

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
MAY 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
APRIL 25 – MAY 1, 2018  
N=1,503**

**QUESTIONS 1-2, 8-9, 26-36 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****NO QUESTIONS 3-7, 10-19, 23-25, 37-39, 42-44, 48-59****QUESTIONS 20-22, 40-41, 45-47 AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.60 Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, please tell me whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can **[ITEM]**?**

**ITEMS a-h PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>ASK ALL FORM 2 ASKED APR 26-MAY 1 ONLY [N=745]:</b>					
i.F2 Handle the situation with Iran Apr 25-May 1, 2018	24	18	18	34	6

**NO QUESTION 61, 63-69****QUESTION 62 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****QUESTIONS 70-73 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.74 How much, if anything, have you heard about the 2015 agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations? Have you heard **[READ IN ORDER]**?<sup>1</sup>

Apr 25-May 1 <u>2018</u>		Sep 3-7 <u>2015</u>	Jul 14-20 <u>2015</u>
27	A lot	36	35
46	A little	32	44
26	Nothing at all	30	21
*	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1	1

**Q.74 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*How much, if anything, have you heard about negotiations between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard ...*

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	Nothing <u>at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Mar 25-29, 2015	27	49	24	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 <b>U.S.-Iran Pact</b> (U) <sup>2</sup>	24	48	28	1

<sup>1</sup> In earlier surveys, question was worded: "How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations?"

<sup>2</sup> In December 2013, question referred to "the recent agreement between the United States and Iran on Iran's nuclear program." In November 2013, question referred to "recent international talks regarding Iran's nuclear enrichment program." From September 2006 to March 2012, question read: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the dispute over Iran's nuclear program? Have you heard...." In January 11-16, 2012, the question read: "...recent tensions between the U.S. and Iran over Iran's nuclear program and disputes in the Persian Gulf." In February 2006, question read: "The Iranian government recently said it will resume research on nuclear technology, despite opposition from other countries. How much, if anything, have you read or heard about this?"

**Q.74 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>Don't know/ Refused</u>
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	24	49	26	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	41	38	21	*
Feb 8-12, 2012	38	39	23	*
Jan 11-16, 2012	42	41	15	2
Sept 30-Oct 4, 2009	41	41	18	*
Sep 2006	41	44	14	1
Feb 2006	32	46	21	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.75 From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of this agreement? **[IF NECESSARY: The agreement on Iran's nuclear program between Iran, the United States and other nations]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	32	40	28
Sep 3-7, 2015	21	49	30
Jul 14-20, 2015	33	45	22

**TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

*From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the agreement between U.S. and Iran on Iran's nuclear program?*

Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	32	43	25
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*From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?*

Mar 25-29, 2015	49	40	11
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	63	28	9
September, 2006 <sup>3</sup>	54	32	14

**QUESTIONS 80-83 AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****NO QUESTIONS 77-79**

<sup>3</sup> In September 2006, question read: "From what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States negotiating directly with Iran over the issue of its nuclear program?"

**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
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
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	20	32	40	4	1	3	13	19
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
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:**

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