

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 53 SEPTEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 3-15, 2019
N=9,895**

Note on trends: Several questions have been asked both on the phone and online. These are labeled throughout the topline: "**phone trend for comparison.**" The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates. See report for more details.

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	59	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	59	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	59	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	61	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	58	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	61	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	59	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	60	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	63	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	61	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹	44	56	1

ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=9,788]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

BASED ON TOTAL:

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>		Apr 29- May 13 <u>2019</u>	Jul 30- Aug 12 <u>2018</u>	Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	Aug 8-21 <u>2017</u>	Apr 4-18 <u>2017</u>	Feb 28- Mar 12 <u>2017</u> ¹
40	NET Approve	40	40	38	36	39	44
29	Very strongly	29	31	29	26	27	30
11	Not so strongly	10	9	9	10	12	13
*	No answer	*	*	*	*	*	*
59	NET Disapprove	59	59	60	63	61	56
49	Very strongly	48	48	48	49	45	43
10	Not so strongly	10	10	12	13	15	12
*	No answer	*	*	*	*	*	*
1	No answer	1	2	2	1	1	1

ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,945]:

FUTGEN Do you think life for future generations of Americans will be...

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	
21	Better than life today
51	Worse than life today
28	About the same as life today
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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ASKS FORMS 3 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,944]

COREUSDEM2 This question is about the structure of government in this country, NOT about the people currently in office.

In general, do you think the fundamental design and structure of American government works ...

Sep 3-15
2019

19	Very well
52	Somewhat well
24	Not too well
4	Not at all well
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

NATPROBS How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?
[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS a-i; ON EACH PAGE; 2 PAGES]

	A very big <u>problem</u>	A moderately <u>big problem</u>	A small <u>problem</u>	Not a problem <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
ASK FORMS 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,941]:					
a. Terrorism					
Sep 3-15, 2019	39	39	20	2	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	34	40	23	2	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	35	37	25	3	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	53	30	13	3	1
No item b.					
c. The federal budget deficit					
Sep 3-15, 2019	53	38	8	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	35	8	2	1
d. The affordability of health care					
Sep 3-15, 2019	66	26	6	2	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	67	26	5	2	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	70	23	5	2	*
ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:					
e. Racism					
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	31	21	4	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	40	37	19	3	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	46	32	18	4	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	39	38	19	3	1
f. The affordability of a college education					
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	32	11	3	*
g. Drug addiction					
Sep 3-15, 2019	64	28	6	1	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	70	26	4	1	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	25	6	1	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	56	32	9	2	1

NATPROBS CONTINUED...

	A very big <u>problem</u>	A moderately <u>big problem</u>	A small <u>problem</u>	Not a problem <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
h. Job opportunities for all Americans					
Sep 3-15, 2019	25	38	27	9	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	25	37	26	11	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	47	40	10	2	1
ASK ALL:					
i. Illegal immigration					
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	27	24	6	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	42	26	25	6	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	44	30	21	5	1
j. Economic inequality					
Sep 3-15, 2019	44	31	18	6	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019 ²	51	30	14	5	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	54	28	12	5	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	29	9	5	1
k. Climate change					
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	24	17	10	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	46	27	18	9	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	43	28	20	9	*
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	40	26	21	12	1
l. Sexism					
Sep 3-15, 2019	26	35	29	9	*
Feb 19-March 4, 2019	26	40	28	5	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	34	35	24	7	1
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	23	36	30	10	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

THERMO

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them.

How do you feel toward **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? *[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]*

	Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No <u>Answer</u>	Mean <u>rating</u>
ASK ALL:							
a. Donald Trump							
Sep 3-15, 2019	49	7	8	10	26	1	38
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	9	22	1	35
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37	11	14	12	24	2	43
Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016	48	9	9	11	18	4	35
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	8	9	11	17	3	32
ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 [N=4,951]:							
b. Barack Obama							
Sep 3-15, 2019	25	9	12	12	42	1	58
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	30	8	10	11	40	1	55
Apr 5-May 2, 2016 ³	39	4	10	12	32	3	47

² February 2019 and prior, question asked about "The gap between the rich and poor."

³ In the Wave 16 April 2016 survey question THERMBOBAMA was asked to a split form (Form 1) of the sample [N=2,414].

THERMO CONTINUED...

	Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No <u>Answer</u>	Mean <u>rating</u>
c. Mike Pence							
Sep 3-15, 2019	41	9	22	8	19	1	39
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	44	7	21	8	19	1	38

ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 [N=4,944]:

d. Mitch McConnell							
Sep 3-15, 2019	44	11	30	8	6	2	31
e. Nancy Pelosi							
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	11	22	14	12	1	36

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS ON EACH PAGE AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].

ASK ALL:

REGULATE	Government regulation of business is necessary to <u>protect the public interest</u>	Government regulation of business usually does <u>more harm than good</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	58	41	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁴	55	43	2

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Both/Neither/
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Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	48	44	7
Sep 18-24, 2018	49	43	8
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	50	45	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	45	48	7
Aug 9-16, 2016	44	51	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	50	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	47	47	5
Feb 8-12, 2012 ⁵	40	52	7
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	47	45	8
December, 2008	47	43	10
October, 2008	50	38	12
January, 2008	41	50	9
December, 2004	49	41	10
July, 2002	54	36	10
February, 2002	50	41	9
August, 1999	48	44	8
October, 1996	45	46	9
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	43	51	6
October, 1994	38	55	7
July, 1994	41	54	5

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⁵ In Feb 8-12, 2012 survey, question was asked as a stand-alone item.

ASK ALL:

WORKHARD

	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're <u>willing to work hard</u>	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success <u>for most people</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	60	39	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018 ⁶	62	37	*

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Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	65	32	3
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	61	36	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	62	36	2
Dec 8-13, 2015	60	37	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	64	33	2
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	65	32	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	60	38	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	58	40	3
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	62	34	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	64	33	3
March, 2006	64	33	3
December, 2005	64	33	3
December, 2004	68	28	4
September, 2000	73	24	3
August, 1999	74	23	3
July, 1994	68	30	2

ASK ALL:

ALLIES

	In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making <u>compromises with them</u>	In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies <u>strongly disagree</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	68	31	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	65	33	2

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Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	59	36	5
Mar 20-25, 2019	54	40	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	55	38	7
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	51	42	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 ⁷	53	36	11
December, 2004	53	37	10

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,480]:

USASOLVE

	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and <u>get what we want</u>	This country can't solve many of its <u>important problems</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	44	2

⁶ In W40, question was called FATE.

⁷ In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.

USASOLVE CONTINUED...

	As Americans, we can always find ways to solve our problems and <u>get what we want</u>	This country can't solve many of its <u>important problems</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	59	37	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	63	33	3
Feb 27-Mar 16 2014	47	50	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	60	36	3
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	57	37	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	42	5
December, 2008	68	27	5
October, 2008	64	29	7
December, 2004	59	36	5
September, 2000	59	36	5
August, 1999	63	32	5
July, 1994	52	45	3

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:

GOVWASTE	Government is almost always <u>wasteful and inefficient</u>	Government often does a better job than people <u>give it credit for</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	56	42	2
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁸	62	37	1
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<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	55	39	6
Jun 8-18, 2017	56	40	4
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	54	40	6
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	39	4
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	40	4
Dec 3-8, 2013	55	39	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	55	39	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	61	35	4
December, 2008	53	40	7
October, 2008	57	35	8
September, 2005	56	39	5
December, 2004	47	45	8
June, 2003	48	46	6
September, 2000	52	40	8
August, 1999	51	43	6
June, 1997	59	36	5
October, 1996	56	39	5
April, 1995	63	34	3
October, 1994	64	32	4
July, 1994	66	31	3

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ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:

DISCRIM

	Racial discrimination is the main reason why many black people can't get <u>ahead these days</u>	Black people who can't get ahead in this country are mostly responsible for <u>their own condition</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	54	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁹	36	62	1
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	39	48	13
Jun 8-18, 2017	41	49	10
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	32	54	15
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	30	58	12
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	27	63	10
Jan 4-8, 2012	21	60	19
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	26	60	14
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	18	67	15
September, 2005	26	59	15
December, 2004	27	60	13
June, 2003	24	64	12
September, 2000	31	54	15
August, 1999	28	59	13
October, 1997	25	61	14
June, 1997	33	54	13
October, 1996	28	58	14
October, 1995	37	53	10
April, 1995	34	56	10
October, 1994	34	54	12
July, 1994	32	59	9

ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,944]:

VOTING

	Voting gives people like me some say about how <u>government runs things</u>	Voting by people like me doesn't really affect how <u>government runs things</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	37	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	68	31	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	61	38	1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:

IMMBURDN

	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their <u>hard work and talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, <u>housing and health care</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	61	36	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹⁰	60	37	2
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	66	24	10
Jan 9-14, 2019	62	28	10

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IMMBURDN CONTINUED...

	Immigrants today strengthen our country because of their <u>hard work and talents</u>	Immigrants today are a burden on our country because they take our jobs, <u>housing and health care</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	65	26	9
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	63	27	10
Mar 17-26, 2016	59	33	8
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	53	38	10
May 12-18, 2015	51	41	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	57	35	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	53	35	11
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	49	40	11
Mar 13-17, 2013	49	41	10
Jan 4-8, 2012	48	37	15
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	45	44	12
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	44	42	14
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	42	45	13
Jun 16-20, 2010	39	50	11
Oct 28-Nov 30, 2009	46	40	14
October, 2006	41	41	18
March, 2006	41	52	7
December, 2005	45	44	11
December, 2004	45	44	11
June, 2003	46	44	10
September, 2000	50	38	12
August, 1999	46	44	10
October, 1997	41	48	11
June, 1997	41	48	11
April, 1997	38	52	10
June, 1996	37	54	9
July, 1994	31	63	6

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:

POOREASY	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing <u>anything in return</u>	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to <u>help them live decently</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	47	50	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹¹	47	52	1
			(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	36	52	12
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	38	53	9
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	42	48	11
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	44	47	9
Dec 3-8, 2013	43	43	14
May 1-5, 2013	45	44	11
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	47	12
January, 2008	34	52	14

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POOREASY CONTINUED...

	Poor people today have it easy because they can get government benefits without doing <u>anything in return</u>	Poor people have hard lives because government benefits don't go far enough to <u>help them live decently</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
December, 2005	35	51	14
September, 2005	38	51	11
December, 2004	34	52	14
June, 2003	34	55	11
August, 1999	45	42	13
June, 1997	45	42	13
October, 1996	46	40	14
October, 1995	54	36	10
April, 1995	52	39	9
October, 1994	48	41	11
July, 1994	53	39	8

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:
GOVNEEDY

	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means <u>going deeper into debt</u>	The government today can't afford to do much <u>more to help the needy</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	49	48	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹²	54	45	2

			(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	52	40	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	50	43	7
Aug 9-16, 2016	49	45	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	46	47	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	43	51	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	41	51	8
December, 2008	55	35	10
October, 2008	51	37	12
April, 2007	63	28	9
December, 2004	57	33	10
August, 1999	57	35	8
October, 1996	46	44	10
April, 1996	49	44	7
October, 1995	47	47	6
April, 1995	46	47	7
October, 1994	50	43	7
July, 1994	48	47	5

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,471]:

	Business corporations <u>make too much profit</u>	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable <u>amount of profit</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	33	2
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	64	35	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹³	63	35	2

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BUSPROFIT CONTINUED...

<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>	Business corporations <u>make too much profit</u>	Most corporations make a fair and reasonable <u>amount of profit</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 5-16, 2019	56	38	6
Mar 20-25, 2019	56	39	5
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	59	36	5
Mar 17-26, 2016	58	37	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	57	38	5
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	56	39	4
Mar 13-17, 2013	53	41	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	54	39	7
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 (RVs)	54	39	6
December, 2008	58	35	7
October, 2008	59	33	8
December, 2005	61	33	6
December, 2004	53	39	8
June, 2003	51	42	7
July, 2002	58	33	9
February, 2002	54	39	7
September, 2000	54	38	8
August, 1999	52	42	6
June, 1997	51	43	6
October, 1996	51	42	7
October, 1995	53	43	4
April, 1995	51	44	5
October, 1994	50	44	6
July, 1994	52	43	5

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,950]:

OPENIDEN	America's openness to people from all over the world is essential to who <u>we are as a nation</u>	If America is too open to people from all over the world, we risk losing our <u>identity as a nation</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	67	32	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	64	34	2

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,950]:

ACTIVE	It's best for the future of our country to be active <u>in world affairs</u>	We should pay less attention to problems overseas and concentrate <u>on problems here at home</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	53	46	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	51	48	1

<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Sep 5-16, 2019	48	47	5
Mar 20-25, 2019	44	49	6
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	47	47	6
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	35	60	5
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	33	58	8
December, 2004	44	49	7

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,950]:

NECCGOD	It IS NOT necessary to believe in God in order to be <u>moral and</u> <u>have good values</u>	It IS necessary to believe in God in order to be <u>moral</u> <u>and have good values</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	63	36	1
Dec 4-18, 2017	66	33	*
July 7-Aug 4, 2014 ¹⁴	51	48	1

(VOL.)
Both/Neither/
DK/Ref

Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	59	39	2
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	56	42	2
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	53	45	2
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	49	48	3
December, 2004	46	51	3
March, 2002	50	47	3

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:

MARRFAM	Society is better off if people make marriage and <u>having children a priority</u>	Society is just as well off if people have priorities other <u>than marriage and children</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	33	65	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	40	57	3
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	39	57	4

ASK FORM 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,945]:

PEACESTR	The best way to ensure peace is through <u>military strength</u>	Good diplomacy is the <u>best way to ensure peace</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	26	73	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹⁵	33	65	2

(VOL.)
Both/Neither/
DK/Ref

Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	28	62	10
Jun 8-18, 2017	30	61	9
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	36	57	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	56	9
Jul 14-20, 2015	30	58	12
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	30	62	8
Dec 3-8, 2013	31	57	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	31	58	11
October, 2006	28	57	15
December, 2004	30	55	15
August, 1999	33	55	12
October, 1996	36	53	11
October, 1995	36	59	5
April, 1995	35	58	7
October, 1994	40	52	8
July, 1994	36	58	6

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ASK ALL:

RACESURV12 When it comes to giving black people equal rights with whites, do you think our country has... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

	Gone <u>too far</u>	Not gone <u>far enough</u>	Been <u>about right</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	14	43	43	1
Jan 22-Feb 5, 2019	15	45	39	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

GOVT_ROLE Which statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

	Government should <u>do more to solve problems</u>	Government is doing too many things better left to <u>businesses and individuals</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	43	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	58	40	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	55	43	2
Feb 26-March 11, 2018	55	42	2
Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017	56	43	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	53	44	2
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015	47	51	2

ASK FORM 1 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,941]:

USSUCSS In your view, has the U.S. been successful more because of... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

	Its ability <u>to change</u>	Its reliance on <u>long-standing principles</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	52	46	2
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	47	46	7
Jun 8-18, 2017	52	43	5
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	51	43	5
Feb 12-Mar 26, 2014	51	44	5

ASK FORM 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:

USEXCEPT Which of these statements best describes your opinion about the United States? **[READ IN ORDER; REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF OF SAMPLE]**

	The U.S. stands above all other countries <u>in the world</u>	The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along <u>with some others</u>	There are other countries that are better than <u>the U.S.</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	24	55	21	1
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>				
Sep 5-16, 2019	29	52	17	2
Jun 8-18, 2017	29	56	14	1
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	32	52	15	1
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	28	58	12	1
Mar 8-14, 2011	38	53	8	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

ETHNCMAJ

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the next 25 to 30 years, African Americans, Latinos, and people of Asian descent will make up a majority of the population. In general, do you think that this is...

	Good <u>for the country</u>	Bad <u>for the country</u>	Neither good nor bad for <u>the country</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	21	13	66	1
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	24	17	58	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	22	63	1

ASK ALL:

ELITEUND

Thinking about people in top leadership positions in business and technology. In general, do you think they understand the challenges people like you face in their daily lives...

	Very <u>well</u>	Somewhat <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at all <u>well</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	4	27	46	22	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

GAYMARR2

As you may know, same-sex marriage is now legal in the U.S. Do you think this is a...

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>		Feb 25- Mar 11 <u>2018</u>
35	Very good thing for our society	31
25	Somewhat good thing for our society	25
16	Somewhat bad thing for our society	18
21	Very bad thing for our society	24
2	No answer	2

ASK ALL:

BUSPOWER3

All in all, do you think major corporations in this country today have... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	
4	Too little power
73	Too much power
22	About the right amount of power
1	No answer

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:

POLRULES

Which comes closer to your view? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS]**

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>		Jan 29- Feb 13 <u>2018</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>
20	In politics, it's sometimes necessary to bend the rules in order to get things done	19	28
78	In politics, it's important to respect the rules, even if it sometimes makes it harder to get things done	79	70
1	No answer	1	2

ASK ALL:

WHADVANT In general, how much do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	29	29	23	18	1
Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 ¹⁶	30	28	25	16	2
Aug 8-Aug 21, 2017	26	29	28	16	1
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	24	29	25	19	2

ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,950]:

CLIM1A On the topic of climate change...

Which of these three statements about the Earth's temperature comes closest to your view?
[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

		May 10- June 6 <u>2016</u>
Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>		
52	The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels	45
17	The Earth is getting warmer mostly because of natural patterns in the Earth's environment	26
21	There is no solid evidence that the Earth is getting warmer	14
9	Not sure	14
*	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

UNIONDROP As you may know, over the past several decades there has been a large reduction in the percentage of workers who are represented by unions. Do you think this has been...
[REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF SAMPLE]

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>	
12	Very good for the country
29	Somewhat good for the country
38	Somewhat bad for the country
18	Very bad for the country
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

Next are a few more pairs of statements. Again, please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].**

ASK ALL:

LAWCOST	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt <u>the economy</u>	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are <u>worth the cost</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	33	65	2
			(VOL.)
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	35	61	5

¹⁶ In Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 and prior, question was worded: "How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?"

LAWCOST CONTINUED...

	Stricter environmental laws and regulations cost too many jobs and hurt <u>the economy</u>	Stricter environmental laws and regulations are <u>worth the cost</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Jan 9-14, 2019	30	63	6
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	37	59	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	34	59	7
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	39	54	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	36	59	4
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	39	56	5
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	39	53	7
November, 2007	27	63	10
July, 2006	31	57	12
March, 2006	29	65	6
December, 2005	37	56	7
December, 2004	31	60	9
September, 2000	31	61	8
August, 1999	28	65	7
October, 1996	30	63	7
October, 1995	35	61	4
April, 1995	39	57	4
October, 1994	32	62	6
July, 1994	33	62	5

ASK ALL:

ECONFAIR	The economic system in this country unfairly <u>favors powerful interests</u>	The economic system in this country is generally <u>fair to most Americans</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	70	29	1
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	71	28	1

Phone trend for comparison:

Sep 5-16, 2019	60	37	3
Mar 20-25, 2019	63	34	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	63	33	4
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	65	32	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	66	31	2
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	65	31	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	62	33	4
Jan 29-Feb 9, 2014	62	34	4

ASK ALL:

WOMENOBS	The obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead <u>are now largely gone</u>	There are still significant obstacles that make it harder for women <u>to get ahead than men</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	57	1
Feb 26, Mar 11, 2018	42	56	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	45	53	3

ASK ALL:

ACCEPTLG

	Homosexuality should be accepted <u>by society</u>	Homosexuality should be discouraged <u>by society</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	65	32	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹⁷	69	29	3

(VOL.)Both/Neither/
DK/Ref*Phone trend for comparison:*

Sep 5-16, 2019	68	23	8
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	70	24	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	63	28	10
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	60	30	9
May 12-18, 2015	63	30	6
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	62	31	7
May 1-5, 2013	60	31	8
Mar 13-17, 2013	57	36	7
Jan 4-8, 2012	56	32	12
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	58	33	8
October, 2006 ¹⁸	51	38	11
December, 2004	49	44	7
June, 2003	47	45	8
September, 2000	50	41	9
August, 1999	49	44	7
October, 1997	46	48	6
June, 1997	45	50	5
October, 1996	44	49	7
April, 1996	44	49	7
October, 1995	45	50	5
April, 1995	47	48	5
October, 1994	46	48	6
July, 1994	46	49	5

ASK ALL:

IMMCULT2

	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American <u>customs and values</u>	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens <u>American society</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	41	57	2
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	45	53	3
Dec 4-Dec 18, 2017	44	54	2
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	49	47	4

(VOL.)Both/Neither/
DK/Ref*Phone trend for comparison:*

Sep 5-16, 2019	33	61	6
Dec 8-13, 2015	42	51	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	35	59	6
Mar 13-17, 2013	43	52	6
Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011	39	52	9
Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	38	49	13

¹⁷

The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

¹⁸

In October, 2006 and earlier, both answer choices began: "Homosexuality is a way of life that should be..."

IMMCULT CONTINUED...

	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American <u>customs and values</u>	The growing number of newcomers from other countries <u>strengthens American society</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ DK/Ref
Jun 16-20, 2010	44	44	12
November, 2007	50	40	10
March, 2006	48	45	7
December, 2004	40	50	10

ASK ALL:

POORASSIST Thinking about the assistance government provides to people in need. Do you think the government...

[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; ALWAYS KEEP 3 LAST]

Sep 3-15

2019

40	Should provide more assistance
26	Should provide less assistance
33	Is providing about the right amount of assistance
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

SUPERPWR In the future, do you think **[RANDOMIZE]**...

	U.S. policies should try to keep it so America is the only military <u>superpower</u>	It would be acceptable if another country became as militarily <u>powerful as the U.S.</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	61	36	3
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	60	33	7
April 12-19, 2016	55	36	9

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In the future, should U.S. policies try to keep it so America is the only military superpower, OR would it be acceptable if China, another country or the European Union became as militarily powerful as the U.S.?

	U.S. policies should keep U.S. as <u>the only superpower</u>	OK if China, another country, or the EU became <u>as powerful</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	56	32	11
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	57	29	14
Late October, 2005	50	35	15

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK FORM 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,950]:**

TAXSYSM Overall would you say that our present federal tax system is...

	Very <u>fair</u>	Moderately <u>fair</u>	Not too <u>fair</u>	Not fair <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	2	35	39	23	1
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>					
Sep 5-16, 2019	4	37	29	28	2
Mar 20-25, 2019	5	41	30	23	2

TAXSYSM CONTINUED...

	Very <u>fair</u>	Moderately <u>fair</u>	Not too <u>fair</u>	Not fair <u>at all</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Oct 25-30, 2017	3	38	32	26	1
Apr 5-11, 2017	2	40	29	27	1
Feb 18-22, 2015	4	46	24	24	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	3	40	31	24	3
CNN: Apr 9-11, 2010	4	45	30	20	1
NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: March 2003	4	47	32	16	1
Time/CNN: March 1997	3	42	31	23	2
Time/CNN: May 1985	2	41	31	24	2

ASK FORM 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,945]:

YOURTAXES Considering what you get from the federal government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of taxes, less than your fair share, or about the right amount?

	More than <u>fair share</u>	Less than <u>fair share</u>	About the <u>right amount</u>	No <u>answer</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Sep 3-15, 2019	51	8	40	1	
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>					
Sep 5-16, 2019	39	2	56	3	
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	5	54	2	
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	40	4	54	2	
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	4	53	2	
Dec 7-11, 2011	38	5	52	5	
Mar 11-21, 2010	43	3	50	3	
Feb, 2000	55	1	41	3	
Oct, 1997	52	2	45	1	

TREND FOR COMPARISON

Considering what you get from the FEDERAL government, do you think you pay more than your fair share of federal taxes, less than your fair share, or about your fair share?

	More than <u>fair share</u>	Less than <u>fair share</u>	About the <u>right amount</u>	(VOL.) DK/Ref
NPR/Kaiser/Harvard: May, 2000	55	2	42	1

RANDOMIZE TAXRATES250 AND TAXRATESBUS

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:

TAXRATES250 Should tax rates on household income over \$250,000 be...

REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE, KEEP SAME ORDER ON BOTH ITEMS

	NET <u>Raised</u>	<i>Raised a lot</i>	<i>Raised a little</i>	NET <u>Lowered</u>	<i>Lowered a lot</i>	<i>Lowered a little</i>	Kept the same <u>as they are now</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	58	22	36	16	11	5	22	4

RANDOMIZE TAXRATES250 AND TAXRATESBUS

ASK FORMS 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,954]:

TAXRATESBUS Should tax rates on large businesses and corporations be...

REVERSE ORDER OF RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE, KEEP SAME ORDER ON BOTH ITEMS

	NET <u>Raised</u>	<i>Raised a lot</i>	<i>Raised a little</i>	NET <u>Lowered</u>	<i>Lowered a lot</i>	<i>Lowered a little</i>	Kept the same <u>as they are now</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Sep 3-15, 2019	68	42	27	11	8	3	16	4

ASK ALL:
ISLMVIOL

Which statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right?
[RANDOMIZE]

	The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence <u>among its believers</u>	The Islamic religion does not encourage violence <u>more than others</u>	No answer
Sep 3-15, 2019	48	48	4
Apr 5-May 2, 2019	52	43	5
			(VOL.)
			Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>Phone trend for comparison:</i>			
Sep 5-16, 2019	40	49	11
Jun 8-18, 2017	43	49	8
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	41	49	10
Dec 8-13, 2015	46	45	9
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	39	11
Jul 8-14, 2014	43	44	13
Feb 12-26, 2014	38	50	12
May 1-5, 2013	42	46	13
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	40	42	18
Aug 19-22, 2010	35	42	24
Aug 11-17, 2009	38	45	16
August, 2007	45	39	16
July, 2005	36	47	17
July, 2004	46	37	17
Mid-July, 2003	44	41	15
March, 2002	25	51	24

ASK IF FORMS 1 AND 2 ONLY [N=4,951]:

GOVTHC Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage?

ASK IF GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=1) [N=2,988]:

SNGLPYER Should health insurance... **[RANDOMIZE]**

ASK IF NOT GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY (GOVTHC=2) [N=1,937]:

NOGOVTHC Should the government... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>		July 22- Aug 4, <u>2019</u>
59	Yes, it is	62
30	<i>Be provided through a single national health insurance system run by the government</i>	30
28	<i>Continue to be provided through a mix of private insurance companies and government programs</i>	30
1	<i>No answer</i>	1
41	No, it is not	37
6	<i>Not be involved in providing health insurance at all</i>	6
35	<i>Continue programs like Medicare and Medicaid for seniors and the very poor</i>	31
*	<i>No answer</i>	*
*	No answer	1

GOVTHC CONTINUED...

Phone trend for comparison:

	Yes, government <u>responsibility</u>	No, not government <u>responsibility</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	56	42	2
July 10-15, 2019	53	44	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	60	37	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	60	38	2
Mar 17-26, 2016	51	46	2
Jan 23-Feb 9, 2014	47	50	3
Gallup: Nov 7-10, 2013	42	56	2
Gallup: Nov 15-18, 2012	44	54	2
Gallup: Nov 3-6, 2011	50	46	4
Gallup: Nov 4-7, 2010	47	50	3
Gallup: Nov 5-8, 2009	47	50	3
Gallup: November, 2008	54	41	5
Gallup: November, 2007	64	33	3
Gallup: November, 2006	69	28	3
Gallup: November, 2005	58	38	4
Gallup: November, 2004	64	34	2
Gallup: November, 2003	59	39	2
Gallup: November, 2002	62	35	3
Gallup: November, 2001	62	34	4
Gallup: September, 2000	64	31	5
Gallup: January, 2000	59	38	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTION PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,945]:**

GLOBALECON Do you think U.S. involvement in the global economy...

Sep 3-15 <u>2019</u>		July 7- Aug 4, <u>2014</u> ¹⁹
73	Is a good thing because it provides the U.S. with new markets and opportunities for growth	61
24	Is a bad thing because it lowers wages and costs jobs in the U.S.	39
3	No answer	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...²⁰

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
27	31	29	13	1	18	21

¹⁹ The 5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.²⁰ Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.