

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

QUESTIONS 1-2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:**

Q.3F1 Looking ahead, as far as you are concerned, do you think that 2019 will be better or worse than 2018?

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-14, 2019	47	43	10
Jan 10-15, 2018	61	29	11
Jan 4-9, 2017	49	42	9
Jan 7-14, 2016	56	30	14
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	49	42	9
Jan 15-19, 2014	56	35	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	55	36	9
Jan 11-16, 2012	57	29	14
Dec 1-5, 2010	55	31	14
Jan 6-10, 2010	67	26	8
Jan 7-11, 2009	52	37	11
December, 2007	50	34	16
December, 2006	57	28	15
December, 1999	66	19	15
December, 1998	59	25	16
December, 1994	59	28	13
Gallup: December, 1993	64	20	16
Gallup: December, 1992	61	11	28
Gallup: December, 1991	61	31	8
Gallup: December, 1990	48	42	10
Gallup: December, 1986	53	25	22
Gallup: December, 1985	64	20	17
Gallup: December, 1984	61	20	19
Gallup: December, 1982	50	32	18
Gallup: December, 1981	41	44	15

ASK IF 'BETTER' OR 'WORSE' in Q.3F1 (Q3F1=1,2):

Q.4F1 Why do you think 2019 will be [INSERT ANSWER FROM Q. 3F1]? [OPEN-END. PROBE ONCE IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "DON'T KNOW". ACCEPT UP TO THREE RESPONSES]

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID 2019 WILL BE BETTER [N=352]:

Jan 9-14

2019

16	Trump
15	Economy/Jobs/Stock market/Trade/Taxes
15	General optimism
10	Can't get worse/better than 2018
10	Midterm outcome optimism (Democrats)/Trump blocked/Trump checked/divided gov't.
8	Immigration/Secure borders/Wall
4	Personal reasons
4	People will be better/come together
4	Trump presidency is ending/possible impeachment/halfway through term
4	Increased bipartisanship/working together
3	Country on the right track
1	Know what the problems are/Try harder

Q.4F1 CONTINUED...

Jan 9-14

2019

1 Trade deals/Trade issues will be resolved
 13 Other
 3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAID 2019 WILL BE WORSE [N=338]:

Jan 9-14

2019

37 Trump
 13 Midterms/Democratic party in congress/Trump Rep & Dem conflict/Liberals general
 13 General political instability
 12 Economy/Jobs/Debt/Financial bubble
 12 Shutdown
 7 Immigration issues/Wall
 2 Trade/Trade war/Tariffs
 2 Health care/ACA repeal
 1 Potential for war/global conflict
 1 Environment/Climate change
 1 Racism/Race relations
 11 Other
 1 DK/Ref

See year ahead trend from 2018 and 2017 [here](#)**NO QUESTIONS 5-9, 11-16, 19-24, 26-28, 31-49, 54, 64-68, 72-82, 84-85, 89, 93-96****QUESTIONS 10, 17-18, 25, 29-30, 50-53, 55-63, 69-71, 83c, 86-88, 90-92, 97-98 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTION 83 ADDITIONAL ITEMS 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
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				<u>preference</u>	<u>party</u>			
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	--	--	--	--	--

QUESTIONS 99-100 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
