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Field Dates: November 27-28, 2018
This survey was conducted online within the United States from November 27-28, 2018 among 1,407 registered voters by The Harris Poll.

Results were weighted for age within gender, region, race/ethnicity, marital status, household size, income, employment, education, political party, and political ideology where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents’ propensity to be online.

Pollsters Mark Penn, Prof. Stephen Ansolabehere, and Dritan Nesho supervised the poll.
APPROVAL AND MOOD OF COUNTRY
PRESIDENT TRUMP’S JOB APPROVAL RATING HAS REMAINED STEADY AND IN THE MID-40S SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2018

President Trump Overall Approval

Approve (NET)  Disapprove (NET)

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
M3 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President of the United States?
VOTERS CREDIT TRUMP ON HIS HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY, FIGHTING TERRORISM, AND STIMULATING JOBS

Approve Trump on...
(Strongly or Somewhat Approve)

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M3A Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Trump is doing on ...?
VOTERS’ IMPRESSION OF DIRECTION OF COUNTRY IS STEADY – SLIGHT MAJORITY STILL BELIEVE THE COUNTRY IS ON THE WRONG TRACK

County: Right Track / Wrong Track

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

M1 In general, do you think the country is on the right track or is it off on the wrong track?

CONFIDENCE IN THE ECONOMY REMAINS JUST BELOW 50%; WE’RE SEEING A SLIGHT DOWNTREND SINCE SEPTEMBER

US Economy: Right Track / Wrong Track

Right track
Wrong track
Don't know / Unsure

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
M2 In general, do you think the American economy is on the right track or is it off on the wrong track?
NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF VOTERS BELIEVE THE US ECONOMY IS STRONG TODAY

How strong do you think the U.S. economy is today?

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

I3 How strong do you think the U.S. economy is today?
FEWER VOTERS SAY THEIR FINANCIAL SITUATION IS IMPROVING COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTHS

Would you say that your personal financial situation is improving or getting worse?

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

I4 Would you say that your personal financial situation is improving or getting worse?
GOP APPROVAL IMPROVED SLIGHT AS WELL, NOW AT 43%

GOP Approval

Approve  Disapprove

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
M4 Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Republican Party is handling its job?
DEMOCRATIC PARTY APPROVAL JUMPED UP FOLLOWING THE MIDTERMS, NOW AT 46% AND TIED WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
MS Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Democratic Party is handling its job?
PRESIDENT OBAMA, JOE BIDEN AND BERNIE SANDERS ARE THE THREE MOST FAVORED POLITICAL FIGURES UNDER STUDY; TRUMP EFFECTIVELY TIED WITH CLINTON

### Favorability of Political Figures and Groups

- **Very favorable**
- **Favorable**
- **Never heard of them**
- **No opinion**
- **Unfavorable**
- **Very unfavorable**

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F1 Now we will show you some names. Please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable view of that person - or if you’ve never heard of them.
TOP ISSUES FOR VOTERS: HEALTHCARE, IMMIGRATION, ECONOMY AND GUNS

Most Important Issues Facing the Country

- Health care: 37%
- Immigration: 35%
- Economy and jobs: 26%
- Guns: 25%
- National debt / federal budget deficits: 22%
- Terrorism / national security: 21%
- Environment / climate change: 19%
- Crime and drugs: 14%
- Taxes: 12%
- Race relations: 12%
- Corruption: 12%
- School safety: 10%
- Education: 10%
- Income inequality: 8%
- Foreign policy: 8%
- Cybersecurity: 7%
- Criminal justice (policing, courts, prisons): 7%
- Defense: 6%
- Political correctness: 6%
- Women’s rights: 5%
- Other: 1%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
11 What would you say are the most important issues facing the country today? Please select three.
MIDTERM RESULTS AND NEW CONGRESS
MOST REGISTERED VOTERS SAY THEY VOTED IN THE MIDTERMS; A MAJORITY REPORT HAVING VOTED DEMOCRAT

Did you vote in the Congressional midterm elections on November 6th, or did you not have the chance to?

- I voted: 86%
- I did not have the chance to vote: 14%

Did you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate in your district?

- Democratic candidate: 55%
- Republican candidate: 41%
- Other: 4%
- Unsure: 1%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

MID1101: Did you vote in the Congressional midterm elections on November 6th, or did you not have the chance to?
MID1102: Did you vote for the Democratic or Republican candidate in your district?
MAJORITIES OF BOTH PARTIES ARE SATISFIED WITH THE ELECTION OUTCOME; A PLURALITY SAY THE ELECTION WAS A WIN FOR THE DEMS

Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the result of the [midterm] election?

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Which comes closest to your view about November's midterm elections?

- The election was a clear win for the Democratic Party: 43%
- The election was a clear win for the Republican Party: 17%
- The election was a draw: 40%

67% of DEM say they won
33% of GOP say they won
57% of non-voters and 50% of INDYs say it was a draw

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MID1103: On election day, Democrats gained at least 38 seats in the House of Representatives and 7 governorships, while Republicans retained control of the Senate and gained 2 seats there, leading to a split Congress.
Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the outcome of the election?
MID1104: Which comes closest to your view about November’s midterm elections?
MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY TRUMP DID ABOUT THE SAME OR BETTER THAN PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS IN THE MIDTERMS; PLURALITY SAY HE DID WORSE

Do you think that Donald Trump performed better, worse, or about the same as past Presidents in the midterm elections?

- Better: 29%
- Worse: 43%
- About the same: 27%

Should Democrats in the House of Representatives re-elect Nancy Pelosi as the next Speaker of the House or is it time for a new leader?

- Re-elect Nancy Pelosi: 67%
- Time for a new leader: 33%

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VOTERS OVERWHELMINGLY SEE TODAY’S CONGRESS AS DYSFUNCTIONAL

Do you believe that Congress today functions well and gets things done for the American people, or is Congress dysfunctional and very little gets done for the American people?

- Congress functions well and gets things done for the American people
- Congress is dysfunctional and very little gets done for the American people

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CONGRESS1101: Do you believe that Congress today functions well and gets things done for the American people, or is Congress dysfunctional and very little gets done for the American people?
CONGRESS1102: Do you think that the problems in Congress are mostly the fault of both parties’ leaders or the rank-and-file members?
VOTERS SPLIT BLAME BETWEEN PARTLY LEADERS AND RANK-AND-FILE MEMBERS

Do you think that the problems in Congress are mostly the fault of both parties' leaders or the rank-and-file members?

- Party leaders: 48%
- Rank and file members: 43%
- No significant problems with Congress: 9%

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VOTERS SUPPORT A PROCEDURALS CHANGE TO ALLOW AMENDMENTS WITH BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

Would you like to see the rules of Congress changed to allow amendments to a bill to come to vote when they have significant bipartisan support?

- Yes: 56%
- No: 15%
- Not sure: 30%

Would you like to see the rules of Congress changed to allow bills with two-thirds bipartisan support to reach the floor of each chamber for a vote even when the majority of the party in power rejects calling for a vote?

- Yes: 49%
- No: 18%
- Not sure: 32%

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CONGRESS1106: Would you like to see the rules of Congress changed to allow amendments to a bill to come to vote when they have significant bipartisan support?

CONGRESS1105: Would you like to see the rules of Congress changed to allow bills with two-thirds bipartisan support to reach the floor of each chamber for a vote even when the majority of the party in power rejects calling for a vote?
VOTERS PREFER COMPROMISE OVER GRIDLOCK

Do you support or oppose your member of Congress withholding their vote for the next Speaker of the House until these rule changes are enacted by Congress?

- Support (NET): 32%
- Not sure: 24%
- Oppose (NET): 45%

Do you think that Democrats and Republicans in the next Congress should stick to their principles even if it means gridlock and lack of compromise, or work across party lines to get things done even if it means that they need to compromise?

- Stick to their principles even if it means gridlock and lack of compromise: 27%
- Work across party lines to get things done even if it means that they need to compromise: 73%

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**Top Issues for New Congress to Address – Rank Top 3**

- Boosting the economy and jobs: 27%
- Increasing border security: 23%
- Fighting the national debt and federal budget deficits: 22%
- Protecting healthcare coverage for pre-existing conditions: 22%
- Pushing through healthcare reform: 21%
- Protecting against gun violence: 21%
- Pushing through immigration reform: 17%
- Enhancing national security: 17%
- Protecting the Affordable Care Act: 16%
- Fighting climate change: 16%
- Protecting the environment: 15%
- Protecting the Special Counsel’s Russia investigation: 12%
- Enhancing school security: 10%
- Fighting income inequality: 10%
- Fighting for better trade deals: 8%
- Pushing through education reform: 8%
- Pushing through criminal justice reforms: 7%
- Fighting the opioid crisis: 7%
- Protecting women from sexual harassment and the Me Too movement: 7%
- Protecting journalists abroad: 3%
TOP ISSUES FOR CONGRESS: HEALTHCARE, IMMIGRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Top Issues for New Congress to Address – Rank 1

- Increasing border security: 10%
- Boosting the economy and jobs: 9%
- Protecting healthcare coverage for pre-existing conditions: 8%
- Protecting against gun violence: 7%
- Pushing through healthcare reform: 7%
- Protecting the Affordable Care Act: 7%
- Fighting the national debt and federal budget deficits: 6%
- Pushing through immigration reform: 5%
- Enhancing national security: 5%
- Protecting the Special Counsel’s Russia investigation: 5%
- Protecting the environment: 4%
- Fighting climate change: 4%
- Enhancing school security: 4%
- Pushing through education reform: 2%
- Fighting income inequality: 2%
- Fighting for better trade deals: 2%
- Pushing through criminal justice reforms: 2%
- Fighting the opioid crisis: 2%
- Protecting women from sexual harassment / Me Too movement: 2%
- Protecting journalists abroad: 1%

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TOP ISSUES FOR CONGRESS: HEALTHCARE, IMMIGRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Top Issues for New Congress to Address – Rank 2

- Boosting the economy and jobs: 9%
- Pushing through healthcare reform: 7%
- Protecting against gun violence: 7%
- Protecting healthcare coverage for pre-existing conditions: 7%
- Fighting the national debt and federal budget deficits: 7%
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- Enhancing school security: 3%
- Fighting the opioid crisis: 3%
- Protecting women from sexual harassment / Me Too movement: 3%
- Pushing through criminal justice reforms: 3%
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KEY ISSUES
VOTERS SUPPORT AN IMMIGRATION DEAL

Would you favor or oppose the new Congress reaching a deal that gives undocumented immigrants brought here by their parents work permits and a path to citizenship in exchange for increasing merit preference over preference for relatives, eliminating the diversity visa lottery, and funding barrier security on the U.S.-Mexico border?

63% Favor
37% Oppose

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VOTERS SUPPORT TRUMP’S TARIFFS SO LONG AS THEY RESULT IN REDUCED TRADE DEFICIT, IP PROTECTION, AND KEEPING JOBS

Should the new Congress support or oppose the President’s tariffs and trade policies if they are aimed at reducing U.S. trade deficits, protecting American intellectual property, and keeping jobs at home?

- Support: 65%
- Oppose: 35%

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VOTERS SUPPORT TRUMP TARIFFS EVEN IF IT COULD MEAN HIGHER CONSUMER PRICES

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TRADE1102: Should the new Congress support or oppose the President’s tariffs and trade policies if they are aimed at reducing U.S. trade deficits and keeping jobs at home but lead to higher consumer prices and take time to come about?
VOTERS ARE OK WITH REINING IN SPENDING EVEN IF IT MEANS STAGNANT GROWTH; OVERWHELMING SUPPORT TO RAISE MINIMUM AGE TO BUY A GUN TO 21

Should the new Congress take steps to rein in government spending and control the federal deficit even if it results in slower economic growth?

- Yes: 73%
- No: 27%

**BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)**

SPEND1101: Should the new Congress take steps to rein in government spending and control the federal deficit even if it results in slower economic growth?

GUNS1101: Should the new Congress pass legislation to raise the minimum age for purchasing guns from 18 to 21 years old?
There is overwhelming support to raise minimum age to buy a gun to 21

Should the new Congress pass legislation to raise the minimum age for purchasing guns from 18 to 21 years old?

- Yes: 76%
- No: 24%

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VOTERS OPPOSE USING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN TO LEVERAGE POLITICAL MOTIVES; BUT SLIGHT MAJORITY DO NOT SUPPORT APPROVING A BORDER WALL IN ORDER TO AVOID A SHUTDOWN

Do you support or oppose Congress and the President threatening to stop funding to the federal government and partially shutting it down as a way of forcing through their policies in a government spending bill?

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Should Congressional Democrats approve funding for a border wall to avoid a partial government shutdown on December 7th?

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VOTERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT PROTECT MUELLER’S POSITION IF IT MEANT AVOIDING A SHUTDOWN; MOST VOTERS SAY COMPROMISE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SHUTDOWN

Should the President approve a measure that would protect the Special Counsel from being removed by a new Attorney General in order to avoid a partial government shutdown on December 7th?

- Yes: 61%
- No: 39%

Should Congress and the President work to compromise to avoid a government shutdown or should they stick to their principles even if it means shutting down the government?

- Compromise: 69%
- Stick to their principles: 31%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

BUDGET1103: Should the President approve a measure that would protect the Special Counsel from being removed by a new Attorney General in order to avoid a partial government shutdown on December 7th?

BUDGET1104: Congress has to pass a bill by December 7th to fund the government or the government will shut down. Many agencies, including high profile entities like the Department of Homeland Security, will shut down until this issue has resolved. Donald Trump has threatened to veto any bill that does not include funding for a border wall. Democrats have indicated that they will add a measure protecting Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation to the spending bill and do not support funding for a border wall.

Should Congress and the President work to compromise to avoid a government shutdown or should they stick to their principles even if it means shutting down the government?
A PLURALITY OF VOTERS ARE OK WITH THE RATE THE FED IS RAISING RATES; A SLIM MAJORITY TRUST THE FED TO RAISE RATES RESPONSIBLY

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**Trust to raise rates responsibly**

**They are moving too fast**

**BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)**

FED1001: Is the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank raising interest rates too quickly, too slowly or about right?

QFED1002: Do you trust the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank to raise interest rates responsibly or do you think they are moving too fast?
MOST AMERICAN VOTERS ACKNOWLEDGE THE RISK OF RAISING RATES TOO QUICKLY COULD CREATE A RECESSION

Do you think if the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank raises interest rates too quickly it could create an economic recession or is that not likely?

- Could create an economic recession: 72%
- An economic recession is not likely: 28%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
QFED1003: Do you think if the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank raises interest rates too quickly it could create an economic recession or is that not likely?
Do you think it is appropriate for a President to criticize the Federal Reserve for raising its interest rates too quickly if they think this action is hurting the economy, or should a President not comment on how the Federal Reserve handles interest rates and policy in order not to threaten the independence of the bank?

Appropriate for a President to criticize the Federal Reserve if they think it’s hurting the economy: 54%

President should not comment in order not to threaten the independence of the Federal Reserve: 46%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

FED1101: Do you think it is appropriate for a President to criticize the Federal Reserve for raising its interest rates too quickly if they think this action is hurting the economy, or should a President not comment on how the Federal Reserve handles interest rates and policy in order not to threaten the independence of the bank?
IRRESPICITIVE OF FRAMING, US VOTERS ARE SKEPTICAL OF THE JUDICIARY’S POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE

Do you think federal judges today are mostly independent and ruling just on the basis of the law or are they influenced by politics and ruling more and more on their political views?

- Mostly independent and ruling just on the basis of the law: 66%
- Influenced by politics and ruling more and more on their political views: 34%

Do you believe that today in America we have a strong and independent judiciary or do we have Trump and Obama judges who make decision on the basis of their political views as much as the law?

- Strong and independent judiciary: 56%
- Trump and Obama judges who make decision on the basis of their political views as much as the law: 44%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407) – SPLIT SAMPLE

JUDICIAL1101A: Do you think federal judges today are mostly independent and ruling just on the basis of the law or are they influenced by politics and ruling more and more on their political views? [n=705]

JUDICIAL1101B: Do you believe that today in America we have a strong and independent judiciary or do we have Trump and Obama judges who make decision on the basis of their political views as much as the law? [n=702]
SLIGHT MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY THE MEDIA HAS BEEN FAIR TO DONALD TRUMP

Do you think the media has been fair or unfair to Donald Trump?

- **Fair**: 55% in May 2018, 53% in June 2018, 47% in Aug 2018, 53% in Sep 18, 47% in Oct 18, 45% in Nov 18
- **Unfair**: 45% in May 2018, 47% in June 2018, 53% in Aug 2018, 53% in Sep 18, 53% in Oct 18, 55% in Nov 18

**BASE**: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

QINV511: Do you think the media has been fair or unfair to Donald Trump?
MEDIA1101: Which is closest to your view?
BUT VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER THE WHITE HOUSE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUSPEND CREDENTIALS OF JOURNALISTS DEEMED DISRUPTIVE

Which is closer to your opinion?

The White House should be able to suspend journalists from the President’s Press Corps if they are confrontational and disruptive instead of asking questions and reporting

48%

Journalists should be able to engage with the President and White House officials freely and in the way they judge appropriate and should not be suspended for challenging officials even if they are seen as confrontational or disruptive

52%
WHEN SELF-IDENTIFYING, GOP VOTERS MOST OFTEN DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS “CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS” AND FOR DEMOCRATS: “OBAMA DEMOCRAT”

Self-ID Labels of GOP Voters – Top 3

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LABEL1101R. Which of the following labels do you most identify with as a Republican/Democrat?
Please rank your top three labels. Next to the first-ranked label, enter “1”, next to the second-ranked label, enter “2”; next to the third-ranked label, enter “3.”
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**Self-ID Labels of GOP Voters – Rank 1**

- Conservative Republican: 6%
- Trump Republican: 5%
- Christian Conservative: 4%
- Fiscal Conservative: 3%

**Self-ID Labels of GOP Voters – Rank 2**

- Conservative Republican: 4%
- Reagan Republican: 4%
- Trump Republican: 3%
- Christian Conservative: 3%

**Self-ID Labels of GOP Voters – Rank 3**

- Trump Republican: 4%
- Reagan Republican: 3%
- Conservative Republican: 3%
- Social Conservative: 2%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
LABEL11101R. Which of the following labels do you most identify with as a Republican/Democrat?
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Self-ID Labels of DEM Voters – Top 3

- Obama democrat: 16%
- Liberal democrat: 14%
- Moderate democrat: 12%
- Environmentalist: 10%

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LABEL1103R. Which of the following labels do you most identify with as a Republican/Democrat?

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2020
BIDEN IS MOST POPULAR IN A DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY HORSE RACE

Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Democratic primary? (Including Clinton)
[Among DEM, Split Sample]

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[Among DEM, Split sample]

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
HORSE1: Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Democratic primary? [Among DEM, Split Sample: n=459]
HORSE1A: Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Democratic primary? [Among DEM, Split sample: n=449]
TRUMP IS THE OVERWHELMING FAVORITE FOR 2020 GOP PRIMARY; OVER A THIRD OF VOTERS THINK HILLARY CLINTON WILL RUN IN 2020

Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Republican primary? [Among GOP]

Donald Trump: 62%
Mitt Romney: 38%
John Kasich: 6%
Ted Cruz: 4%
Paul Ryan: 3%
Jeb Bush: 2%
Jeff Flake: 2%
Nikki Haley: 2%
Ben Sasse: 2%
Other: 1%
Not sure: 1%
Not planning on voting: 1%

Do you think Hillary Clinton will run again for President of the United States?

62% Yes
38% No

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
HORSE2: Which of the following candidates are you most likely to vote for in a Republican primary? [Among GOP: n=819]
HORSE3: Do you think Hillary Clinton will run again for President of the United States?
RUSSIA INVESTIGATION
VOTERS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RUSSIAN COLLUSION INVESTIGATIONS ARE HURTING, MORE THAN HELPING, THE COUNTRY

Russia Investigations: Hurting or Helping the Country

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
M10 Do you think the investigations into Russia and President Trump are helping the country or hurting the country?
AS MANY VOTERS THINK TRUMP SHOULD BE IMPEACHED, ABOUT THE SAME DON’T THINK ANY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM

For His Actions, Should President Trump Be...

- Impeached and removed from office
- Censured by Congress
- No action should be taken

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

M98 Do you think that, for his actions, President Trump should be impeached and removed from office, censured by Congress, or no action should be taken?
MORE VOTERS BELIEVE THAT THE SPECIAL COUNSEL HAS NOT FOUND EVIDENCE OF COLLUSION; ABOUT TWO-THIRDS SAY EVIDENCE SURROUNDING THE OPENING OF THE INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE RELEASED

**Evidence of Collusion?**

- Found
- Not found
- Don't know

**Which is closer to your view?**

- It’s important to publicly release the evidence used by the FBI and the Justice Department to clear the air about any possible wrongdoing in starting the Trump-Russia investigation: **65%**

- The administration should not publicly release the evidence to avoid interfering with sources and methods of interviewing: **35%**

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
QCOLUSION Do you think the independent counsel has found actual evidence of Trump campaign officials colluding with the Russians or has he not found any evidence of such collusion?
QINV0901: Which is closest to your view?
MOST VOTERS SUPPORT THE DECISION TO RELEASE EVIDENCE USED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO START THE INVESTIGATION ON TRUMP

Do you support or oppose the decision by the administration to declassify and publicly release the evidence used by the FBI and the Justice department to start the investigation on possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia?

- Support: 69%
- Oppose: 31%

Do you support or oppose the decision to declassify and publicly release the evidence used by the FBI and the Justice department to start the investigation on possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia?

- Support: 71%
- Oppose: 29%
ABOUT A THIRD OF VOTERS SAY MUELLER SHOULD BE GIVEN AS MUCH TIME AS HE NEEDS TO INVESTIGATE; NEARLY THE SAME SAY END IT IMMEDIATELY

How long should Robert Mueller continue investigating?

0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35%

He should stop immediately 30%
Another month 10%
2 to 3 months 12%
3 to 6 months 7%
6 months to a year 7%
Indefinitely 33%

Do you think that the FBI needs to turn over the documents requested by Congress on the start of the Trump-Russia investigation or should the FBI and justice department continue to withhold the documents on the start of the investigation?

Total: 100%

Turn over documents 76%
Withhold documents 24%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
QINV506: How long do you think independent counsel Robert Mueller should keep on investigating?
QCONGRESS: Do you think that the FBI needs to turn over the documents requested by Congress on the start of the Trump-Russia investigation or should the FBI and justice department continue to withhold the documents on the start of the investigation?
LESS THAN A THIRD OF VOTERS BELIEVE THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CLINTON FOUNDATION WAS OBJECTIVE

Do you believe the investigation of Hillary Clinton and the Clinton foundation was objective, was tilted in her favor, or was tilted against her?

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QINV500: Do you believe the investigation of Hillary Clinton and the Clinton foundation was objective, was tilted in her favor, or was tilted against her?
VOTERS THINK BIAS PLAYED A ROLE IN LAUNCHING THE RUSSIA PROBE; VOTERS FAVOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO POTENTIAL FBI ABUSES

Do you think bias against President Trump in the FBI played a role in launching investigations against him or did bias play no role in launching investigations?

- Bias played a role
- Bias did not play a role

Do you favor or oppose appointing a special counsel to investigate potential abuses at the FBI?

- Favor
- Oppose

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

QMEMO14X1: Do you think bias against President Trump in the FBI played a role in launching investigations against him or did bias play no role in launching investigations?

QFBI10: Do you favor or oppose appointing a special counsel to investigate potential abuses at the FBI?
ONLY MINORITIES WISH TO SEE MUELLER OR ROSENSTEIN FIRED; VOTERS ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER ROSENSTEIN’S ACTIONS DISQUALIFY HIM TO OVERSEE THE SPECIAL COUNSEL

Recent news reports say that Rod Rosenstein right after James Comey was fired as director of the FBI suggested secretly recording President Trump and using the 25th amendment to remove President Trump from office.

Does this disqualify Rosenstein from over

**Should … be fired?**

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QSC11: Should special counsel Robert Mueller be fired or not?

QSC12: Should deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein be fired or not?

QINV0902: Recent news reports say that Rod Rosenstein right after James Comey was fired as director of the FBI suggested secretly recording President Trump and using the 25th amendment to remove President Trump from office.
THE VAST MAJORITY WANT TO SEE COMEY AND LYNCH ANSWER THE SUBPOENA ISSUED BY THE OUTGOING CONGRESS

Should former FBI director James Comey and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch be required to answer a subpoena by the outgoing House Republican leadership to privately testify before Congress next month about FBI actions in the 2016 campaign, or should

- Answer: 76%
- Ignore or fight: 24%

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

SC1103: Should former FBI director James Comey and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch be required to answer a subpoena by the outgoing House Republican leadership to privately testify before Congress next month about FBI actions in the 2016 campaign, or should they ignore or fight the subpoena?

SC1104: Should incoming House Democratic leadership be allowed to get President Trump’s tax returns and make them public, or should they not be allowed to do so?
A MAJORITY OF VOTERS SAY THE INCOMING CONGRESS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OBTAIN AND RELEASE THE PRESIDENT’S TAX RETURNS

Should incoming House Democratic leadership be allowed to get President Trump’s tax returns and make them public, or should they not be allowed to do so?

63%  
37%

Allowed  Not allowed

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)

SC1103: Should former FBI director James Comey and former Attorney General Loretta Lynch be required to answer a subpoena by the outgoing House Republican leadership to privately testify before Congress next month about FBI actions in the 2016 campaign, or should they ignore or fight the subpoena?

SC1104: Should incoming House Democratic leadership be allowed to get President Trump’s tax returns and make them public, or should they not be allowed to do so?
MOST VOTERS SAY HOUSE DEMOCRATS SHOULD WAIT FOR MUELLER’S FINAL REPORT BEFORE OPENING A NEW INVESTIGATION INTO THE TRUMP CAMPAIGN

Should House Democrats open new investigations into possible collusion with Russia by the Trump campaign or should they not do so until Special Counsel Robert Mueller submits his final report?

- Open new investigations
- Wait for the Mueller submits his final report

BASE: Registered Voters (n=1,407)
SC1105: Should House Democrats open new investigations into possible collusion with Russia by the Trump campaign or should they not do so until Special Counsel Robert Mueller submits his final report?