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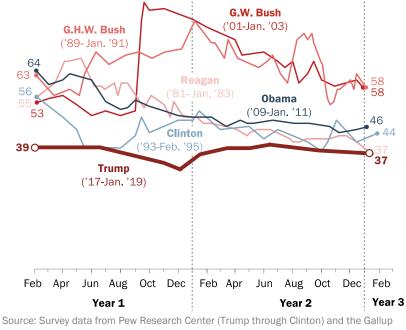
At the second anniversary of his inauguration, public views of Donald Trump's job performance, as well as his honesty and administration's ethics, are decidedly negative. Yet opinions about the nation's economy continue to be positive – and Trump's handling of the economy remains a relative strength.

Trump begins his third year with a 37% job approval rating; 59% disapprove of his job performance. Of five previous presidents, only Ronald Reagan had as low a job approval mark at this point in his presidency. (Reagan's disapproval – 54% – was lower than Trump's.)

The new Pew Research Center survey, conducted Jan. 9-14 among 1,505 adults, finds that a growing share of Americans say they trust what Trump says less than what previous presidents said while they were in office. Nearly six-inten (58%) say they trust what Trump says less than previous presidents, up from 54% last June and 51% in

# At start of Trump's third year in office, his job approval lags most of his recent predecessors

Presidential job approval at beginning of third year in office (%)





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February 2017, shortly after he took office.

The public also continues to fault the ethical standards of top administration officials. Just 39% rate their ethical standards as excellent or good, while 59% say they are not good or poor. While these opinions are little changed from last year, they are lower than evaluations of ethics of top officials for presidents dating back to Reagan.

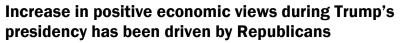
However, more Americans say Trump's economic policies have made conditions better (40%) than worse (28%), while 29% say they have not had much of an effect. In January 2011, a comparable point in Barack Obama's presidency, the public expressed mixed views of the impact of his economic policies, with about as many saying his policies made things worse (31%) as better (28%).

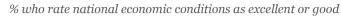
And Trump engenders more confidence for his ability to make good decisions on trade and the economy than in other areas, especially working with Congress. About half say they are very or

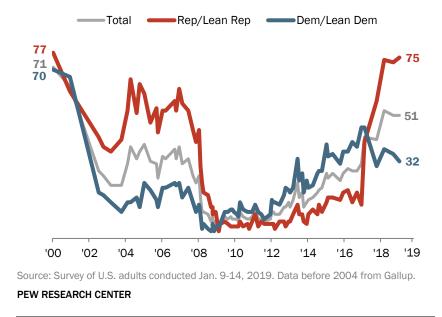
somewhat confident in Trump's ability to negotiate favorable trade deals (51%) and make good decisions about economic policy (49%).

By contrast, 40% have confidence in Trump on immigration policy and 35% are confident he can work effectively with Congress. (For more on views of Trump's handling of the government shutdown, see <u>"Most Border Wall</u> <u>Opponents, Supporters Say</u> <u>Shutdown Concessions Are</u> <u>Unacceptable."</u>)

Trump's presidency has been characterized by a favorable economic climate and that







remains the case today. Currently, 51% say economic conditions are either excellent or good – among the highest ratings in nearly two decades.

The surge in positive economic views has been driven by Republicans. Three-quarters of Republicans rate the economy as excellent or good, up from just 14% in December 2016, at the end of Obama's presidency. By contrast, just 32% of Democrats offer positive ratings; Democrats are now less likely to rate the economy as either excellent or good than they were in December of 2016 (46%).

The public's perceptions of the availability of jobs have undergone a similar transformation. For the first time in Pew Research Center surveys dating to 2001, a clear majority of Americans (60%) say there are plenty of jobs in their communities. And while these perceptions also are

divided along partisan lines, majorities of Republicans (71%) and Democrats (53%) say there are plenty of jobs available locally.

Yet favorable opinions about the economy and jobs have not been accompanied by a rise in public satisfaction with national conditions. For longer than a decade, no more than about a third of Americans have expressed with the way things are going in the country. Today, that figure stands at just 26%, down from 33% in September, with the decline coming among members of both parties.

Among the survey's other major findings:

**Low expectations for Trump's legacy.** About half (47%) think Trump will be an unsuccessful president in the long run, compared with fewer (29%) who think he will be a successful president; 23% say it's too early to tell. Ratings for Trump are more negative, on balance, than for Obama and George W. Bush at comparable points in their administrations; in February 1995, more said Bill Clinton would be unsuccessful (34%) than successful (18%). Compared with his three most recent predecessors, far fewer say it is "too early to tell" whether Trump will be successful or unsuccessful.

#### Most Democrats want party leaders to "stand up" to Trump. As was the case a year ago, a

majority of Democrats (70%) want their party's leaders to "stand up" to Trump this year, even if it means less gets done in Washington; just 26% want them to try as best they can to work with Trump, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters. A year ago, 63% of Democrats wanted their party's leaders to stand up to the president. Among Republicans, the share saying Trump should stand up to Democrats has increased from 40% a year ago to 51% currently.

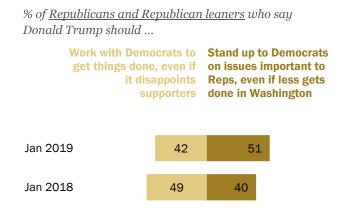
## Majority continues to say Trump has responsibility to release tax returns. As in the

past, a majority (64%) says Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns; just 32% say he does not have a responsibility to do this. Nearly all Democrats (91%) – and 32% of Republicans – say Trump should release his tax returns.

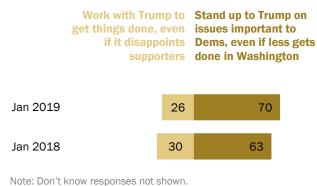
#### Public confidence in Mueller investigation

**steady.** A majority (55%) remains confident that special counsel Robert Mueller is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election. Confidence

### In both parties, increasing shares want leaders to 'stand up' to opposition



% of <u>Democrats and Democratic leaners</u> who say Democratic leaders in Washington should ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.



in Mueller has held steady over the course of the past year, and there remains more confidence in Mueller to conduct a fair investigation than in Trump to handle matters related to the inquiry appropriately.

## **1. Views of Trump**

The public's confidence in Trump to handle a number of key issues remains mixed. Trump fares best on issues related to economic conditions, where about half of Americans say they are at least somewhat confident in his ability. By contrast, only about a third express confidence in his ability to work effectively with Congress.

Overall, 62% say they are not too or not at all confident in Trump's ability to work effectively

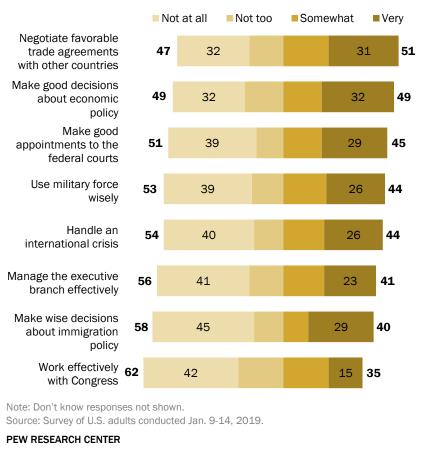
with Congress; far fewer (35%) say they are very or somewhat confident in him to do this.

When it comes to making wise decisions about immigration policy, four-inten say they are at least somewhat confident in Trump (including 29% who say they are very confident). Nearly six-in-ten (58%) express little or no confidence in Trump on immigration policy, including 45% who say they are not at all confident in him on this issue.

Narrow majorities also say they have little or no confidence in Trump to use military force wisely, handle an international crisis or manage the executive branch effectively. About half (51%)

# Public more confident in Trump on trade, economy than immigration and dealing with Congress

% who say they are \_\_\_\_ confident in Trump's ability to ...



say they are not too or not at all confident that Trump can make good appointments to the federal courts, while 45% say they are at least somewhat confident in him in this area.

Trump garners the most confidence in his ability to negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries (51% say they are at least somewhat confident) and to make good decisions about economic policy (49%). Still, close to half the public says they lack confidence in Trump to handle these two issue areas.

Nearly nine-in-ten Republicans and Republican-% who say they are confident in Trump's ability to ... leaning independents (89%) Among Among **Rep/Lean Rep Dem/Lean Dem** are confident in Trump's ■Very ■Somewhat ■ Very ■ Somewhat ability to negotiate favorable Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other trade agreements 22 89 67 3 countries, compared with with other countries just 19% of Democrats and Make good decisions 69 20 89 Democratic leaners. about economic Δ policy Make good The pattern is similar on appointments to the 64 24 88 most other issues. For federal courts instance, 89% of Republicans Use military force - and only 17% of Democrats 56 31 87 wisely - are very or somewhat confident in Trump to make Handle an 57 27 84 international crisis good decisions about economic policy. Manage the executive 52 31 83 branch effectively Trump gets his lowest ratings Make wise decisions from Republicans on his about immigration 65 18 83 ability to work effectively policy with Congress: Seven-in-ten Work effectively say they are at least 31 39 70 with Congress somewhat confident in his Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019. ability to do this, but just **PEW RESEARCH CENTER** 31% say they are very

### Republicans broadly confident in Trump on most issues, but rate him lower on working with Congress

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issues, at least 50% of Republicans say they are very confident in Trump.

confident. Across all other

### Broad concern over possible influence of Trump's business interests

Only about three-in-ten Americans (28%) are very confident that Trump keeps his own business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president, and another 13% say they are somewhat confident in this. A majority are either not too (16%) or not at all (41%) confident that Trump is keeping his own personal interests separate from his presidential decisions.

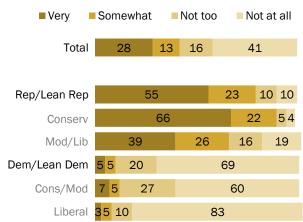
Most Republicans say they are very (55%) or somewhat (23%) confident that Trump keeps his business interests separate from his decision-making as president. Conservative Republicans are

much more likely to say they are very confident in this (66%) than are moderate and liberal Republicans (39%).

Democrats are deeply skeptical that Trump is avoiding potential conflicts of interest. Nearly seven-in-ten (69%) say that they are not at all confident that Trump keeps his business interests and his presidential decisions separate, while another 20% say they are not too confident in this. Liberal Democrats are particularly skeptical: Fully 83% say they are not at all confident in Trump to keep his business interests separate.

# Fewer than half are confident Trump keeps business interests separate

% who say they are \_\_\_\_ confident that Trump keeps his own business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

### Most say Trump should release tax returns

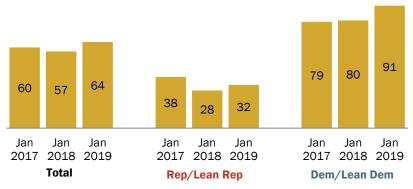
In surveys over the past two years, a majority of Americans have said that Trump has a responsibility to release his tax returns. Currently, 64% say he has this responsibility, slightly higher than the share who said this last year. About a third of the public (32%) says he does not have this responsibility.

Fully 91% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say that Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns, up from about eight-in-ten who said this in both January 2018 (80%) and January 2017 (79%).

By contrast, most Republicans continue to say that Trump does not have a responsibility to release his tax returns: Just 32% say he has this responsibility, while 64% say he does not.

## Majority of Americans continue to say Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns

% who say Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

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### Trump's statements less trusted than those of previous presidents

A majority of the public (58%) says they trust what Trump says less than they trusted what previous presidents said while in office. Just 26% say they trust Trump more than previous presidents, while 14% say their level of trust in Trump's rhetoric is about the same as for past presidents.

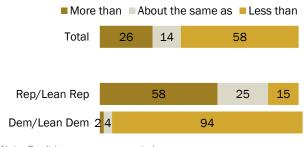
Distrust in Trump compared with other presidents has increased since April of 2017, when a somewhat smaller share (51%) said they trusted what Trump says less than previous presidents.

Almost all Democrats and Democratic leaners (94%) say they trust what Trump says less than they trusted what previous presidents said while in office.

Among Republicans and Republican leaners, most (58%) say they trust what Trump says more than previous presidents, while 25% say they trust what he says about the same as previous presidents; 15% say they trust his rhetoric less.

# Most place less trust in Trump's statements than in previous presidents'

% who say they trust what Donald Trump says \_\_\_\_\_ than they trusted what previous presidents said



Note: Don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

## Low marks for ethical standards of top administration officials

Views of the ethical standards of top Trump administration officials remain at record lows compared with previous administrations dating back to the 1980s.

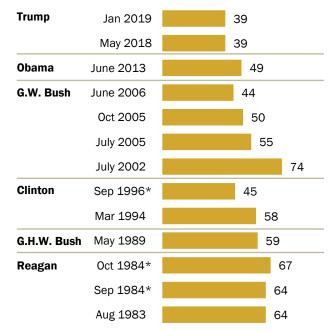
Overall, 39% rate the ethical standards of top Trump administration officials as either excellent (7%) or good (32%). A much greater share describes them as either not good (20%) or poor (39%). These ratings are about the same as they were in May 2018.

Views of Trump administration officials are lower than those of officials in the previous five administrations, often measured at times of specific ethical controversies.

Partisans remain deeply divided on this question, with 76% of Republicans and Republican leaners saying that ethical standards of top administration officials are excellent or good (although only 16% say they are "excellent"), and 90% of Democrats and Democratic leaners saying that ethical standards of top Trump administration officials are not good or poor (with 67% saying they are "poor").

# Trump officials' ethics viewed less positively than predecessors'

% who say ethical standards of top Trump administration officials are excellent/good



\*1984 and 1996 surveys based on registered voters. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019. Trend sources: Gallup, CNN, Gallup/CNN/USA Today, Washington Post, ABC News-Washington Post.

### Trump's impact on economy seen as positive, on balance

While the public is critical of Trump and his administration in multiple areas, they see Trump's impact on the economy in a positive light. Overall, 40% think that Trump's policies have made economic conditions better since taking office, compared with fewer (28%) who say they have made conditions worse; 29% say they have not had much of an effect.

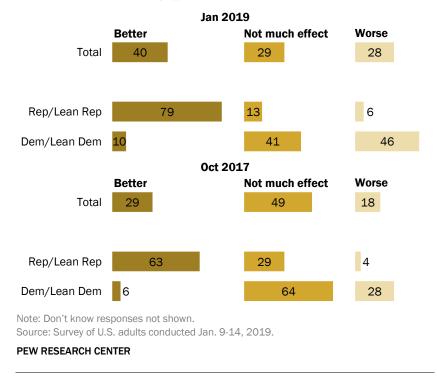
Since October 2017, the share saying Trump's economic policies have not had much of an effect has declined 20 points.

There have been comparable increases in the shares who say his policies have made things better (+11 points) and worse (+10 points).

Partisan views of Trump's economic policies have become more polarized since the fall of 2017. Nearly eight-in-ten Republicans and Republican leaners (79%) say that his economic policies had improved conditions in the country (up from 63% in October 2017). Democrats and Democratic leaners, by contrast, have grown more negative in their views of Trump's economic policies. Almost half (46%) of Democrats now say his

## More say Trump's policies have made the economy better than worse

% who say Donald Trump's economic policies have made economic conditions \_\_\_\_\_ since taking office



policies have made the economy worse, up from 28% in October 2017.

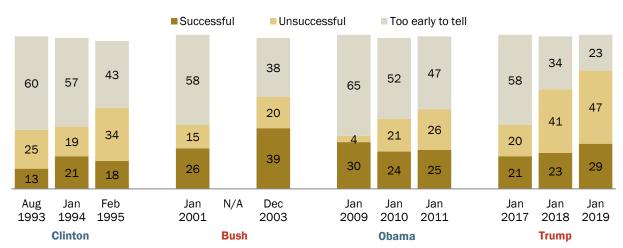
### How will Trump's presidency be viewed in the long run?

When asked if they think Donald Trump will be a successful or unsuccessful president in the long run, 47% say he will be unsuccessful, while about three-in-ten (29%) say he will be successful; 23% say it is too early to tell whether Trump will be successful or unsuccessful. Since last year, the share saying Trump will be successful and the share saying he will be unsuccessful have both increased by 6 percentage points.

The share who say it is too early to tell if Trump will be successful is much lower than at comparable points for previous presidents. At the start of Barack Obama's third year in office, nearly half of the public (47%) said it was too early to tell whether he would be successful; 38% said this about George W. Bush and 43% about Clinton at comparable points.

The nearly half of Americans (47%) who now say Trump will be unsuccessful is far higher than the share who said this about his three most recent predecessors at comparable points in their first term.

### More think Trump will be an unsuccessful than successful president in the long run



% who say each will be a \_\_\_\_ president in the long run

Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

About two-thirds of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (65%) say Trump will be a successful president in the long run.

An even larger share of Democrats and Democratic leaners (80%) think that Trump will be an unsuccessful president.

Republicans are slightly more likely than Democrats to say it is too early to tell whether Trump will be successful (25% vs. 16%).

In January 2011, about half of Republicans (47%) said Obama would be unsuccessful, while nearly as many (45%) said it was too early to tell. Among Democrats, 43% said Obama would be successful and 47% said it was too early to tell.

Republicans' views of Trump's long-term outlook are similar to how they viewed Bush in his third year. In December 2003, 69% of Republicans thought Bush would be successful; just 28% said it was too early to tell. Democrats' views of Bush were not as fully established: 37% thought he would be unsuccessful, while 43% said it was too early to tell.

### Partisans more likely to offer view on Trump's success than prior presidents

% who say each will be a \_\_\_\_ president in the long run

Successful Unsucce	essful Too	early to tell
Trump (Jan 2019)		
Rep/Lean Rep 65	9	25
Dem/Lean Dem 3	80	16
<b>O</b> bama (Jan 2011)		
Rep/Lean Rep 7	47	45
Dem/Lean Dem 43	8	47
Bush (Dec 2003)		
Rep/Lean Rep 69	3	28
Dem/Lean Dem 18	37	43
Clinton (Feb 1995)		
Rep/Lean Rep 8	54	35
Dem/Lean Dem 32	13	51

Note: Don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

## Views of Mueller investigation

Overall, 55% of the public says they are very or somewhat confident that Robert Mueller is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election. A smaller share (41%) says they are not too or not at all confident in Mueller.

There is less public confidence in Trump to appropriately handle matters related to the special

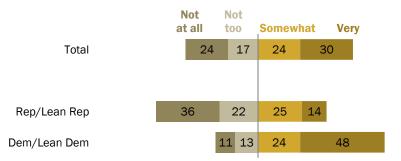
counsel's investigation. Just 37% are very or somewhat confident in Trump to handle matters related to the investigation appropriately, compared with 60% who say they are not too or not at all confident in Trump to do this.

Views of the Mueller investigation – and Trump's handling of the matter – remain deeply partisan.

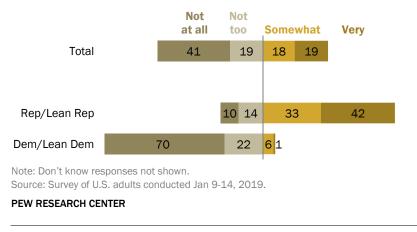
About seven-in-ten Democrats and Democratic leaners (72%) are at least somewhat confident in the fairness of Mueller's investigation. Among Republicans and Republican leaners, a larger share says they are not too or not at all confident in Mueller (58%) than says they are very or somewhat confident in him (39%).

### More confidence in Mueller investigation than in Trump to handle inquiry appropriately

% who are \_\_\_\_\_ confident that Robert Mueller is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election



% who are \_\_\_\_\_ confident that Donald Trump is handling matters related to the special counsel investigation appropriately

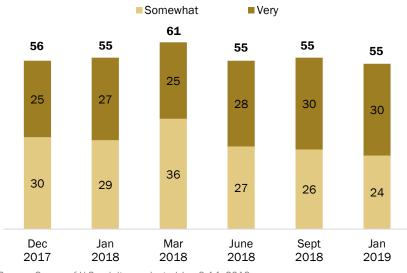


When it comes to Trump's handling of matters related to the investigation, fully 92% of Democrats express a lack of confidence in Trump, including 70% who say they are not at all confident in him. Three-quarters of Republicans say they are confident in Trump to handle the inquiry appropriately, including 42% who say they are very confident.

Confidence in the Mueller investigation has not changed much over the course of the past year. In January and September of 2018, an identical 55% said they were at least somewhat confident that Mueller was conducting a fair investigation in to Russian involvement in the 2016 election.

# Public confidence in Mueller investigation has changed little over the course of the past year

% who are \_\_\_\_\_ confident that Robert Mueller is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan 9-14, 2019.

# **2.** Views of nation's economy, personal finances, job availability

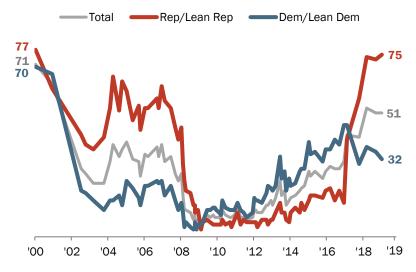
Overall, Americans' views of the current state of the national economy are little changed since a year ago. About half of adults (51%) rate national economic conditions as excellent (11%) or good (39%), while 49% characterize economic conditions as only fair (35%) or poor (14%).

Positive views of economic conditions are buoyed by Republicans and Republican-leaning independents: 75% rate economic conditions as excellent or good. These ratings are little changed over the past year; Republican views of the economy have been much more positive since Trump's election.

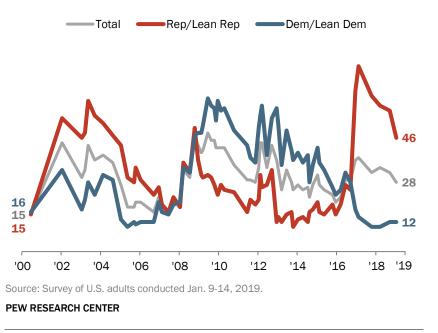
Republicans also remain more optimistic than Democrats in expectations for the economy a year from now: 46% expect economic conditions will be better a year from now, while just 12% of Democrats say this.

# Republicans continue to show more positive outlook on economy; expectations for the future dip slightly

% who rate national economic conditions as excellent or good



% who say they expect economic conditions in the country will be better a year from now



However, GOP optimism has declined since September, when 57% of Republicans said they expected conditions would be better; still, just 6% of Republicans expect conditions will worsen

(45% say they will stay about the same). Views among Democrats are little changed since

September: 12% expect economic conditions to improve in the next year, 41% say they will get worse, while 45% expect things to stay about the same.

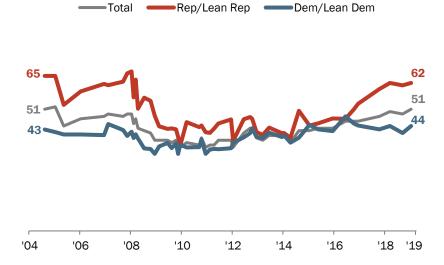
Overall, there has been little recent change in Americans' views of their personal financial situation. Today, about half (51%) say their personal financial situation is in excellent or good shape, while about as many say they are in only fair or poor shape (48%).

As was the case in September, there is a sizable partisan gap in these views. Republicans continue to be more likely than Democrats (62% vs. 44%) to rate their personal financial situation as excellent or good.

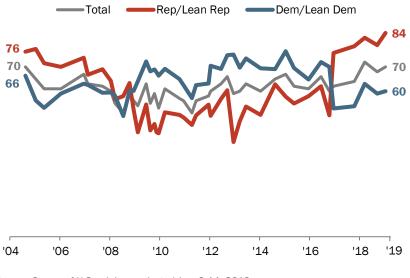
Republicans also remain more likely than Democrats (84% to 60%) to say they expect their finances to improve over the next year.

## Majorities in both parties expect their personal finances to improve over the next year

% who say their personal financial situation is in excellent or good shape



% who say they expect their personal financial situation to improve some or a lot over the course of the next year



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

## Majority now says 'there are plenty of jobs available'

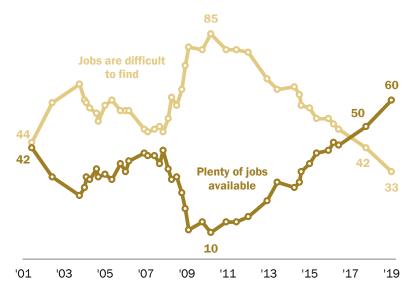
Six-in-ten adults now say there are plenty of jobs available in their local community - the

highest share recorded since the question was first asked in 2001. Just a third say that jobs are difficult to find.

Positive views of the availability of jobs locally has risen since the question was last asked in October 2017, generally tracking with more positive views of the economy over this period. Then, half of adults said there were plenty of jobs available where they live, while 42% said jobs were difficult to find.

# Public's view of local job availability most positive in decades

% saying \_\_\_\_\_ in their community



Note: Don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

As is the case with other economic measures, there is a sizable partisan gap in views of job availability. Currently, 71% of Republicans say there are plenty of jobs available, compared with 53% of Democrats. In October 2017, 58% of Republicans and 47% of Democrats viewed jobs as widely available locally.

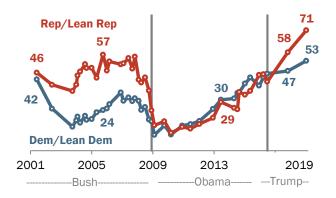
In both parties, views of local job opportunities are among the most positive as at any point in the last two decades.

Though a majority of adults say there are plenty of jobs available in their communities, a separate question finds that "good jobs" are seen as less widely available

About half (48%) say there are plenty of good jobs available in their communities, compared with 45% who say that good jobs are difficult to find. The trajectory of opinion on this question is also positive. In June 2016, just 31% said there were plenty of good jobs available.

## Perceptions of job availability rise in both parties, especially the GOP

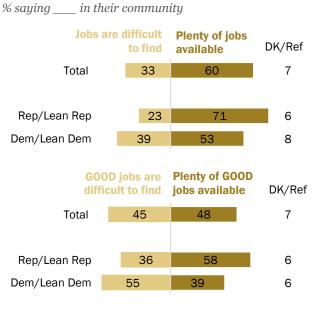
% who say there are plenty of jobs available in the community where they live



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

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# As in the past, a gap in views of the availability of jobs and 'good jobs'



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

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### Most Americans say incomes are at least keeping pace with cost of living

A majority of Americans (54%) say either that their family's income is going up faster than the cost of living (11%) or staying about even (43%). About four-in-ten (44%) say their incomes are falling behind the cost of

Demographic, partisan differences in views of whether family incomes are keeping up with cost of living

% who say their family's income relative to the cost of living is ... Going up Staying about Falling faster even behind Total 11 43 44 White 44 42 12 Black 58 9 31 Hispanic 7 45 46 18-29 10 39 48 41 46 30-49 13 50-64 10 44 46 65+ 10 44 43 Family income \$75K+ 19 55 26 \$30K-\$75K 6 48 45 <\$30K 4 25 69 Rep/Lean Rep 16 52 31 Dem/Lean Dem 54 38

> Notes: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

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These evaluations are somewhat more positive than in recent years. In October 2017, 49% said their incomes were at least keeping pace with the cost of living.

living.

There are substantial demographic differences in these evaluations. For instance, 58% of blacks say their family's income is falling behind the cost of living – much higher than the percentages of whites (42%) or Hispanics (46%) who say this.

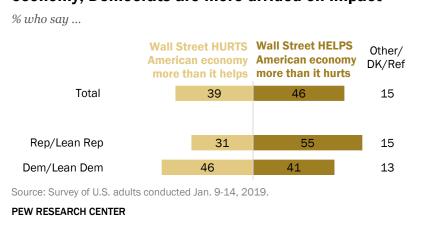
Overall, 69% of adults with family incomes below \$30,000 say they are falling behind the cost of living; that compares with just 26% of those with incomes of at least \$75,000.

### Views of Wall Street's impact on the economy

Nearly half of Americans (46%) say that Wall Street helps the U.S. economy more than it hurts, while 39% say Wall Street hurts the economy more than it helps. Views about Wall Street's impact on the economy are little changed since 2014. In 2011 and 2012, more said that Wall Street hurt than helped the nation's economy.

As in the past, these views are divided along partisan lines. More Republicans say that on balance, Wall Street helps the economy more than it hurts it (55% vs. 31%).

Democrats are more divided on Wall Street's impact: About as many say Wall Street does more to hurt the economy (46%) as say it does more to help (41%).



# Republicans more likely to say Wall Street helps U.S. economy; Democrats are more divided on impact

## Views of national conditions turn more negative

Seven-in-ten Americans now say they are dissatisfied with the way things are going in this

country, while only about (26%) say that they are satisfied.

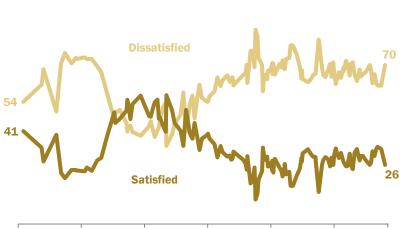
# Public satisfaction with the state of nation dips; GOP satisfaction lowest in a year

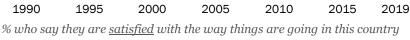
% who say they are \_\_\_\_\_ with the way things are going in this country today

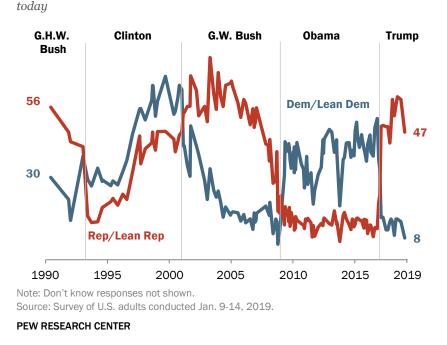
Public dissatisfaction with the state of the nation is higher than at any point in the past year, and it has increased 9 percentage points since September (when 61% of adults said they were dissatisfied).

Today, as many Republicans and Republican leaners say they are dissatisfied with the way things are going in the country as say they are satisfied (47% each). This is a 12-percentage-point drop in satisfaction from September (when 59% of Republicans said they were satisfied and 35% were dissatisfied), and the lowest GOP satisfaction rating since late 2017.

Just 8% of Democrats now say they are satisfied with the state of the nation, while 90% express dissatisfaction. While satisfaction among Democrats has dropped







modestly since September (from 14%), no more than 16% of Democrats have expressed satisfaction with the way things are going in the country at any point during Trump's presidency.

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## Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted January 9-14, 2019 among a national sample of 1,505 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (388 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,117 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 724 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers under the direction of SSRS. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Marketing Systems Group. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. Within the cell phone RDD frame, two strata were defined: numbers flagged as a pre-paid phone and numbers not flagged as such. Numbers servicing a pre-paid phone were sampled at a somewhat higher rate than other numbers. The weighting procedure corrected for the different sampling rates. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <u>http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/</u>.

The combined landline and cell phone sample is weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2016 Census Bureau's American Community Survey one-year estimates and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2016 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. To account for the oversample of pre-paid cell phone sample, an adjustment was made to the data before the sample was balanced to population parameters. The sample was adjusted so that the proportion of prepaid numbers in the entire sample matched the proportion of prepaid numbers in the base sample. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Survey conducted January 9-14, 2019						
Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus				
Total sample	1,505	3.0 percentage points				
Half form	At least 740	4.3 percentage points				
Rep/Lean Rep	657	4.5 percentage points				
Dem/Lean Dem	736	4.3 percentage points				

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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#### **RANDOMIZE Q.1 AND Q.2**

#### ASK ALL:

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	Satis-	Dis-	(VOL.)		Satis-	Dis-	(VOL.)
1 0 1 4 2010		satisfied	DK/Ref		fied	<u>satisfied</u>	
Jan 9-14, 2019	26	70	4	Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	33	61	6	May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7
Jun 5-12, 2018	34	61	6	Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	33	62	6	Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	66	4	Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4
Jan 10-15, 2018	32	62	6	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	68	6	Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4
Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
	31		4	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	25	69	5
Jul 14-20, 2015		64 67		Mar 11-21, 2010			7
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Sep 10-15, 2009 <sup>1</sup>	30	64	7
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	December, 2008	13	83	4
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Early October, 2008	11	86	3
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	August, 2008	21	74	5
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5	July, 2008	19	74	7
Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4	June, 2008	19	76	5
Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7	Late May, 2008	18	76	6
Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5	March, 2008	22	72	6
Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8	Early February, 2008	24	70	6
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5	Late December, 2007	27	66	7
5411 20 541 5, 2012	51	0 7	5	Late Determber, 2007	-/	00	,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In September 10-15, 2009 and other surveys noted with an asterisk, the question was worded "Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?"

$\mathbf{a}$	CONTINUED	
Q.1	CONTINUED	

Q.I CONTINUED			
	Satis-	Dis-	(VOL.)
	<u>fied</u>	<u>satisfied</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
October, 2007	28	66	6
February, 2007	30	61	9
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7
Early January, 2007	30	63	7
December, 2006	28	65	7
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8
Early October, 2006	30	63	7
July, 2006	30	65	5
May, 2006*	29	65	6
March, 2006	32	63	5
January, 2006	34	61	5
Late November, 2005	34	59	7
Early October, 2005	29	65	6
July, 2005	35	58	7
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4
February, 2005	38	56	6
January, 2005	40	54	6
December, 2004	39	54	7
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6
July, 2004	38	55	7
May, 2004	33	61	6
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6
Early January, 2004	45	48	7
December, 2003	44	47	9
October, 2003	38	56	6
August, 2003	40	53	7
April, 2003	50	41	9
January, 2003	44	50	6
November, 2002	41	48	11
September, 2002	41	55	4
Late August, 2002	47	44	9
May, 2002	44	44	12
March, 2002	50	40	10
Late September, 2001	57	34	9
Early September, 2001	41	53	6
June, 2001	43	52	5

#### **QUESTION 2 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

#### **QUESTIONS 3-4 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 5-9** 

#### ASK ALL:

In the long run, do you think Donald Trump will be a successful or unsuccessful president, or do Q.10 you think it is too early to tell?

	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Unsuccessful</u>	Too early <u>to tell</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> DK/Ref
Trump	20	47	22	
Jan 9-14, 2019	29	47	23 34	1 1
Jan 10-15, 2018	23 21	41	58	1
Jan 4-9, 2017 <b>Obama</b>	21	20	56	T
	37	34	26	2
Jan 7-14, 2016 Jan 7-11, 2015	32	38	20	3 2
Jan 15-19, 2014	28	34	35	3
Jun 12-16, 2013	34	31	33	2
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	26	39	2
Jan 11-16, 2012	27	32	39	2
Jan 5-9, 2011	25	26	47	2
Jan 6-10, 2010	24	20	52	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	27	18	54	2
Jan 7-11, 2009	30	4	65	1
Bush	00	·		-
January, 2007	24	45	27	4
January, 2006	27	37	32	4
Early October, 2005	26	41	30	3
January, 2005	36	27	35	2
December, 2003	39	20	38	3
Early October, 2002	40	15	44	1
January, 2001	26	15	58	1
Clinton				
January, 1999	44	24	29	3
Early September, 1998	38	24	35	3
February, 1995	18	34	43	5
October, 1994	14	35	48	3
May, 1994	21	26	52	1
January, 1994	21	19	57	3
October, 1993	18	25	56	1
September, 1993	22	22	54	2
August, 1993	13	25	60	2

#### **NO QUESTIONS 11-16, 19-24**

#### **QUESTIONS 17-18 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

#### ASK ALL:

Q.25 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]?]

-	ALL:	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	<b>(VOL.)</b>
	TEM a	<u>confident</u>	<u>confident</u>	<u>confident</u>	<u>confident</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
b.	Make wise decisions about immigration policy Jan 9-14, 2019 Apr 25-May 1, 2018	29 26	11 17	13 15	45 39	2 2

#### QUESTION 25b CONTINUED...

	Jan 10-15, 2018 Aug 15-21, 2017	Very <u>confident</u> 27 23	Somewhat <u>confident</u> 11 17	Not too <u>confident</u> 15 15	Not at all <u>confident</u> 45 43	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u> 2 1
NO IT	EM c					
d.	Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries Jan 9-14, 2019 Apr 25-May 1, 2018 Aug 15-21, 2017	31 30 27	20 24 23	15 18 16	32 26 33	2 2 1
<b>ASK F</b> e.F1	ORM 1 ONLY [N=765]: Make good appointments to the federal courts Jan 9-14, 2019 Apr 25-May 1, 2018 Aug 15-21, 2017	29 25 24	17 21 22	12 16 15	39 32 37	3 6 2
f.F1	Use military force wisely Jan 9-14, 2019 Apr 25-May 1, 2018 Apr 5-11, 2017 Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26 26 24 24	19 21 20 20	14 18 19 18	39 32 35 35	3 3 1 2
	<b>Bush</b> Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2005 Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2001	34 41	22 37	19 14	24 7	1 1
g.F1	Manage the executive branch effectively Jan 9-14, 2019 Apr 25-May 1, 2018 Jan 10-15, 2018 Oct 25-30, 2017 Apr 5-11, 2017 Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 <b>Bush</b> Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2001	23 21 22 23 28 26 33	18 24 19 19 22 26 44	15 18 16 15 16 20 15	41 34 40 42 33 26 7	3 3 1 1 2
NO IT	EM h					
ASK F i.F2	<b>FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:</b> Work effectively with Congress Jan 9-14, 2019 Apr 25-May 1, 2018 Jan 10-15, 2018 Oct 25-30, 2017 Apr 5-11, 2017 Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	15 13 19 14 17 26	20 30 25 25 29 35	20 22 19 22 22 17	42 33 35 37 30 21	3 2 2 2 1

#### **QUESTION 25i CONTINUED...**

		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>
	Bush					
	Gallup/CNN/USA Today: January, 2005² Gallup/CNN/USA Today:	26	44	17	12	1
	January, 2001	27	47	17	8	1
j.F2	Handle an international crisis					
5	Jan 9-14, 2019	26	18	13	40	2
	Apr 25-May 1, 2018	25	19	19	35	3
	Jan 10-15, 2018	21	14	16	46	3 2 1
	Oct 25-30, 2017	23	16	14	45	1
	Apr 5-11, 2017	27	21	14	38	*
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 <sup>3</sup>	21	24	18	35	2
	Bush					
	Gallup/CNN/USA Today:					
	January, 2005 <i>Gallup/CNN/USA Today:</i>	36	28	17	18	1
	January, 2001	32	39	19	9	1
k.F2	Make good decisions about economic policy					
	Jan 9-14, 2019	32	17	17	32	1
	Apr 25-May 1, 2018	31	22	17	29	1
	Jan 10-15, 2018	29	17	14	37	3
	Jan 10-13, 2010	29	17	14	57	J

#### **NO QUESTIONS 26-28**

#### ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.29F1 Would you say you trust what Donald Trump says more, about the same, or less than you trusted what previous presidents said while in office?

				(VOL.)
	More	About the same	Less	DK/Ref
Jan 9-14, 2019	26	14	58	1
Jun 5-12, 2018	25	19	54	3
Apr 5-11, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	30	16	51	3
GW Bush				
CNN/ORC:				
January, 2007	21	25	52	2
Gallup/CNN/USA Today:				
November, 2005	30	16	53	1
Gallup/CNN/USA Today:				
June, 2003	41	25	32	2

<sup>2</sup> In January 2005 and January 2001 surveys, item was worded: "Work effectively with Congress to get things done."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In December 2016 survey and Gallup/CNN/USA Today surveys, this question was worded: "I'd like you to think about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things over the next four years."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In April 2017 and prior surveys, question was worded "Would you say you trust what Donald Trump says more, about the same, or less than you trust what previous presidents said while in office?"

#### ASK ALL:

Q.30 Since taking office, have Donald Trump's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had much of an effect?

	Better	<u>Worse</u>	Not had much of <u>an effect</u>	(VOL.) Too soon/ <u>early to tell</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-14, 2019	<u>40</u>	28	29	<u>earry to tem</u> 2	2
Oct 25-30, 2017	29	18	49	2	2
,	29	10	49	Z	Z
Obama	20	20	20		2
Jan 7-11, 2015	38	28	30	1	2
Jun 12-16, 2013 <sup>5</sup>	35	35	27	1	2
Oct 4-7, 2012	33	35	27	1	5
Feb 9-12, 2012	33	35	25	1	6
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	20	38	37	1	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	27	34	33	2	5
Jan 5-9, 2011	28	31	35	2	4
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	27	32	36	2	4
Jun 3-6, 2010	23	29	35	3	9
Feb 3-9, 2010	24	27	42	3	5
Dec 9-13, 2009	30	24	39	3	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	31	20	42	4	3
Jul 20-26, 2009	24	21	46	3	6
Jun 10-14, 2009	26	16	49	4	4
Apr 14-21, 2009	26	17	47	6	4
Mar 9-12, 2009	14	15	64	4	3

#### **NO QUESTIONS 31-49**

#### **QUESTION 50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

#### **QUESTIONS 51-52 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

#### ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.53F1 Do you think Trump has a responsibility to publicly release his tax returns, or does he not have this responsibility?

Jan 9-14		Jan 10-15	Jan 4-9
<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
64	Has responsibility to release returns	57	60
32	Does not have responsibility to release returns	37	33
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	6	7

#### **NO QUESTION 54**

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.55F2 How confident, if at all, are you that Donald Trump keeps his own business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president? **[READ]**?

Jan 9-14 2019		Jun 5-12 2018	Jan 10-15 2018	Feb 7-12 2017
28	Very confident	23	23	24
13	Somewhat confident	18	18	16
16	Not too confident	15	14	15
41	Not at all confident	42	43	43
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	3	2	1

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In June 2013 and earlier surveys, this question read: "Since taking office, have Barack Obama's economic policies made economic conditions better, worse, or not had an effect so far?"

#### **QUESTIONS 56-58 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

## RANDOMIZE Q.59a/Q.59bF1 BLOCK WITH Q.60a/Q.60bF2 BLOCK ASK ALL:

Thinking about the nation's economy ...

Q.59a How would you rate economic conditions in this country today... as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

			Only		(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	fair	Poor	DK/Ref
Jan 9-14, 2019	11	39	35	14	1
Sep 18-24, 2018	13	38	34	14	1
Mar 7-14, 2018	11	42	34	13	1
Oct 25-30, 2017	6	35	38	20	1
Feb 7-12, 2017	5	37	39	18	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	3	28	44	24	1
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	3	25	39	33	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	3	25	44	28	1
Mar 17-26, 2016	3 3	26	43 45	28	1 1
Dec 8-13, 2015 Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	3	24 21	45 43	28 33	⊥ *
May 12-18, 2015	3	24	43	30	*
Feb 18-22, 2015	2	23	43	31	*
Jan 7-11, 2015	4	23	48	24	*
Oct 15-20, 2014	2	19	45	33	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	1	19	48	31	1
Jul 8-14, 2014	2	17	46	35	*
Apr 23-27, 2014 (∪)	2	15	43	40	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	1	15	45	39	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	1	14	48	36	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	1	12	39	48	*
Sep 4-8, 2013	2	17	48	32	*
Jul 17-21, 2013	2	15	45	37	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	2	21	47	29	*
Mar 13-17, 2013	1	15	43	40	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	2	11	38	49 25	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	1 1	14	50	35	1
Oct 24-28, 2012 Sep 12-16, 2012	1	12 12	42 43	44 44	1 1
Jun 7-17, 2012	1	9	47	42	1
Mar 7-11, 2012	1	9	38	51	1
Feb 8-12, 2012	- 1	10	46	43	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	2	9	42	47	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	*	8	38	53	1
Aug 17-21, 2011	1	6	37	56	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	*	8	45	46	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	1	7	38	53	1
Feb 2-7, 2011	1	11	45	42	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	1	8	44	45	1
Oct 13-18, 2010	1	7	38	54	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	1	7	43	48	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	1 *	8	48	43	1
Apr 21-26, 2010		11	39	49 52	1 1
Mar 10-14, 2010	1	6 7	39	53	1
Feb 3-9, 2010 Dec 9-13, 2009	1 1	7	38 41	53 50	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	⊥ *	8	41	50	1
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	1	8	43	48	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	*	8	38	52	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	1	8	39	52	1
			-		

#### **QUESTION 59a CONTINUED...**

TION 598 CONTINUED					
			Only	_	(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	fair	<u>Poor</u>	DK/Ref
Mar 9-12, 2009	*	6	25	68	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	*	4	24	71	1
December, 2008	*	7	33	59	1
November, 2008	1	6	28	64	1
Late October, 2008	*	7	25	67	1
Early October, 2008	1	8	32	58	1
Late September, 2008	*	7	27	65	1
July, 2008	1	9	39	50	1
April, 2008	1	10	33	56	*
March, 2008	1	10	32	56	1
Early February, 2008	1	16	36	45	2
January, 2008	3	23	45	28	1
November, 2007	3 3 3	20	44	32	1
September, 2007		23	43	29	2
June, 2007	6	27	40	25	2
February, 2007	5	26	45	23	1
December, 2006	6	32	41	19	2
Early November, 2006 (RVs)	9	35	37	17	2
Late October, 2006	6	27	40	25	2
September, 2006	5	32	41	20	2
March, 2006	4	29	44	22	1
January, 2006	4	30	45	19	2
Early October, 2005	2 3 3 3	23	45	29	1
Mid-September, 2005	3	28	44	24	1
Mid-May, 2005	3	29	47	20	1
January, 2005	3	36	45	15	1
December, 2004	3	33	43	20	1
Early November, 2004 ( <i>RVs</i> )	5	31	37	26	1
Mid-September, 2004	4	34	40	20	2
August, 2004	3	30	45	21	1
Late April, 2004	4	34	38	22	2
Late February, 2004 <sup>6</sup>	2	29	42	26	1

## RANDOMIZE Q.59a/Q.59bF1 BLOCK WITH Q.60a/Q.60bF2 BLOCK ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be Q.59bF1 better than they are at present, or worse, or just about the same as now?

Jan 9-14, 2019 Sep 18-24, 2018 Mar 7-14, 2018 Oct 25-30, 2017 Feb 7-12, 2017 Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016 Jun 15-26, 2016 Mar 17-26, 2016	Better 28 32 34 32 38 37 26 29 22	Worse 25 25 29 32 28 20 13 17 27	Same 45 41 40 37 28 33 44 54 55	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u> 2 3 1 1 2 2 10 5 6
Mar 17-26, 2016 Dec 8-13, 2015 Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	22 20 23	17 22 21	55 54 53	6 4 3

6 Earlier trends available from Gallup.

#### **QUESTION 59bF1 CONTINUED...**

STION 59bF1 CONTINUED				
	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
May 12-18, 2015	25	20	53	2
Feb 18-22, 2015	27	20	52	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	17	51	1
Oct 15-20, 2014	27	21	50	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	22	22	54	2
Jul 8-14, 2014	26	22	51	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	25	24	49	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	27	22	50	1
Oct 9-13, 2013	25	28	44	3
Sep 4-8, 2013	28	25	46	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	33	19	47	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	25	32	41	1
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	25	40	2
	37	25	36	2
Dec 5-9, 2012				
Sep 12-16, 2012	43	8	42	8
Jun 7-17, 2012	34	11	50	5
Mar 7-11, 2012	44	14	38	4
Feb 8-12, 2012	44	10	42	3
Jan 11-16, 2012	34	16	46	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	28	18	50	4
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	18	50	2
Jun 15-19, 2011	29	23	46	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	35	16	45	4
Apr 21-26, 2010	42	19	36	3
Feb 3-9, 2010	42	16	40	3
Dec 9-13, 2009	42	17	38	
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	39	19	39	3 2 3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	45	15	38	3
Aug 11-17, 2009	45	19	33	3
Jun 10-14, 2009	48	16	34	2
Mar 9-12, 2009	41	19	37	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	40	18	38	4
December, 2008	43	17	36	4
Early October, 2008	46	16	30	8
July, 2008	30	21	41	8
March, 2008	33	22	39	6
January, 2008	20	26	48	6
September, 2007	19	23	53	5
June, 2007	16	24	55	5 5
February, 2007	17	20	58	
December, 2006	22	18	56	4
September, 2006	16	25	55	4
January, 2006	20	22	55	3
Early October, 2005	20	32	45	3 2 3
Mid-September, 2005	18	37	43	2
Mid-May, 2005	18	24	55	3
January, 2005	27	18	52	3
August, 2004	36	9	47	8
Late February, 2004	39	12	41	8
September, 2003	37	17	43	3
May, 2003	43	19	35	3
Late March, 2003	33	23	37	7
January, 2003	30	20	44	6
January, 2002	44	17	36	3
Newsweek: January, 2001	18	33	44	5
June, 2000	15	24	55	6
		- •		2

#### **QUESTION 59bF1 CONTINUED...**

				(VOL.)
	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	16	22	57	5
Early September, 1998	18	17	61	4
May, 1990	18	31	45	6
February, 1989	25	22	49	4
September, 1988 (RVs)	24	16	51	9
May, 1988	24	20	46	10
January, 1988	22	26	45	7
Newsweek: January, 1984 (RVs)	35	13	49	3

## RANDOMIZE Q.59a/Q.59bF1 BLOCK WITH Q.60a/Q.60bF2 BLOCK ASK ALL:

Thinking about your personal finances ...

Q.60a How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

	<u>Excellent</u>	Good	Only <u>fair</u>	Poor	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-14, 2019	10	41	32	17	1
Sep 18-24, 2018	11	38	36	14	2
Mar 7-14, 2018	11	39	32	17	1
Oct 25-30, 2017	9	39	33	18	1
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	9	37	33	19	1
Oct 20-25, 2016	10	37	37	15	1
Jun 15-26, 2016	10	36	37	15	1
Dec 8-13, 2015	8	35	39	17	1
May 12-18, 2015	8	35	37	19	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	7	35	37	21	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	8	34	36	21	1
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	6	31	39	23	1
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	6	34	38	22	1
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	6	34	40	19	1
Jun 12-16, 2013	7	33	39	20	1
Mar 13-17, 2013	6	32	41	21	1
Dec 5-9, 2012	7	32	38	22	1
Oct 24-28, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Sep 12-16, 2012	8	35	36	20	1
Jun 7-17, 2012	7	34	38	21	1
Jan 11-16, 2012	6	29	42	22	1
Dec 7-11, 2011	6	32	37	24	1
Jun 15-19, 2011	5	33	40	21	1
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	7	29	36	26	2
Feb 2-7, 2011	7	29	41	22	1
Dec 1-5, 2010	5	30	40	23	2
Oct 13-18, 2010	6	33	36	23	1
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	6	30	40	23	1
Jun 3-6, 2010	6	32	38	20	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	6 7	31 28	39 39	22 24	2 2
Dec 9-13, 2009	5	28 30	40	24 25	1
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	6	30	40 38	25 22	1
Aug 11-17, 2009	6	31	36	26	2
Jun 10-14, 2009	6	32	39	20	1
Feb 4-8, 2009	5	33	41	22	1
December, 2009	6	32	41	20	1
Early October, 2008	6	35	40	18	1
July, 2008	9	33	40 37	18	2
July, 2000	2	55	57	19	2

#### **QUESTION 60a CONTINUED...**

IION 60a CONTINUED					
			Only		(VOL.)
	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>fair</u>	Poor	<u>DK/Ref</u>
April, 2008	8	35	39	16	2
March, 2008	8	39	34	17	2
Early February, 2008	9	36	37	16	2
January, 2008	10	39	34	15	2
November, 2007	9	41	34	15	1
September, 2007	10	38	34	16	2
February, 2007	8	41	36	14	1
December, 2006	8	40	35	16	1
Late October, 2006	9	40	33	16	2
March, 2006	9	39	36	15	1
January, 2006	7	39	37	15	2
Mid-May, 2005	7	37	39	16	1
January, 2005	10	41	34	14	1
August, 2004	9	42	34	14	1
September, 2003	10	38	36	15	1
Late March, 2003	10	43	31	12	4
January, 2003	7	38	39	15	1
Early October, 2002	7	39	37	16	1
June, 2002	5	40	37	16	2
Late September, 2001	7	40	37	14	2
June, 2001	6	38	39	16	1
June, 2000	9	43	35	11	2
August, 1999	6	43	41	9	1
May, 1997	7	43	38	11	1
September, 1996 (RVs)	8	47	34	10	1
February, 1995	8	39	38	14	1
March, 1994	5	41	40	13	1
December, 1993	5	34	45	15	1
U.S. News: January, 1993	4	33	46	16	1
U.S. News: October, 1992	6	34	40	19	1
U.S. News: August, 1992	5	30	47	17	1
U.S. News: May, 1992	4	35	45	15	1
<i>U.S. News:</i> January, 1992	4	32	45	18	1

## RANDOMIZE Q.59a/Q.59bF1 BLOCK WITH Q.60a/Q.60bF2 BLOCK ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.60bF2 Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, get a little worse or get a lot worse? 

					(VOL.)	
	Improve	Improve	Get a	Get a lot	Stay the	(VOL.)
	<u>a lot</u>	<u>some</u>	<u>little worse</u>	worse	<u>same</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Jan 9-14, 2019	13	56	13	6	8	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	15	53	13	4	12	3
Mar 7-14, 2018	14	58	13	4	10	2
Oct 25-30, 2017	13	51	17	6	11	3
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	13	49	13	5	15	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	10	50	14	5	13	7
Jun 15-26, 2016	12	54	12	4	13	5
Dec 8-13, 2015	9	53	17	6	14	2
May 12-18, 2015	11	52	13	7	16	1
Jan 7-11, 2015	11	56	14	5	12	2
Aug 20-24, 2014	10	56	15	5	11	3
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	8	51	19	8	12	3
Jan 15-19, 2014 (∪)	10	50	17	6	14	2
Jun 12-16, 2013	12	51	18	7	11	2
Mar 13-17, 2013	8	52	19	9	10	2

#### QUESTION 60bF2 CONTINUED...

					(VOL.)	
	Improve	Improve	Get a	Get a lot	Stay the	(VOL.)
	a lot	some	little worse	worse	same	DK/Ref
Dec 5-9, 2012	9	50	18	8	13	2
Sep 12-16, 2012	12	54	11	4	11	7
Jun 7-17, 2012	10	53	15	5	14	4
Jan 11-16, 2012	10	50	18	7	11	3
Dec 7-11, 2011	9	49	17	5	15	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	7	49	21	7	13	3
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	, 7	44	23	10	13	3
Dec 1-5, 2010	7	49	20	6	14	4
Oct 13-18, 2010	9	48	16	6	17	5
Mar 10-14, 2010	9	52	15	8	12	4
Dec 9-13, 2009	9	44	19	8	15	4
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	6	50	19	8	13	4
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	49	17	6	13	4
Aug 11-17, 2009	8	47	17	8	15	5
Jun 10-14, 2009	9	54	17	7	9	4
Feb 4-8, 2009	7	47	22	, 7	13	4
December, 2008	, 7	49	21	6	13	4
Early October, 2008	8	51	20	6	9	6
July, 2008	7	44	21	7	14	7
March, 2008	10	45	20	7	13	5
January, 2008	11	49	16	6	14	4
September, 2007	10	52	14	4	16	4
February, 2007	11	52	12	3	19	3
December, 2006	10	57	13	3	14	3
January, 2006	10	51	14	5	16	4
Mid-May, 2005	10	51	15	5	15	4
January, 2005	10	54	14	4	15	3
August, 2004	13	57	9	3	12	6
September, 2003	11	53	15	4	14	3
Late March, 2003	12	51	15	4	11	7
January, 2003	9	51	18	5	13	4
Early October, 2002	10	54	13	5	12	6
June, 2002	11	55	15	4	11	4
January, 2002	12	53	15	5	11	4
Late September, 2001	9	46	16	4	17	8
June, 2001	11	52	15	4	14	4
January, 2001	11	46	18	9	12	4
January, 1999	17	55	7	3	14	4
May, 1997	12	56	10	2	17	3
February, 1995	11	53	13	3	17	3
March, 1994	10	57	11	3	16	3
U.S. News: October, 1992	9	51	14	3	15	8
<i>U.S. News</i> : August, 1992	6	50	20	5	14	5
U.S. News: May, 1992	8	49	22	4	13	4
U.S. News: January, 1992	9	46	19	5	16	5
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#### ASK ALL:

Q.61 Do you think your family's income is going up faster than the cost of living, staying about even with the cost of living, or falling behind the cost of living?

	Going up	Staying	Falling	(VOL.)
	faster	<u>about even</u>	behind	DK/Ref
Jan 9-14, 2019	11	43	44	2
Oct 25-30, 2017	9	40	49	2
Jun 15-26, 2016	8	36	53	2

#### **QUESTION 61 CONTINUED...**

	Going up	Staying	Falling	(VOL.)
	faster	about even	behind	DK/Ref
Dec 8-13, 2015	7	42	49	2
Jan 7-11, 2015	6	37	55	1
Aug 20-24, 2014	5	37	56	2
Jan 15-19, 2014 (U)	7	34	57	2
October, 2008	5	34	57	4
July, 2008	6	28	64	2
Early February, 2008	6	33	58	3
September, 2007	10	43	44	3
January, 2006	9	41	47	3
<i>NBC/WSJ:</i> June, 1996	9	38	50	3

#### ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.62F1 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of jobs available in your community or are jobs difficult to find?

			(VOL.)	
	Plenty of	Jobs are	Lots of some jobs,	(VOL.)
	jobs available	difficult to find	few of others	DK/Ref
Jan 9-14, 2019	60	33	2	4
Oct 25-30, 2017	50	42	3	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	43	49	4	4
Mar 17-26, 2016	44	51	2	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	41	53	3	4
May 12-18, 2015	40	53	4	3
Jan 7-11, 2015	36	57	3	3 5
Aug 20-24, 2014	33	58	4	5
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	62	4	5
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	27	65	4	4
Jun 12-16, 2013	29	64	3	4
Dec 5-9, 2012	22	68	5	5
Jan 11-16, 2012	16	78	2	4
Jun 15-19, 2011	14	79	3	4
Dec 1-5, 2010	14	79	3	4
Mar 10-14, 2010	10	85	3	2
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	14	79	3	3
Feb 4-8, 2009	11	80	3	6
December, 2008	19	73	4	4
Early October, 2008	25	64	4	7
July, 2008	31	58	4	7
April, 2008	30	61	4	5
Early February, 2008	34	53	5	8
November, 2007	41	48	4	7
September, 2007	36	50	6	8
June, 2007	39	49	5	7
February, 2007	39	48	6	7
December, 2006	40	49	5	6
March, 2006	37	56	3	4
January, 2006	33	56	6	5
Early October, 2005	36	56	4	4
May, 2005	30	60	6 5	4 5
January, 2005	32	58		
Mid-September, 2004	31	52	6	11
August, 2004	34	55	4	7
Late April, 2004	30 31	57 59	4 5	9 6
Late February, 2004			6	6 7
Mid-January, 2004	27	60	O	/

#### **QUESTION 62 CONTINUED...**

			(VOL.)	
	Plenty of	Jobs are	Lots of some jobs,	(VOL.)
	jobs available	difficult to find	few of others	DK/Ref
October, 2003	24	66	5	5
June, 2002	31	59	4	6
June, 2001	42	44	8	6
U.S. News: August, 1992	15	76	6	3
U.S. News: May, 1992	16	77	4	3
U.S. News: January, 1992	12	79	6	3

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.63F2 Thinking now about job opportunities where you live, would you say there are plenty of good jobs available or are good jobs difficult to find?

			(VOL.)	
	Plenty of good	Good jobs are	Lots of some jobs,	(VOL.)
	<u>jobs available</u>	difficult to find	few of others	DK/Ref
Jan 9-14, 2019	48	45	1	6
Oct 25-30, 2017	41	53	2	5
May 25-June 29, 2016	31	65	2	3
Dec 8-13, 2015	33	62	1	3
Aug 20-24, 2014	26	71	1	3
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	10	84	2	4
Jul 23-27, 2008	22	73	1	4
May 30-Jun 3, 2007	36	55	3	6
Jan 4-8, 2006	28	64	3	5

#### **NO QUESTIONS 64-68**

#### ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=765]:

Q.69F1 This year, should the Democratic leaders in Washington ... [READ]

Jan 9-14 <u>2019</u>		Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u>	<i>Voters</i> Nov 10-14 <u>2016</u>
52	Try as best they can to work with Donald Trump to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some groups of Democratic supporters	53	59
52	[OR] Should they stand up to Donald Trump on issues	55	23
	that are important to Democratic supporters,		
43	even if it means less gets done in Washington?	39	39
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	2

#### TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

Democratic leaders/B	lush		
	Try as best they can to work with	Stand up to George W. Bush	
	George W. Bush to accomplish	on issues that are important	
	things, even if it means	to Democratic supporters,	
	disappointing some groups of	even if it means less gets	(VOL.)
	Democratic supporters	<u>done in Washington</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
January, 2007	52	43	5
November, 2006	54	36	11\

#### **QUESTION 69 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**

Next year should the Republican leaders in Washington... [READ]

Barack O things	they can to work with bama to accomplish , even if it means ting some groups of	Stand up to Barack Obama on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets	(VOL.)
Reput	olican supporters	done in Washington	DK/Ref
Nov 6-9, 2014	57	40	3
Nov 8-11, 2012 (Voters)	67	26	7
Jan 11-16, 2012 <sup>7</sup>	58	35	8
Jan 5-9, 2011	61	33	6
Nov 4-7, 2010	55	38	8
November, 2008 <sup>8</sup> (Voters)	66	28	6

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:

Q.70F2 This year, should Donald Trump ... [READ]

Jan 9-14 <u>2019</u>		Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u>	<i>Voters</i> Nov 10-14 <u>2016</u>
65	Try as best he can to work with Democratic leaders to accomplish things, even it if means disappointing some groups of Republican supports? [OR]	66	73
29 6	Should he stand up to the Democrats on issues that are important to Republican supporters, even if it means less gets done in Washington? Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	22 12	22 5

#### **TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Next year should Barack Obama ... [READ]

Republica	est he can to work with n leaders to accomplish	Stand up to Republicans on issues that are important	
	is, even if it means	to Democratic supporters,	
disappo	inting some groups of	even if it means less gets	(VOL.)
Dem	<u>iocratic supporters</u>	<u>done in Washington</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 6-9, 2014	62	30	8
Nov 8-11, 2012 <i>(Voters)</i>	72	21	7
Jan 11-16, 2012 <sup>9</sup>	59	28	13
Jan 5-9, 2011	65	28	7
Nov 4-7, 2010	62	27	11

#### ASK ALL:

Q.71 Overall, how would you rate the ethical standards of top Trump administration officials--excellent, good, not good or poor?

	Excellent	<u>Good</u>	Not <u>good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u> <sup>10</sup>
Trump	-	22	20	20	2
Jan 9-14, 2019	/	32	20	39	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	9	30	21	36	3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

<sup>9</sup> In Jan 2011 and Jan 2012, the question began "This year..."

November 2008 question was rotated and figures are based only on those who received the question first in the rotation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In May 1989 Washington Post survey, volunteered responses were: 4% too soon to tell; 1% some are, some are not; 8% don't know/refused.

#### **QUESTION 71 CONTINUED...**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	Not <u>good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u> <sup>11</sup>
Obama	_				_
Gallup: June 1-4, 2013	8	42	17	32	2
Bush					
<i>CNN:</i> June, 2006	8	36	25	25	7
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: October, 2005	11	40	19	29	1
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: July, 2005	8	47	24	18	3
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: July, 2002	15	59	15	8	3
Clinton					
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: September, 1996 (RVs)	5	41	25	25	5
Gallup/CNN/USA Today: March, 1994	5	53	20	21	3
Bush					
<i>WaPo:</i> May, 1989	5	54	20	7	13
Reagan					
ABC News/WaPo: October, 1984 (RVs)	7	60	17	12	4
ABC News/WaPo: September, 1984 (RVs)	6	58	19	15	3
ABC News/WaPo: August, 1983	5	59	22	9	4

#### **NO QUESTIONS 72-82**

#### ASK ALL:

Q.83 Which comes closer to your view — even if neither is exactly right. [READ AND RANDOMIZE PAIRS BUT NOT STATEMENTS WITHIN EACH PAIR, EXCEPT FOR ITEM C WHICH SHOULD HAVE STATEMENTS RANDOMIZED WITHIN PAIR]. Next, [NEXT PAIR]. [IF NECESSARY: "Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?"]

#### NO ITEM a

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS HELDS FUTURE RELEASE

c.		Wall Street HELPS the American economy more <u>than it hurts</u>	Wall Street HURTS the American economy more <u>than it helps</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> Both/Neither/ <u>DK/Ref</u>
	Jan 9-14, 2019	46	39	15
	Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	42	13
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	45	42	13
	Jan 4-8, 2012 <sup>12</sup>	36	48	16
	Dec 7-11, 2011	36	51	13
	Mar 8-14, 2011	38	47	15

#### NO QUESTIONS 84-85, 89, 93-96

#### **QUESTIONS 86-88 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**QUESTIONS 90-92 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In May 1989 Washington Post survey, volunteered responses were: 4% too soon to tell; 1% some are, some are not; 8% don't know/refused.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> In January 2012 and earlier, response items were not randomized.

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:

Thinking about the investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election ...

Q.97F2 How confident, if at all, are you that the Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller

**[PRONOUNCED:** "MULL-er"] is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election **[READ]**?

	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>
Jan 9-14, 2019	30	24	17	24	5
Sep 18-23, 2018	30	26	15	22	7
Jun 5-12, 2018 <sup>13</sup>	28	27	19	21	5
Mar 7-14, 2018	25	36	19	18	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	27	29	21	16	8
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	25	30	20	16	8

#### ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=740]:

And,

Q.98F2 How confident, if at all, are you that Donald Trump is handling matters related to the special counsel investigation appropriately **[READ]**? **[CLARIFY IF NECESSARY:** special counsel Mueller's **[PRONOUNCED:** "MULL-er"] investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election]

Jan 9-14		Sep 18-23	Jun 5-12
<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u> 14
19	Very confident	16	18
18	Somewhat confident	21	23
19	Not too confident	17	20
41	Not at all confident	42	37
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	2

#### 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?

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> In June 2018 survey and previous surveys, question was worded "How confident, if at all, are you that the Justice

Department special counsel Robert Mueller [PRONOUNCED: "MULL-er"] will conduct a fair investigation ... "

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> In June 2018, question was worded "How confident, if at all, are you that Donald Trump will handle matters..."

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

#### **QUESTIONS 99-100 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:	
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