

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
JANUARY 2017 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 4-9, 2017
N=1,502**

QUESTIONS 1-2, 5-8, 15-16, 19 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**NO QUESTIONS 3-4, 9-14, 17-18, 20-21****ASK ALL:**

Q.22 Do you approve or disapprove of the job President-elect Trump has done so far in explaining his policies and plans for the future to the American people?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Trump	Jan 4-9, 2017	39	55	6
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	41	55	4
Obama	Jan 7-11, 2009	70	18	12
	December, 2008	72	18	10
Bush	January, 2001	50	36	14
Clinton	January, 1993	62	24	14
Bush	<i>Gallup</i> : March, 1989	65	28	7

NO QUESTION 23, 25**QUESTION 24 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=746]:**

Q.26F1 So far, would you say you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's cabinet choices and other high-level appointments?

		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Trump	Jan 4-9, 2017	41	49	9
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	40	51	9
Obama	Jan 7-11, 2009	66	17	17
	December, 2008	71	17	12
Bush	January, 2001	58	16	26
Clinton	<i>U.S. News & World</i>			
	<i>Report</i> : January, 1993	64	15	21
Bush	<i>ABC</i> : January, 1989	59	15	26

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *Now let me ask you about President-elect Reagan's Cabinet appointments. How would you rate his appointment of... the cabinet as a whole? Would you say it was an excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor appointment?"*

Reagan	
<i>Harris</i>	
January	
<u>1981</u>	
52	Excellent/Good
34	Only fair/Poor
14	Don't know

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.27F2 From what you've read and heard, can you recall the names of anyone that Donald Trump has chosen for his cabinet or appointed to other high-level government posts?

		Obama	G.W. Bush	Clinton
Jan 4-9		January	January	January
<u>2017</u>		<u>2009</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>1993</u>
34	Yes	65	43	21
68	No/Don't Know/No Answer	35	57	79

[IF YES, ASK:] Which names can you recall? **[OPEN END. DO NOT READ PRECODES. RECORD MULTIPLE MENTIONS. DO NOT PROBE FOR MORE THAN ONE MENTION]**

Jan 4-9		
<u>2017</u>		
10	Jeff Sessions	
9	Rex Tillerson	
9	Ben Carson	
5	James Mattis	
4	Rick Perry	
3	Steve Bannon	
3	Betsy DeVos	
3	Reince Priebus	
2	Kellyanne Conway	
2	Mike Flynn	
2	Nikki Haley	
2	Mike Pence	
1	Tom Price	
1	Steve Mnuchin	
3	Other answer given	
35	Nobody	
30	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

Q.27F2 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

From what you've read and heard, can you recall the names of anyone that _____ has chosen for his cabinet or appointed to other high level government posts?

[IF YES, ASK:] Which names can you recall?

Note: Totals exceed 100% because of multiple responses

Obama Jan 9-12 <u>2009</u>		Bush January <u>2001</u>		Clinton January <u>1993</u>	
56	Hillary Clinton	33	Colin Powell	8	Lloyd Bentsen
14	Leon Panetta	8	John Ashcroft	4	Ron Brown
	Bill Richardson	4	Condoleezza Rice	4	Warren
12	Christopher				
6	Rahm Emanuel	3	Christine Whitman	3	Les Aspin
4	Robert Gates	3	Tommy Thompson	2	Henry Cisneros
3	Tom Daschle	2	Donald Rumsfeld	2	Donna Shalala
3	Sanjay Gupta	2	Linda Chavez	2	Zoe Baird
2	Janet Napolitano	1	Spencer Abraham	1	Bruce Babbitt
2	Joe Biden	1	Norman Mineta	1	Jesse Brown
1	Eric Holder	1	Gale Norton	1	Federico Pena
1	Ken Salazar	*	Donald Evans	1	Richard Riley
1	Timothy Geitner	*	Mel Martinez	1	Robert Reich
1	Susan Rice	*	Alberto Gonzales	1	William Espy
1	Eric Shinseki	*	Rod Paige	1	Hazel O'Leary
*	Hilda Solis	*	Ann Veneman	*	Mac McClarty
*	Larry Summers	*	Anthony Principi	*	Leon Panetta
*	Arne Duncan	*	Andrew Card	*	Madeline Albright
*	Ron Kirk	*	Karen Hughes	*	Jocelyn Elders
*	Tom Vilsack	*	Paul O'Neill	*	Mickey Kantor
3	Other	*	Karl Rove	*	Anthony Lake
				*	Laura Tyson
				*	Clifton Wharton
35	No/Don't know	57	No/Don't know	79	No/Don't know

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=746]:

Q.28F1 In making important decisions, do you think Donald Trump will be **[RANDOMIZE: too impulsive, too cautious]**, or about right?

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Obama Jan 4-9 <u>2017</u>		Obama Jan 6-10 <u>2010</u> ¹
58	Too impulsive	26
4	Too cautious	20
34	About right	46
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8

¹ In Jan. 6-10, 2010, question was worded: "In making important decisions, do you think Barack Obama is **[RANDOMIZE: too impulsive, too cautious]**, or about right?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.29F2 How concerned are you that Donald Trump's relationships with organizations, businesses or foreign governments conflict with his ability to serve the country's best interests? Are you ...
[READ IN ORDER]?

Jan 4-9 <u>2017</u>		Nov 30-Dec 5 <u>2016</u>
33	Very concerned	45
24	Somewhat concerned	20
17	Not too concerned [OR]	14
25	Not at all concerned	20
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON: *If Donald Trump wins the presidential election, how concerned are you that he may have relationships with organizations, businesses or foreign governments that would conflict with his ability to serve the country's best interests? Are you ...*

(RVs)	
Oct 20-25	
<u>2016</u>	
42	Very concerned
20	Somewhat concerned
22	Not too concerned [OR]
15	Not at all concerned
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=756]:

Q.30F2 Do you think Donald Trump will be in charge of what goes on in his administration most of the time, or do you think other people will be really running the government most of the time?

	Trump will be <u>in charge</u>	Other people will be <u>really running government</u>	(VOL.) <u>Both</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 4-9, 2017	50	43	--	7
Bush				
CBS/NYT: February, 2001	42	45	6	7
CBS/NYT: January, 2001	38	53	3	6
CBS/NYT: December, 2000	43	46	5	6

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=746]:

Q.31F1 Do you think Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns, or does he not have this responsibility?

Jan 4-9 <u>2017</u>	
60	Has responsibility to release returns
33	Does not have responsibility to release returns
7	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 32-39, 41-43, 45-49

QUESTIONS 40, 44, 50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.51 And is your overall opinion of **[INSERT NAME; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Just in general, is your overall opinion of [NAME] very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

ITEM a HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
b. Vladimir Putin								
Jan 4-9, 2017	19	3	16	69	36	33	6	7
Feb 18-22, 2015	12	2	10	70	41	29	10	8

ITEMS c-d HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**QUESTIONS 52-53, 58, 60-61, 63 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 54-57, 59, 62****ASK ALL:**

Q.64 All things considered, which of these descriptions comes closest to your view of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE; OBSERVE FORM SPLITS]** today... Do you think **[ITEM]** is **[READ IN ORDER]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Do you think [ITEM] is READ IN ORDER]**

	<u>An adversary</u>	A serious problem <u>but not an adversary</u>	Not much <u>of a problem</u>	(VOL.)
				DK/Ref
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=746]:				
a.F1 Russia				
Jan 4-9, 2017	29	44	24	3
Oct 20-25, 2016	23	46	23	7
Apr 12-19, 2016	23	44	30	4
July 24-27, 2014	26	49	15	9
March 20-23, 2014	26	43	22	10
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	18	36	40	6
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	15	32	42	11
Mid-September, 2008	18	48	28	6

ITEM b HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**QUESTIONS 65-67, 70 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 68-69**

ASK ALL:

Q.71 How much, if anything, have you heard or read about allegations that Russia was involved in hacking the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign last year ... **[READ]**

Jan 4-9

2017

61	A lot
27	A little [OR]
12	Nothing at all
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF HEARD ABOUT (Q.71=1,2) [N=1,363]:

Q.72 From what you've read and heard about this topic, do you think Russia was definitely, probably, probably not or definitely not behind these hacks?

Jan 4-9

2017

36	Definitely behind hacks
36	Probably behind hacks
17	Probably not behind hacks
7	Definitely not behind hacks
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF HEARD ABOUT (Q.71=1,2) [N=1,363]:

Q.73 As you may know, the U.S. has imposed sanctions and taken actions against Russia as a response. Do you think these sanctions and actions against Russia ... **[READ; RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH ITEM 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

Jan 4-9

2017

20	Go too far
27	Do not go far enough [OR]
46	Are about right
8	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Apr 12-19, 2016	25	32	37	3	1	2	16	17
Mar 17-26, 2016	25	31	38	3	*	2	15	20
Jan 7-14, 2016	24	30	38	5	1	2	14	17
Yearly Totals								
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	--	--	--	--	--