2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 39 NOVEMBER
FINAL TOPLINE
NOVEMBER 7–16, 2018
TOTAL N=10,640

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

Note: Some previously released questions based only on responses collected Nov. 7-13, 2018.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK U.S. CITIZENS ONLY (S_CITIZEN=1) [N=10,373]:
VOTED_ATP   Which of the following statements best describes you:

Nov 7-16, 2018		Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016[1]
23	I did not vote in the 2018 congressional elections	14
22	I planned to vote but wasn't able to	8
55	I definitely voted in the 2018 congressional elections	77
1	No Answer	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK IF VOTED (VOTED_ATP=3):
VTPLANPOST   When did you vote in the elections this November? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PUNCHES 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK 3 AND 4 LAST IN ORDER]**
ASK EARLY VOTERS (VTPLANPOST=2) [N=3,946]:
EARLY1   How did you vote in the November election?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=8,579]:

Nov 7-16, 2018	
55	On election day
45	Before election day
19	Voted in person
25	Mailed in ballot
*	No answer
*	No answer

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Nov 10-14, 2016		Nov 6-9, 2014	Nov 8-11, 2012	Nov 2008	Nov 2006	Nov 2004	Nov 2002
59	On Election Day	71	63	66	80	80	85
41	Before Election Day	29	37	34	20	20	15
22	Voted in person	12	19	19	--	--	--
18	Mailed in ballot	16	17	14	--	--	--
1	Other way/DK/Ref **(VOL.)**	1	*	1	--	--	--
0	Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**	*	0	*	*	*	*

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[1]   In 2016, the question asked about the 2016 presidential election.

ASK IN-PERSON VOTERS (EARLY1=1):
HOWVOTE   How did you cast your ballot in the November election?

BASED ON IN-PERSON VOTERS [N=6,321]:

Nov 7-16,
2018
7	Paper ballot counted by hand
54	Paper ballot scanned and counted by a computer
39	Electronic or mechanical voting machine
1	No answer

ASK IF VOTED (VOTED_ATP=3):
FIRST   Is this the first year you have ever voted, or have you voted in elections before this year?

BASED ON VOTERS [N=8,579]:

Nov 7-16,
2018
3	First time voting
97	Had voted before
--	No answer

ASK IN-PERSON VOTERS (EARLY1=1):
V7   When you went to vote, approximately how long did you have to wait in line to vote?

BASED ON IN-PERSON VOTERS [N=6,321]:

Nov 7-16, 2018		Nov 17- Dec 15, 2014
47	Not at all	53
33	Less than 10 minutes	30
14	10-30 minutes	13
5	31 minutes – 1 hour	3
1	More than 1 hour (please specify)	*
*	No answer	*

ASK FORM 1 AND 2 IN-PERSON VOTERS (EARLY1=1):
VTCROWD   When you went to vote, would you say it was…

BASED ON FORM 1 AND 2 IN-PERSON VOTERS [N=3,122]:

Nov 7-16,
2018
6	Very crowded
24	Somewhat crowded
28	Not too crowded
41	Not at all crowded
*	No answer

ASK FORM 3 AND 4 IN-PERSON VOTERS (EARLY1=1):
KNPOLL   When you went to vote, did you personally know any of the people working at the polling place?

BASED ON FORM 3 AND 4 IN-PERSON VOTERS [N=3,199]:

Nov 7-16,
  2018
  19   Yes
  81   No
   *   No answer

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN AND DID NOT VOTE (S_CITIZEN=1 AND VOTED_ATP=1,2) [N=1,767]:
WISH_VOTED   Do you wish that you had voted in the election?

Nov 7-16, 2018		Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014
61	Yes	55
38	No	43
1	No answer	1

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN AND DID NOT VOTE (S_CITIZEN=1 AND VOTED_ATP=1,2) [N=1,767]:
POL5MOD   If you had voted in the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, would you have voted for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

Nov 7-16, 2018		Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014
28	Republican Party's candidate	25
38	Democratic Party's candidate	31
4	Another party's candidate	6
29	Not sure	37
1	No answer	1

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN AND DID NOT VOTE (S_CITIZEN=1 AND VOTED_ATP=1,2) [N=1,767]:
NOVOTERSN2   There are lots of different reasons why many people don't vote. For you personally, how much of a reason, if at all, is each of the following for why you did not vote?
[RANDOMIZE]

		Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	No answer
a.	I didn't think my vote would make a difference				
	Nov 7-16, 2018	21	23	55	1
b.	I didn't care who won the congressional election in my area				
	Nov 7-16, 2018	12	23	64	1
c.	I'm not registered or not eligible to vote				
	Nov 7-16, 2018	19	10	70	1

NOVOTERSN2 CONTINUED…	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason	No answer
d. It was too inconvenient for me to vote				
Nov 7-16, 2018	20	21	59	1
e. I don't like politics				
Nov 7-16, 2018	26	23	50	1
f. I forgot to vote				
Nov 7-16, 2018	7	15	77	1

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK FORM 2 AND 3 VOTERS (VOTED_ATP=3) [N=4,288]:
VTEASY   Overall, was voting in the elections this November for you personally… **[MATCH ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS TO WHAT RESPONDENTS RECEIVED IN W38]**

Nov 7-16, 2018		Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018[2]
76	Very easy	38
16	Somewhat easy	42
7	Somewhat difficult	16
1	Very difficult	4
*	No answer	1

ASK VOTERS (VOTED_ATP=3) [N=8,579]:
VTPPL_POST   How well did **[INSERT ITEM; DO NOT CAPITALIZE FIRST WORD IN ITEM]** do their job during the elections this November?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	No answer
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,098]					
a. Poll workers in your community					
Nov 7-16, 2018	68	24	4	1	3
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018[3]	45	44	8	2	1
ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,128]					
b. Officials who run election in your local area					
Nov 7-16, 2018	68	27	4	*	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	28	50	18	4	1
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,160]					
c. Officials who run elections in your state					
Nov 7-16, 2018	55	33	6	4	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	32	51	12	3	1

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2   September survey asked if respondents "expect" voting to be very easy, somewhat easy, etc.
3   In September, respondents were asked, "How confident are you that _____ will do a good job during the elections this November?"

VTPPL_POST CONTINUED...	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	No answer
ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,193]					
d. Officials who run elections across the United States					
Nov 7-16, 2018	23	57	16	2	2
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	17	54	24	5	*

ASK FORMS 1 AND 2 ONLY [N=5,288]:
VTSYSSEC_ST   How confident are you that election systems in YOUR STATE were secure from hacking and other technological threats?

Nov 7-16, 2018		Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018[4]
29	Very confident	16
49	Somewhat confident	50
15	Not too confident	24
6	Not at all confident	10
1	No answer	1

ASK FORM 4 ONLY [N=2,689]:
VTSYSSEC_US   How confident are you that election systems in the UNITED STATES were secure from hacking and other technological threats?

Nov 7-16, 2018		Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018
15	Very confident	8
49	Somewhat confident	37
24	Not too confident	37
11	Not at all confident	17
*	No answer	*

ASK FORM 3 ONLY [N=2,663]:
FRGNINFL_POST2   Do you think Russia or other foreign governments influenced the U.S. congressional elections, or not?

Nov 7-16, 2018	
9	Definitely influenced
30	Probably influenced
44	Probably did NOT influence
16	Definitely did NOT influence
2	No answer

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4   For VTSYSSEC_ST and VTSYSSEC_US, the September survey asked about whether election systems "are secure."