

**2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 39 NOVEMBER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
NOVEMBER 7-13, 2018  
TOTAL N=9,451**

**Note: In some cases, trends to prior years are to surveys conducted by telephone. This is noted throughout this topline.**

**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Jul 30- Aug 12, <u>2018</u>	Jan 29- Feb 13, <u>2018</u>	Aug 8-21, <u>2017</u>	Apr 4-18, <u>2017</u>	Feb 28- Mar 12, <u>2017</u> <sup>1</sup>
41	Approve	38	40	38	36	39	44
58	Disapprove	61	59	60	63	61	56
1	No Answer	2	2	2	1	1	1

**ASK ALL:**

VTHPPYUS All in all, are you happy or unhappy with the results of the recent elections that took place across the United States?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	
57	Happy
41	Unhappy
2	No Answer

**ASK ALL:**

VOTED\_ATP Which of the following statements best describes you:

**BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=7,903]:**

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Nov 29- Dec 12, <u>2016</u> <sup>2</sup>
5	I did not vote in the 2018 congressional elections	5
8	I planned to vote but wasn't able to	4
87	I definitely voted in the 2018 congressional elections	90
*	No Answer	1

<sup>1</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

<sup>2</sup> In 2016, the question asked about the 2016 presidential election.

**ASK IF VOTED (VOTED\_ATP=3):**

CONGPOST In the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for **[Show in order of response: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

**BASED ON VOTERS [N=7,703]:**

*Note: The survey was weighted to approximately reflect the margin of the election results. See methodology for more details.*

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u> <sup>3</sup>	
45	Republican Party's candidate
52	Democratic Party's candidate
2	Another party's candidate
1	No Answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 3 IF VOTED (FORM=3 AND VOTED\_ATP=3):**

VOTEFORAGNST Would you say that your vote for Congress in your district was more...

**BASED ON FORM 3 VOTERS [N=1,901]:**

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	
25	A vote FOR Trump
39	A vote AGAINST Trump
35	Trump was not much of a factor in your vote
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

HSKNWLDG Do you happen to know which party in the 2018 congressional elections... **[RANDOMIZE]**

- a. Received the most votes nationwide in contests for the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	
8	Republican Party
51	Democratic Party
41	Don't know
1	No answer

- b. Won the most seats in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	
9	Republican Party
69	Democratic Party
22	Don't know
1	No answer

<sup>3</sup> This survey was weighted to approximately reflect the margin of the election results.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

HOUSEDRCT As you may know, the Democratic Party won control of the U.S. House of Representatives as a result of the midterm elections. How much do you think Democratic control of the House will change the way things are going in this country?

Nov 7-13,  
2018

21	A lot
51	Some
21	Not much
6	Not at all
1	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

As you may know, the Republican Party won control of the Senate as a result of the midterm elections. Do you think Republican control of the Senate will change the way things are going in this country **[READ]**?

Nov 6-9,  
2014

21	A lot
37	Some
19	Not much
20	Not at all
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 ONLY [N=4,717]:**

DEM2YR Over the next two years, do you think Democratic leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

Nov 7-13,  
2018

36	Successful
61	Unsuccessful
3	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

		-----Democratic leaders-----									
Jan 7-11, <u>2014</u>		Nov 6-9, <u>2014</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>	July <u>2007</u>	Mar <u>2007</u>	Jan <u>2007</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Sept <u>1995</u>	Apr <u>1995</u>	Feb <u>1995</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
45	Successful	49	43	43	54	57	59	54	63	61	62
46	Unsuccessful	40	37	42	32	25	22	31	28	20	24
3	Mixed/Get some passed <b>(VOL.)</b>	5	5	6	4	5	6	--	3	5	4
6	Don't Know/ Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	6	15	9	10	13	13	15	6	14	10



**ASK FORMS 3 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,734]:**

TRUMP2YR Over the next two years, do you think Donald Trump will be successful or unsuccessful in getting his programs passed into law?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	
35	Successful
63	Unsuccessful
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

ISSUCMPGN Compared to past elections, would you say there was more discussion of issues in this campaign or less discussion of issues?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	
58	More
40	Less
2	No answer

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Compared to past elections, would you say there was more discussion of issues in this campaign or less discussion of issues?

**BASED ON VOTERS:**

Nov 6-9, <u>2014</u>		Nov <u>2012</u> <sup>4</sup>	Nov <u>2010</u>	Nov <u>2008</u>	Nov <u>2006</u>	Nov <u>2004</u>	Nov <u>2000</u>	Nov <u>1998</u>	Nov <u>1996</u>	Nov <u>1992</u>
29	More	38	35	57	40	47	46	30	25	59
60	Less	51	55	34	49	42	36	61	65	34
6	Same (VOL.)	6	5	6	7	7	13	7	6	4
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	3

**ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,724]:**

EMTCONGDEM How do you feel about the Democratic Party gaining control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u> <sup>5</sup>
19	Excited	17
40	Relieved	38
34	Disappointed	34
5	Angry	7
2	No answer	4

<sup>4</sup> In November 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996 and 1992, question was asked about "past presidential elections."

<sup>5</sup> The pre-election question asked how respondents *would* feel if the Democrats took control of the House.

**[ROTATE HOUSEMAJ AND SNTMAJ BY FORM. FORM 2 GETS SNTMAJ FIRST, HOUSEMAJ SECOND. FORM 4 GETS HOUSEMAJ FIRST, SNTMAJ SECOND]**

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,727]:**

HOUSEMAJ Are you happy or unhappy that the Democratic Party won control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Nov 7-13,

2018

59	Happy
38	Unhappy
3	No answer

**PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. Congress?

	<u>Happy</u>	<u>Unhappy</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
<b>Among all</b>			
Nov 10-14, 2016	52	45	3
<b>Among voters</b>			
Nov 8-11, 2012 ("Reps maintained control of House")	52	42	6
Nov 8-11, 2012 ("Dems maintained control of Senate")	56	40	4
November 2008 ("Dems maintained control of Congress")	53	41	6
November 2004 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	51	44	5
November 2000 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	48	39	13
November 1996 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	65	27	8
<b>Among Registered Voters</b>			
Nov 6-9, 2014 ("Reps won control of Senate")	51	38	11
Nov 4-7, 2010 ("Reps won the House of Representatives")	50	34	16
November 2006 ("Dems won control of Congress")	61	25	14
December 2002 ("Reps won control of Senate")	49	37	14
November 1998 ("Reps maintained control of Congress")	48	33	19
December 1994 ("Reps won control of Congress")	58	32	10

**ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,727]:**

SNTMAJ Are you happy or unhappy that the Republican Party maintained control of the U.S. Senate?

Nov 7-13,

2018

45	Happy
52	Unhappy
3	No answer

**ASK FORMS 1, 2 AND 3 ONLY [N=7,071]:**

TAKLEAD Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems?  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSES]**

Nov 7-13,

2018

43	Donald Trump
55	Democratic congressional leaders
3	No answer

**ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,380]:**

TAKLEAD2 Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems?  
**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSES, "Both" ALWAYS SHOWN LAST]**

Nov 7-13,  
2018

17	Donald Trump
28	Democratic congressional leaders
54	Both
1	No answer

**PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems — President Obama, or the Republican congressional leaders?

	President <u>Obama</u>	Rep <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	38	17	5
Nov 6-9, 2014	40	41	16	3
November 2010	49	30	16	5

	President <u>Bush</u>	Dem <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November 2006	29	51	14	6

	President <u>Clinton</u>	Rep <u>leaders</u>	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ <u>Work together</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
November 1998	49	26	16	9
September 1998	47	32	12	9
February 1997	48	29	14	9
November 1996	45	30	19	6
March 1996	47	36	9	8
April 1995	48	36	12	4
March 1995	40	40	10	10
February 1995	40	38	16	6
December 1994	39	43	10	8

**ASK ALL:**

DEMPLAN As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

Nov 7-13,  
2018

54	Approve
43	Disapprove
3	No answer

**DEMPLAN PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**

As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?

Jan 7-11, <u>2015</u>		Nov 6-9, <u>2014</u>	Nov <u>2010</u>	<i>Dem leaders</i> Nov <u>2006</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
40	Approve	44	41	50	52
49	Disapprove	43	37	21	28
11	Don't know/Refused ( <b>VOL.</b> )	13	22	29	20

**ASK ALL:**

POL12

Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Nov 17- Dec 15, <u>2014</u>
9	Get better	11
44	Get worse	34
46	Stay the same	55
*	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

PRZCNG

Who do you think will have the better approach to each of the following issues?

**[RANDOMIZE, SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]**

	Donald <u>Trump</u>	Democrats <u>in Congress</u>	Not much difference <u>between</u> <u>the two</u>	No <u>answer</u>	
<b>ASK FORMS 1 AND 3 ONLY [N=4,724]:</b>					
a.F13	Jobs and economic growth				
	Nov 7-13, 2018	44	33	22	1
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i>				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	29	35	32	3
	Nov 4-7, 2010	27	37	30	6
	<i>Clinton</i>				
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	44	28	22	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	32	29	27	12
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	36	34	25	5
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 (RVs)	30	44	22	4
b.F13	The budget deficit				
	Nov 7-13, 2018	34	38	27	2
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i>				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	22	35	39	4
	Nov 4-7, 2010	24	35	33	8
	<i>Clinton</i>				
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	29	31	34	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	28	34	29	9
	NBC/WSJ: Oct 1995	25	40	27	8
	NBC/WSJ: Sep 1995	30	35	25	10
	NBC/WSJ: Jul 1995	27	39	24	10



## PRZCNG CONTINUED...

		Donald <u>Trump</u>	Democrats <u>in Congress</u>	Not much difference between <u>the two</u>	No <u>answer</u>
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jan 1995	25	37	29	9
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Nov 1994 ( <i>RVs</i> )	23	46	27	4
c.F13	Foreign policy Nov 7-13, 2018	35	43	20	1
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i>				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	26	31	38	5
	Nov 4-7, 2010	32	26	34	8
	<i>Clinton</i>				
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jan 1996	31	25	29	15
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Oct 1995	30	36	25	9
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Sep 1995	26	38	23	13
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jul 1995	27	34	26	13
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Nov 1994 ( <i>RVs</i> ) <sup>6</sup>	36	37	22	5
d.F13	Health care Nov 7-13, 2018	28	51	19	2
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i>				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	34	35	29	2
	Nov 4-7, 2010	35	36	24	5
	<i>Clinton</i>				
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jan 1995	42	27	23	8
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Nov 1994 ( <i>RVs</i> )	36	39	20	5
e.F13	Social Security Nov 7-13, 2018	26	48	24	2
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i>				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	27	28	40	5
	Nov 4-7, 2010	27	29	35	9
	<i>Clinton</i>				
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Dec 1996	38	27	25	10
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Nov 1994 ( <i>RVs</i> )	29	42	24	5
f.F13	Ethics in government Nov 7-13, 2018	22	48	29	2
	<b>ASK FORMS 2 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,727]:</b>				
g.F24	Taxes Nov 7-13, 2018	38	39	22	1
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i>				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	25	34	37	4
	Nov 4-7, 2010	25	37	31	7
	<i>Clinton</i>				
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Dec 1996	34	39	20	7
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jan 1996	34	31	25	10
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Oct 1995	34	36	23	7
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jul 1995	24	35	30	11
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Jan 1995	24	37	30	9
	<i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Nov 1994 ( <i>RVs</i> )	17	55	23	5

<sup>6</sup> Item was worded "foreign affairs."

**PRZCNG CONTINUED...**

		<u>Donald Trump</u>	<u>Democrats in Congress</u>	<u>Not much difference between the two</u>	<u>No answer</u>
h.F24	Immigration policy Nov 7-13, 2018	40	46	13	1
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i> Nov 6-9, 2014	28	34	33	5
	<i>Clinton</i> <i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Dec 1996	28	33	20	19
i.F24	The environment Nov 7-13, 2018	19	55	25	1
	<b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
	<i>Obama</i> Nov 6-9, 2014	35	20	41	4
	<i>Clinton</i> <i>NBC/WSJ</i> : Dec 1996	46	19	25	10
j.F24	Gun policy Nov 7-13, 2018	34	42	22	1
k.F24	Trade policy Nov 7-13, 2018	40	38	21	1
l.F24	Medicare Nov 7-13, 2018	26	51	22	1

**ASK ALL:**

COMPDT How much do you think Donald Trump should cooperate with the Democratic leaders in Congress over the next two years?

Nov 7-13,  
2018

39	A great deal
45	A fair amount
10	Not much
5	Not at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

COMPDEM How much do you think Democratic leaders in Congress should cooperate with Donald Trump over the next two years?

Nov 7-13,  
2018

28	A great deal
36	A fair amount
24	Not much
10	Not at all
1	No answer

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF BLOCKS VTCONF\_COM/VTCONF\_US AND VTADMIN\_COM/VTADMIN\_US]****ASK ALL:**

VTCONF\_COM How confident are you that votes in YOUR COMMUNITY were counted as voters intended in the elections?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
49	Very confident	42
37	Somewhat confident	40
9	Not too confident	13
5	Not at all confident	4
*	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

VTCONF\_US How confident are you that votes across the UNITED STATES were counted as voters intended in the elections?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
23	Very confident	25
47	Somewhat confident	47
21	Not too confident	21
8	Not at all confident	6
*	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_COM Do you think the elections this November in YOUR COMMUNITY were run and administered...

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
53	Very well	41
36	Somewhat well	46
7	Not too well	9
4	Not at all well	3
1	No answer	1

**ASK ALL:**

VTADMIN\_US Do you think the elections this November in the UNITED STATES were run and administered ...

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
21	Very well	20
53	Somewhat well	57
18	Not too well	18
7	Not at all well	4
1	No answer	1

**ASK DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2):**

DEMOVRSGHT Thinking about Democratic control of the House of Representatives next year, which concerns you more? **[RANDOMIZE]**

**BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS [N=5,277]:**

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		
46	That Democrats in Congress will FOCUS TOO MUCH on investigating the Trump administration	
51	That Democrats in Congress will NOT FOCUS ENOUGH on investigating the Trump administration	
3	No answer	

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK FORM 2 ONLY:****ASK ALL REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=1) [N=971]:**

GOPDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are...

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Sept 14- Sept 28, <u>2017</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12, <u>2016</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8, <u>2016</u>
27	Very optimistic	23	12	28	12
56	Somewhat optimistic	51	47	51	49
13	Somewhat pessimistic	19	29	16	29
3	Very pessimistic	5	10	4	9
1	No answer	2	2	2	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY:****ASK ALL DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (F\_PARTYSUM\_FINAL=2) [N=1,339]:**

DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are...

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Sept 14- Sept 28, <u>2017</u>	Nov 29- Dec 12, <u>2016</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8, <u>2016</u>
24	Very optimistic	19	13	14	22
57	Somewhat optimistic	58	51	47	55
14	Somewhat pessimistic	16	28	29	15
3	Very pessimistic	5	6	10	6
1	No answer	2	1	1	2

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,370]:**

PRMRCHLNG And thinking about the 2020 Republican nomination, would you like to see other Republican candidates challenge Donald Trump for the Party's nomination for president in 2020?

**BASED ON REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN [N=997]:****PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:***Based on Democrat/Lean Democrat only:*

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>		Aug 4-7, <u>2011</u>	Nov 4-7, <u>2010</u>	Dec <u>1994</u>
37	Yes	32	38	66
61	No	59	58	29
2	No answer	9	3	5

**ASK FORM 3 AND 4 ONLY [N=4,734]:**

TRUMPMT What do you think Donald Trump's impact was on Republican candidates in House and Senate elections around the country?

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	40	Trump mostly helped Republican candidates
	18	Trump mostly hurt Republican candidates
	40	Trump helped about as much as he hurt Republican candidates
	2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

MORWMN1POST As you may know, a record number of women will be serving in Congress next year. Do you think this will be...

Nov 7-13, <u>2018</u>	61	A good thing	Jun 19- Jul 2, <u>2018</u> <sup>7</sup>	61
	4	A bad thing		5
	35	Neither a good nor a bad thing		33
	*	No answer		1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

<sup>7</sup> In June, the question read, "As you may know, more women are running for U.S. Congress this year than in the past. Do you think this is..."