: too impulsive, too cautious]**, or about right?

	<u>Too impulsive</u>	<u>Too cautious</u>	<u>About right</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Mar 20-25, 2019	61	4	33	2
Apr 7-11, 2017	63	2	32	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	58	4	34	4

Q.34 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In making important decisions, do you think Barack Obama is too impulsive, too cautious, or about right?

Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u>	
26	Too impulsive
20	Too cautious
46	About right
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 35-43, 45-46**QUESTION 44 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

ASK ALL:

Q.47 From what you have seen or heard about events in the new Congress, in general, do you think the Democrats in Congress are keeping the promises they made during the campaign, or not?

		--- Republicans ---		Democrats	--- Republicans ---	
		Mar 30				
Mar 20-25		May 12-18	-Apr 3	Mar	Apr	Newswek
<u>2019</u>		<u>2015</u>	<u>2011</u> ⁵	<u>2007</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Jan 1995</u>
40	Yes, keeping promises	23	33	40	59	41
46	No, not keeping promises	65	52	38	30	31
14	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	12	14	22	11	29

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Next ...

Q.48F1 How much respect do you think Donald Trump has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions? **[READ IN ORDER]**

Mar 20-25		Jun 5-12	Mar 7-14	Feb 7-12	Oct 20-25
<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
16	A great deal	18	23	18	16
24	A fair amount	20	22	22	24
26	Not too much	24	25	25	28
32	None at all	36	29	34	31
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	1	1	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.49F2 As you may know, there has been some controversy over the support Donald Trump has received from some white nationalist groups, who believe that whites should be favored in the U.S. over people of other races and ethnicities. In terms of distancing himself from these groups, do you think Trump has done too much, too little or about the right amount?

Mar 20-25		Nov 30-Dec 5
<u>2019</u>		<u>2016</u>
7	Too much	6
56	Too little	54
29	About the right amount	31
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

Q.49 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

As you may know there has been some controversy lately over the preaching of Reverend Jeremiah Wright, who has been Barack Obama's minister. In terms of distancing himself from Wright's comments, do you think Obama has done too much, too little, or about the right amount?

ABC/WaPo	
May	
<u>2008</u>	
6	Too much
27	Too little
60	About the right amount
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

⁵ In April 2011, the question was worded to specifically mention the Republicans in the House of Representatives in the aftermath of the November 2010 election: "From what you have seen or heard about events in the new Congress, in general, do you think the Republicans in the House are keeping the promises they made during the campaign, or not?"

QUESTIONS 50, 54-58, 60, 61, 64-71 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 51-53, 59, 62-63, 72-74****ASK ALL:**

On a different topic,

Q.75 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about allegations of misconduct by Donald Trump during his time in office or while he was running for president? **[READ]**

Mar 20-25

2019

80	A lot
15	A little [OR]
5	Nothing at all
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=751]:

Q.76F1 Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president do you think Trump has **[READ]**?

Mar 20-25

2019

33	Definitely done things that are illegal
31	Probably done things that are illegal
19	Probably not done things that are illegal [OR]
13	Definitely not done things that are illegal
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=752]:

Q.77F2 Just your impression, during his time in office or while he was running for president do you think Trump has **[READ]**?

Mar 20-25

2019

46	Definitely done things that are unethical
26	Probably done things that are unethical
15	Probably not done things that are unethical [OR]
11	Definitely not done things that are unethical
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Mar 20-25, 2019	26	30	37	3	1	3	14	19
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
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:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
