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The public continues to be critical of both political parties. Both parties' favorability ratings are more negative than positive and fewer than half say either party has high ethical standards. Majorities also fault both for their approach to government spending.

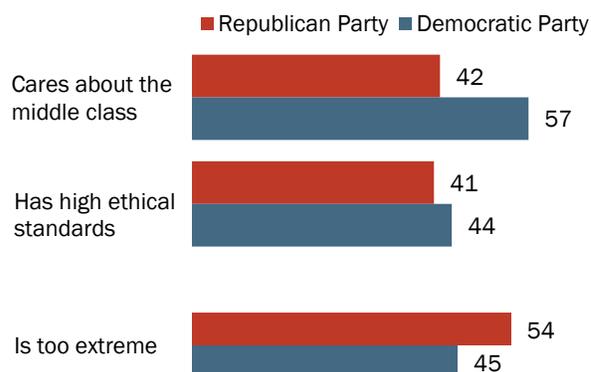
But as in the past, more say the Democratic Party "cares about the middle class" (57%) than say that about the Republican Party (42%). And while 54% say the Republican Party is "too extreme," fewer (45%) say this phrase applies to the Democratic Party. The share saying the Democratic Party is too extreme has risen over the past year (from 37%) while perceptions of the GOP have shown less change.

The latest national survey by Pew Research Center, conducted June 8-18 among 2,504 adults, finds that despite the tumult in Washington, overall impressions of the two parties – and President Trump – have changed very little since April. Currently, 39% approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president, while 55% disapprove. For more, see [detailed demographic tables](#) on Trump's job approval.

Just 40% view the Republican Party favorably, while 54% have an unfavorable impression. Opinions about the Democratic Party are similar (44% favorable, 50% unfavorable).

Most say Democratic Party cares about middle class; GOP seen as 'too extreme'

% saying each describes Republican/Democratic parties



Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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Public is critical of both parties when it comes to government spending

% who say the Republican Party is too willing to cut government programs, even when they work



% who say the Democratic Party too often sees government as the only way to solve problems



Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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As Congress continues to debate the budget and government spending, majorities are critical of the way that both parties handle these issues. Nearly two-thirds (64%) say the Republican Party is “too willing to cut government programs even when they work.” About as many (61%) say the Democratic Party “too often sees government as the only way to solve problems.”

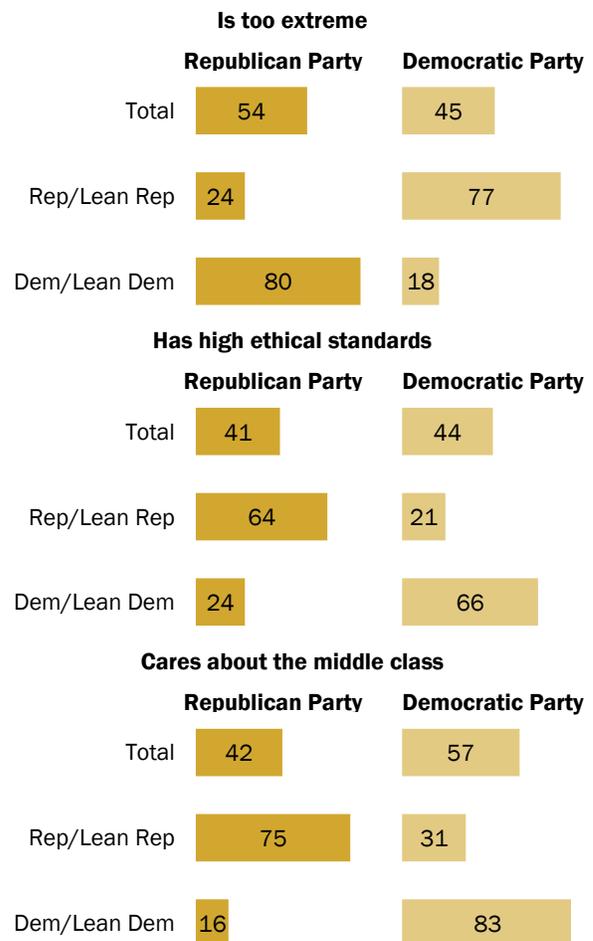
In general, Republicans and Democrats ascribe positive traits to their own party, while holding negative views of the opposing party. For example, about two-thirds of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents (66%) say their party has high ethical standards, while about the same share of Republicans and Republican leaners (64%) say the same about the GOP. Comparable shares in each party (24% of Democrats, 21% of Republicans) say the opposing party has high ethical standards.

While large majorities in both parties characterize the other party as too extreme, Republicans are more likely than Democrats to describe their party this way (24% of Republicans, 18% of Democrats).

Republicans also are far more likely to say the Democratic Party cares about the middle class than vice versa: 31% of Republicans say the Democratic Party cares about the middle class, compared with 16% of Democrats who say this about the GOP.

About a third of Republicans say Democratic Party ‘cares about middle class’

% saying each describes Republican/Democratic parties



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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Many Democrats – especially conservative and moderate Democrats – fault their party for too often viewing government as the only way to solve problems. Overall, 44% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say their party too often sees government as the solution; conservative and moderate Democrats (50%) are more likely than liberal Democrats (38%) to say this.

Roughly a third of Republicans and Republican leaners (35%) say the Republican Party is too willing to cut government programs even when they work. The critique that the GOP cuts programs even when effective is more widespread among moderate and liberal Republicans (51%) than among conservative Republicans (28%).

Majorities fault both parties for their approach to government spending

% saying each describes Republican/Democratic parties

	Republican Party is too willing to cut gov't programs, even when they work	Democratic Party too often sees gov't as the only way to solve problems
	%	%
Total	64	61
All Rep/Lean Rep	35	83
All Dem/Lean Dem	90	44
<i>Among Rep/Lean Rep...</i>		
College grad+	28	87
Non-college	38	81
Conservative	28	85
Moderate/Liberal	51	77
<i>Among Dem/Lean Dem...</i>		
College grad+	94	40
Non-college	88	47
Conservative/Moderate	87	50
Liberal	94	38

Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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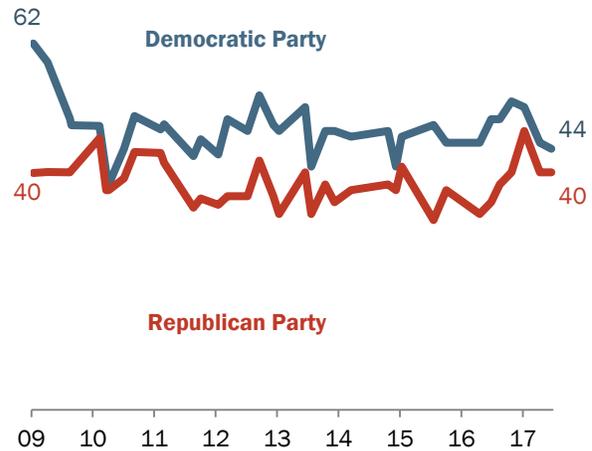
Views of the Republican, Democratic parties little changed

Perceptions of both parties remain little changed from April. Currently, four-in-ten have a favorable view of the Republican Party, while 54% express an unfavorable one. A comparable share of the public rates the Democratic Party favorably (44%), while half have an unfavorable opinion.

Ratings for both parties are lower than they were in January, when about half viewed the Democratic (51%) and Republican (47%) parties favorably.

Favorable ratings of both parties little changed since April

% who have a favorable view of the...



Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

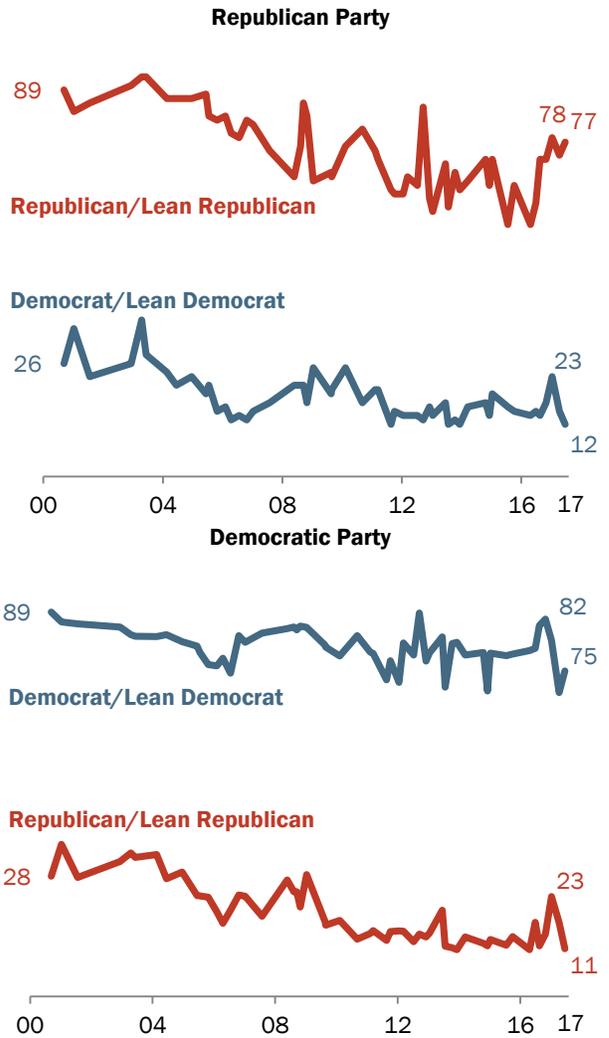
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Nearly eight-in-ten Republicans and leaners (77%) have a favorable view of the GOP, little changed since the beginning of the year. Democrats view the GOP less favorably now (12%) than in January (23%).

Fully three-quarters of Democrats (75%) rate their party positively today, up slightly from April (70%). Republicans view the Democratic Party less favorably today (11%) than they did in January (23%).

Partisans' views of opposing party have declined since January

% who have a favorable view of the...



Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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Trump job approval

Donald Trump's job approval continues to remain more negative than positive. Currently, 39% of the public approves of the way Trump is handling his job as president, while 55% disapprove. Ratings of Trump are virtually unchanged from April (39% approved) and February (also 39%).

As has been the case throughout the early stages of Trump's presidency, these views are starkly divided by gender, race and ethnicity, age and education.

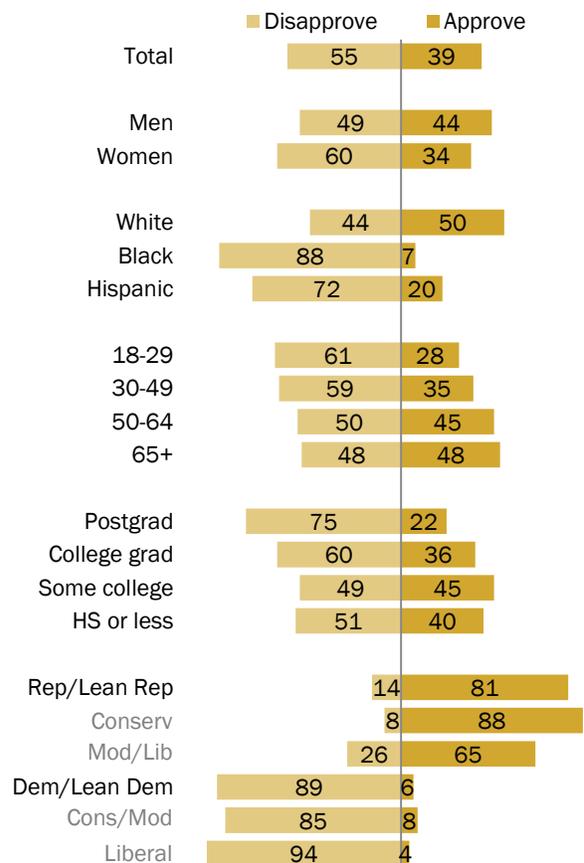
Support for Trump is highest among whites, men and older adults. Half of whites approve of the job Trump is doing as president, and 44% disapprove – the only major demographic group in which more approve than disapprove. Large majorities of blacks (88%) and Hispanics (72%) give Trump negative job ratings.

Among men, nearly half (49%) disapprove of Trump's job performance, while 44% approve. Women disapprove by a much wider margin (60% to 34%). Adults 50 and older are divided in their views of Trump: 46% approve, 49% disapprove. Among those under 50, 32% approve, while nearly twice as many (60%) disapprove.

There continues to be an educational divide in views of Trump. Two-thirds of Americans with a college degree or more education (66%) – including three-quarters of those with a postgraduate degree – disapprove of Trump as president. Trump's job rating is more divided among those with less education. Among adults without a four-year degree, 42% approve of the job Trump is doing and 50% disapprove.

Trump job approval deeply divided by party, race, education, age and gender

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



Notes: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. Don't know responses not shown. Source: Survey conducted June 8-18, 2017.

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Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted June 8-18, 2017 among a national sample of 2,504 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (628 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,876 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 1,109 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. 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. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2015 Census Bureau's American Community Survey 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. 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 June 8-18, 2017

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	2,504	2.3 percentage points
Republican/Lean Rep	1,050	3.5 percentage points
Democrat/Lean Dem	1,230	3.2 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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Appendix: Topline Questionnaire

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
SUMMER 2017 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
JUNE 8-18, 2017
N=2,504**

ASK ALL:

Q.A1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President? IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	55	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	54	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	56	6

See past presidents' approval trends: [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

ASK IF APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE (Q.A1=1,2) [N=2,370]:

Q.A1a Do you [approve/disapprove] very strongly, or not so strongly?

	-----Approve-----				-----Disapprove-----				(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very strongly</u>	<u>Not so strongly</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	
Jun 8-18, 2017	39	29	9	2	55	47	7	1	7
Apr 5-11, 2017	39	30	8	1	54	44	10	1	6
Feb 7-12, 2017	39	29	8	1	56	46	9	1	6

NO QUESTIONS 2-11, 13**QUESTIONS 12, 14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.A15 Would you say your overall opinion of... **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]** How about **[NEXT ITEM]**?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>		
a. The Republican Party								
Jun 8-18, 2017	40	10	31	54	27	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	10	30	57	27	30	0	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	47	12	35	49	20	29	*	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	40	10	31	55	23	33	*	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	38	9	29	56	26	31	0	6
Jun 15-26, 2016	35	9	26	60	30	29	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	33	9	24	62	32	30	*	5
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	37	6	31	58	26	32	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	7	26	60	28	32	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6

Q.A15 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4

Q.A15 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6
b. The Democratic Party								
Jun 8-18, 2017	44	12	32	50	24	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	11	34	51	26	25	*	4
Jan 4-9, 2017	51	13	38	45	18	26	*	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	52	15	37	45	22	22	*	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	49	15	35	46	22	24	*	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	49	17	33	46	23	23	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	45	14	31	50	27	23	*	4
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	10	35	50	24	26	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	12	36	47	22	25	0	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
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Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9

Q.A15 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	Ref
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

NO QUESTIONS 16-24, 28-29, 31-35

QUESTIONS 25-27, 30 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

RANDOMIZE Q.A36 AND Q.A37

ASK ALL:

Now I have a few questions about the political parties...

[First]

Q.A36 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

		(VOL.)		
		Yes	No	DK/Ref
a.	Is too extreme			
	Jun 8-18, 2017	54	43	4
	Apr 5-11, 2017	52	45	2
	Mar 17-26, 2016	54	42	4
	Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	54	41	5
	Feb 18-22, 2015	50	46	4
	Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	52	43	5
	Jul 17-21, 2013	48	46	6
	Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
	<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i>			
	<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	56	42	3
b.	Has high ethical standards			
	Jun 8-18, 2017	41	55	4
	Apr 5-11, 2017	45	52	3

Q.A36 TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Do you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... Has high ethical standards</i>			
<i>CNN/ORC: October, 2006</i>	46	52	2
c. Is too willing to cut government programs, even when they work			
Jun 8-18, 2017	64	31	5
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	59	34	7
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	57	35	8
d. Cares about the middle class			
Jun 8-18, 2017	42	56	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	43	53	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	43	54	3
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	42	54	4

RANDOMIZE Q.A36 AND Q.A37**ASK ALL:**

[Now thinking about...]

Q.A37 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
a. Is too extreme			
Jun 8-18, 2017	45	52	3
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	57	3
Mar 17-26, 2016	37	59	4
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	39	56	5
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	59	4
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	39	56	5
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	54	5
Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	39	57	3
b. Has high ethical standards			
Jun 8-18, 2017	44	52	4
Apr 5-11, 2017	49	48	3
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Do you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... Has high ethical standards</i>			
<i>CNN/ORC: October, 2006</i>	49	46	5
c. Too often sees government as the only way to solve problems			
Jun 8-18, 2017	61	35	4
Sep 16-Oct 4, 2015	59	36	5
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	59	35	6

Q.A37 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
d. Cares about the middle class			
Jun 8-18, 2017	57	41	2
Mar 17-26, 2016	61	36	3
Feb 18-22, 2015	60	38	2
Feb 27-Mar 16, 2014	57	38	4

NO QUESTIONS 38-39, 41-49, 52-61, 63-76, 79-125, 130-142, 144-167**QUESTIONS 40, 50-51, 62, 77-78, 126-129, 143 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>(VOL.) No preference</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other party</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Jun 8-18, 2017	24	30	40	3	1	2	17	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Yearly Totals								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
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 168-169 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
