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Despite historically low levels of [public trust](#) in the federal government, Americans across the political spectrum continue to overwhelmingly express favorable opinions of a number of individual federal agencies, including the Postal Service, the National Park Service, NASA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). And majorities of both Republicans and Democrats now express favorable views of the FBI, reflecting a rebound in GOP perceptions after a decline in recent years.

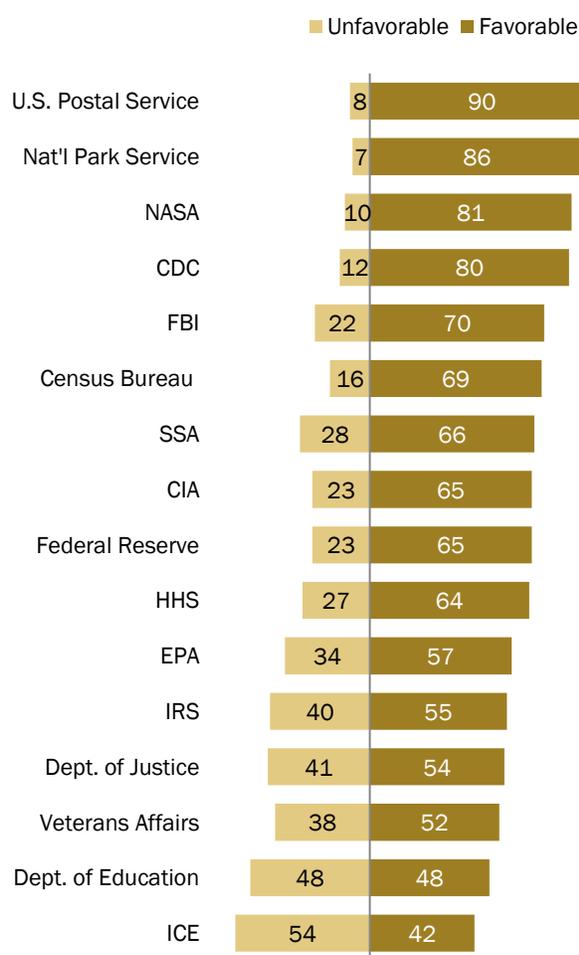
Of the 16 agencies asked about in a national survey by Pew Research Center, conducted Sept. 5-16 among 2,004 U.S. adults, 14 are viewed more favorably than unfavorably by the public.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the sole agency asked about in the survey viewed more negatively (54% unfavorable) than positively (42% favorable), while the public is divided in its view of the Department of Education (48% favorable, 48% unfavorable).

Attitudes toward ICE continue to largely break along partisan lines: While 70% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents have a favorable view of the agency, just 19% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say the same.

Public opinion varies across federal agencies; views of ICE still mixed

% who have a ___ opinion of each



Notes: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 5-16, 2019.

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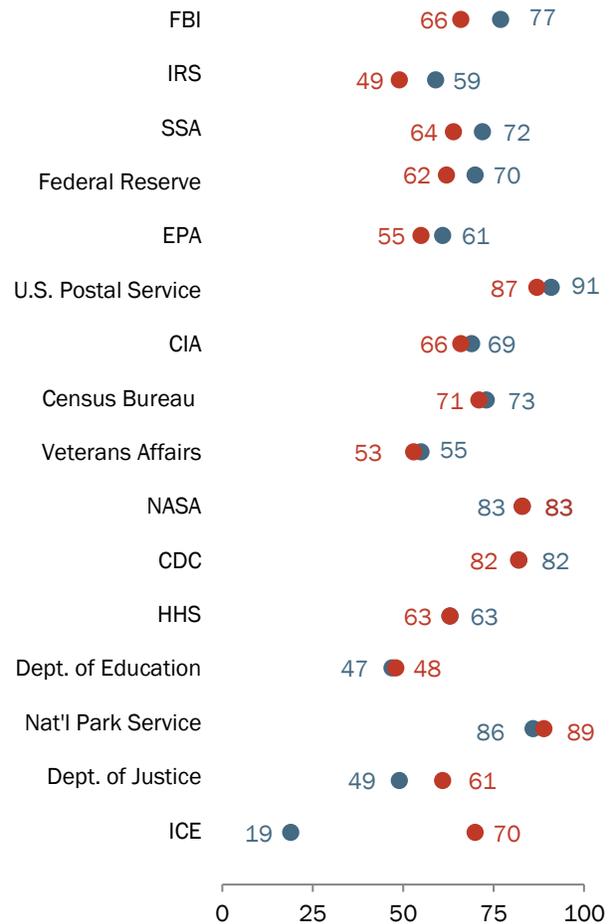
Wide majorities of Democrats and Republicans report having a favorable opinion of the Postal Service, the National Park Service, NASA, the CDC and the Census Bureau.

Democrats continue to view the IRS more favorably than Republicans do (59% vs. 49%). And while majorities of both Democrats and Republicans express positive views of the Social Security Administration and the Federal Reserve, Democrats are somewhat more likely than Republicans to rate these agencies positively.

In contrast, Republicans are now more likely than Democrats to offer a favorable opinion of the Department of Justice (DOJ), reflecting substantial shifts in opinion in both parties.

Republicans, Democrats differ starkly in views of ICE

% who have a favorable opinion of each



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 5-16, 2019.

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About half of Democrats now express a favorable view (49%) of the DOJ, an 11 percentage point decline since last year and down from the nearly three-quarters of Democrats who viewed the department positively in January 2017.

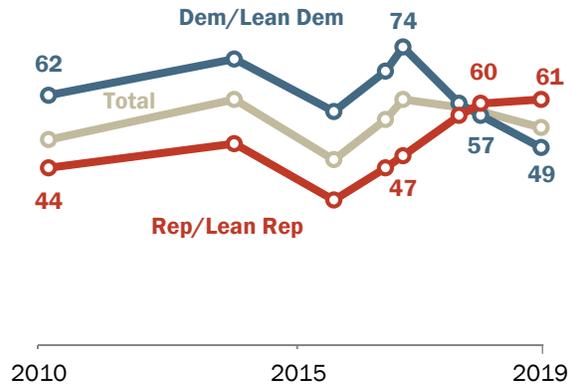
Republicans' views of the Justice Department have become more positive over this time period: 61% of Republicans now say they view the DOJ favorably, up from 47% in January 2017.

Republican views of the FBI have rebounded after declining in 2018: About two-thirds of Republicans (66%) now say they have a favorable opinion of the FBI – up 17 percentage points since last July, but on par with views of the bureau in 2016 and early 2017.

Democratic opinions of the FBI are little changed in recent years, with roughly three-quarters (77%) continuing to say they view the bureau favorably.

Shifting partisan views of the DOJ

% who have a favorable opinion of the Dept. of Justice

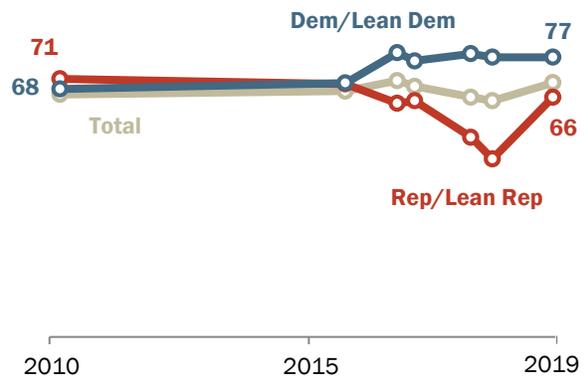


Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 5-16, 2019.

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Republicans' views of the FBI rebound

% who have a favorable opinion of the FBI



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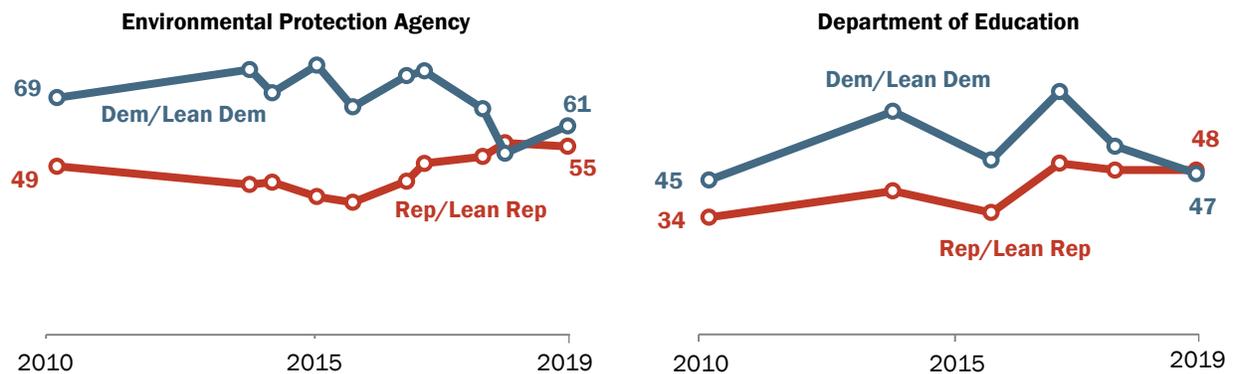
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Today, roughly half of both Democrats (47%) and Republicans (48%) express a favorable view of the Department of Education. This marks a shift from surveys conducted throughout the Obama administration, when Democrats were consistently more likely than Republicans to view the department favorably.

A similar pattern is evident in opinions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In surveys conducted between 2010 and January 2017, there was a wide partisan gap in views of the agency: By margins of 20 percentage points or more, Democrats had more favorable views of the EPA than Republicans. That partisan gap is substantially narrower today.

Narrowing partisan gaps in opinions of EPA, Department of Education

% who have a favorable opinion of each



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 5-16, 2019.

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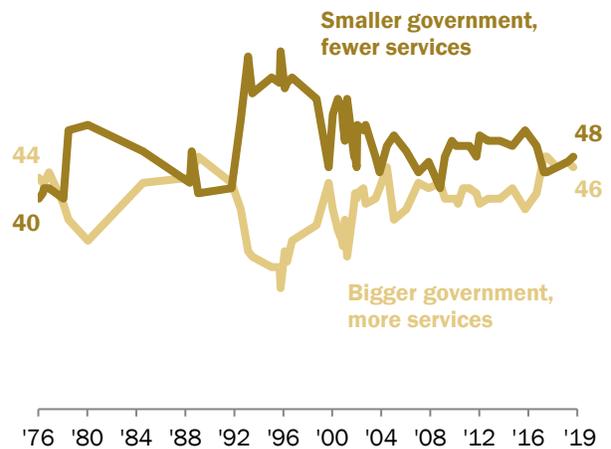
Americans divided over preference for bigger or smaller government

Americans continue to be split in their preferences for the size and scope of government: 48% of adults say they would rather have a smaller government with fewer services provided, while 46% say they would prefer a bigger government with more services.

This balance of opinion is little changed since 2017.

Public remains split over preferred size and scope of government

% who say they would rather have ...



Notes: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 5-16, 2019.

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Views about the size of government vary by demographics and partisanship.

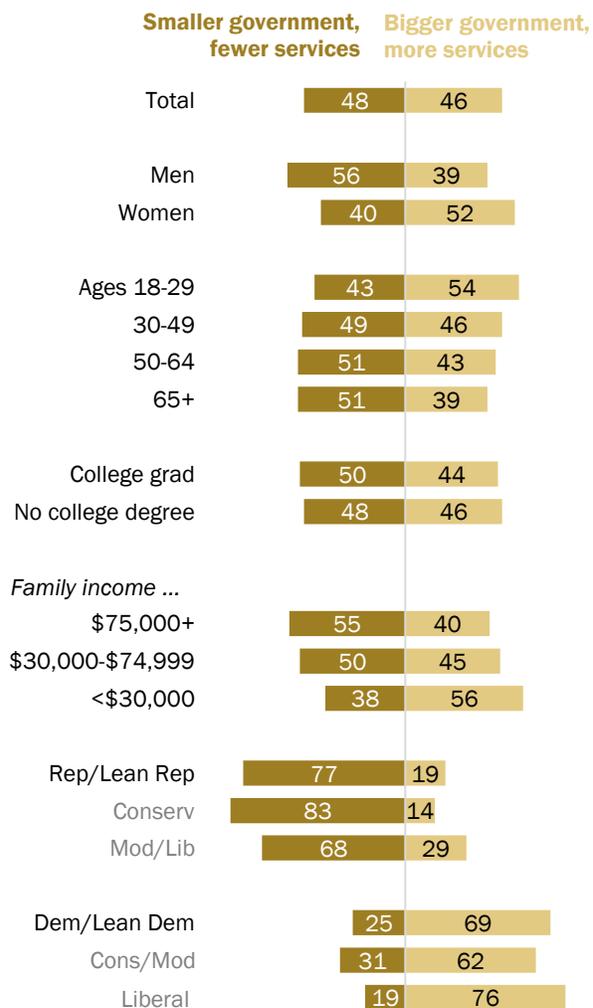
While a 56% majority of men say they would prefer a smaller government, just 40% of women say the same.

A narrow majority of adults ages 18 to 29 report they would rather have a bigger government with more services to a smaller government (54% vs. 43%). Those ages 30 to 49 are roughly evenly divided in their preferences (46% bigger, 49% smaller), while those 50 and older are somewhat more likely to say they would prefer a smaller government with fewer services over a bigger government (51% vs. 41%).

Partisans remain starkly divided on this question: About three-quarters of Republicans and Republican leaners (77%) would rather have a smaller government with fewer services, while roughly seven-in-ten Democrats and Democratic leaners (69%) would rather have a bigger government with more services.

Differing views on size and scope of government by income, gender, party

% who say they would rather have ...



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 5-16, 2019.

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Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted September 5-16, 2019, among a national sample of 2,004 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (401 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,603 were interviewed on a cellphone, including 1,106 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers under the direction of Abt Associates. A combination of landline and cellphone random-digit-dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International LLC. 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. The weighting procedure corrected for the different sampling rates. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>.

The combined landline and cellphone sample is weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the Census Bureau's 2017 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, cellphone only, or both landline and cellphone), based on extrapolations from the 2018 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 September 5-16, 2019

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	2,004	2.6 percentage points
<i>Half-form</i>	974	<i>3.7 percentage points</i>
Rep/Lean Rep	904	3.9 percentage points
<i>Half-form</i>	433	<i>5.6 percentage points</i>
Dem/Lean Dem	897	3.9 percentage points
<i>Half-form</i>	441	<i>5.5 percentage points</i>

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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FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 5-16, 2019
N= 2,004**

ASK ALL:

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

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	34	60	6	Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	31	64	5
July 10-15, 2019	37	58	5	Jan 9-13, 2013	30	66	4
Mar 20-25, 2019	31	63	6	Dec 17-19, 2012	25	68	7
Jan 9-14, 2019	26	70	4	Dec 5-9, 2012	33	62	5
Sep 18-24, 2018	33	61	6	Oct 18-21, 2012	32	61	8
Jun 5-12, 2018	34	61	6	Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	31	64	5
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	33	62	6	Jun 7-17, 2012	28	68	5
Mar 7-14, 2018	30	66	4	May 9-Jun 3, 2012	29	64	7
Jan 10-15, 2018	32	62	6	Apr 4-15, 2012	24	69	6
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	27	68	6	Feb 8-12, 2012	28	66	6
Oct 25-30, 2017	26	70	5	Jan 11-16, 2012	21	75	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	28	67	5	Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	17	78	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	30	66	4	Aug 17-21, 2011	17	79	4
Feb 7-12, 2017	30	65	5	Jul 20-24, 2011	17	79	4
Jan 4-9, 2017	28	68	4	Jun 15-19, 2011	23	73	4
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	30	65	5	May 5-8, 2011	30	62	8
Oct 20-25, 2016	33	63	4	May 2, 2011	32	60	8
Aug 9-16, 2016	31	66	3	Mar 8-14, 2011	22	73	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	71	5	Feb 2-7, 2011	26	68	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	26	70	3	Jan 5-9, 2011	23	71	6
Mar 17-26, 2016	31	65	4	Dec 1-5, 2010	21	72	7
Jan 7-14, 2016	25	70	5	Nov 4-7, 2010	23	69	8
Dec 8-13, 2015	25	72	3	Sep 23-26, 2010	30	63	7
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	27	67	5	Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	25	71	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	27	69	4	Jun 24-27, 2010	27	64	9
Jul 14-20, 2015	31	64	4	May 13-16, 2010	28	64	7
May 12-18, 2015	29	67	4	Apr 21-26, 2010	29	66	5
Mar 25-29, 2015	31	64	5	Apr 1-5, 2010	31	63	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	33	62	5	Mar 11-21, 2010	25	69	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	31	66	4	Mar 10-14, 2010	23	71	7
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	26	71	3	Feb 3-9, 2010	23	71	6
Nov 6-9, 2014	27	68	4	Jan 6-10, 2010	27	69	4
Oct 15-20, 2014	29	65	6	Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009	25	67	7
Sep 2-9, 2014	25	71	4	Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	25	67	7
Aug 20-24, 2014	24	72	4	Sep 10-15, 2009 ¹	30	64	7
Jul 8-14, 2014	29	68	4	Aug 20-27, 2009	28	65	7
Apr 23-27, 2014	29	65	6	Aug 11-17, 2009	28	65	7
Feb 12-26, 2014	28	66	6	Jul 22-26, 2009	28	66	6
Jan 15-19, 2014	26	69	5	Jun 10-14, 2009	30	64	5
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013	21	75	3	Apr 28-May 12, 2009	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	14	81	5	Apr 14-21, 2009	23	70	7
Jul 17-21, 2013	27	67	6	Jan 7-11, 2009	20	73	7
May 1-5, 2013	30	65	5	December, 2008	13	83	4

¹ 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?"

Q.1 CONTINUED...

	Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>		Satis- <u>fied</u>	Dis- <u>satisfied</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2008	11	86	3	March, 2002	50	40	10
Mid-September, 2008	25	69	6	Late September, 2001	57	34	9
August, 2008	21	74	5	Early September, 2001	41	53	6
July, 2008	19	74	7	June, 2001	43	52	5
June, 2008	19	76	5	March, 2001	47	45	8
Late May, 2008	18	76	6	February, 2001	46	43	11
March, 2008	22	72	6	January, 2001	55	41	4
Early February, 2008	24	70	6	October, 2000 (RVs)	54	39	7
Late December, 2007	27	66	7	September, 2000	51	41	8
October, 2007	28	66	6	June, 2000	47	45	8
February, 2007	30	61	9	April, 2000	48	43	9
Mid-January, 2007	32	61	7	August, 1999	56	39	5
Early January, 2007	30	63	7	January, 1999	53	41	6
December, 2006	28	65	7	November, 1998	46	44	10
Mid-November, 2006	28	64	8	Early September, 1998	54	42	4
Early October, 2006	30	63	7	Late August, 1998	55	41	4
July, 2006	30	65	5	Early August, 1998	50	44	6
May, 2006*	29	65	6	February, 1998	59	37	4
March, 2006	32	63	5	January, 1998	46	50	4
January, 2006	34	61	5	September, 1997	45	49	6
Late November, 2005	34	59	7	August, 1997	49	46	5
Early October, 2005	29	65	6	January, 1997	38	58	4
July, 2005	35	58	7	July, 1996	29	67	4
Late May, 2005*	39	57	4	March, 1996	28	70	2
February, 2005	38	56	6	October, 1995	23	73	4
January, 2005	40	54	6	June, 1995	25	73	2
December, 2004	39	54	7	April, 1995	23	74	3
Mid-October, 2004	36	58	6	July, 1994	24	73	3
July, 2004	38	55	7	March, 1994	24	71	5
May, 2004	33	61	6	October, 1993	22	73	5
Late February, 2004*	39	55	6	September, 1993	20	75	5
Early January, 2004	45	48	7	May, 1993	22	71	7
December, 2003	44	47	9	January, 1993	39	50	11
October, 2003	38	56	6	January, 1992	28	68	4
August, 2003	40	53	7	November, 1991	34	61	5
April, 2003	50	41	9	Gallup: Late Feb, 1991	66	31	3
January, 2003	44	50	6	August, 1990	47	48	5
November, 2002	41	48	11	May, 1990	41	54	5
September, 2002	41	55	4	January, 1989	45	50	5
Late August, 2002	47	44	9	September, 1988 (RVs)	50	45	5
May, 2002	44	44	12				

NO QUESTIONS 2-4, 6-9, 12-24, 26-28, 31**QUESTIONS 5, 10-11, 25, 29-30, 32 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

Q.33 If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Sep 5-16, 2019	48	46	3	3
Mar 20-24, 2019	47	47	4	2
Apr 25-May 1, 2018	46	46	5	4
Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	45	48	2	4

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	48	2	4
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	50	41	4	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	53	38	3	6
Sep 2-9, 2014	50	42	3	5
Sep 4-8, 2013	51	40	2	7
Sep 12-16, 2012	51	40	4	6
Jan 4-8, 2012	52	39	2	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	48	41	2	8
Mar 8-14, 2011	50	42	3	5
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	42	3	5
Apr 1-5, 2010	50	39	4	8
Feb 3-9, 2010	50	40	3	7
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	51	40	4	6
Mar 9-12, 2009	48	40	3	9
Late October 2008	42	43	4	11
November 2007	47	42	4	7
January 2007	45	43	4	8
<i>LA Times/Bloomberg</i> : January 2006	49	38	--	13
<i>LA Times</i> : January 2005	52	36	--	12
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : June 2004	50	46	--	4
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 2003	45	42	4	9
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : July 2003	48	40	5	7
<i>ABC</i> : November 2002 (<i>Likely voters</i>)	60	35	--	5
<i>Wash Post</i> : September 2002	54	39	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2002	53	42	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : January 2002	54	41	--	5
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 2002	46	40	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : November 2001	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 2001	48	39	3	11
<i>LA Times</i> : March 2001	59	29	--	12
<i>CBS</i> : January 2001	51	36	5	8
<i>CBS</i> : November 2000	54	31	5	10
<i>CBS</i> : October 2000	57	32	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : October 2000 (<i>RV</i>)	58	32	--	10
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : Early October 2000 (<i>RV</i>)	58	33	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 2000 (<i>RV</i>)	59	26	--	15
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 2000	59	34	--	7
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : April 2000	56	38	--	7
<i>CBS</i> : September 1999	46	43	5	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1998	59	35	--	6
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : August 1996	63	32	--	5
<i>LA Times</i> : April 1996	62	28	--	10
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : February 1996	61	30	4	5
<i>LA Times</i> : October 1995	68	23	--	9
<i>LA Times</i> : September 1995	62	27	--	11
<i>LA Times</i> : January 1995	63	27	--	10
<i>LA Times</i> : June 1993	60	29	--	11
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : February 1993	67	30	--	2
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1992	55	38	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1991	42	43	7	8
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : January 1989 ²	41	48	4	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1988 (<i>Likely voters</i>)	47	37	7	9
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1988	49	45	--	6

²In 1989 and earlier, CBS/NYT question read, "In general, government grows bigger as it provides more services. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing less services or a bigger government providing more services?"

Q.33 CONTINUED...

	Smaller government, <u>fewer services</u>	Bigger government, <u>more services</u>	(VOL.) <u>Depends</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1988	43	44	5	8
<i>ABC/Wash Post</i> : July 1984	49	43	--	7
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : March 1980	54	32	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1978	53	36	--	11
<i>Wash Post</i> : January 1978	40	39	--	21
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : November 1976	42	45	--	13
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : October 1976 (RV)	49	37	--	14
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : September 1976 (RV)	48	41	--	11
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : June 1976	42	43	--	15
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : May 1976	41	43	--	16
<i>CBS/NYT</i> : April 1976	40	44	--	16

NO QUESTIONS 34-39, 41-49, 51-54

QUESTIONS 40, 50 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.55 Is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM, RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY: would you say your overall opinion of [ITEM] is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?]** **[INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN "NEVER HEARD OF" AND "CAN'T RATE."]**

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,030]:	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	
aF1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the FBI								
Sep 5-16, 2019	70	20	50	22	11	11	*	7
July 11-15, 2018	65	26	39	26	11	14	1	8
Feb 7-11, 2018	66	25	41	23	9	13	2	9
Jan 5-8, 2017	69	22	47	16	6	10	*	15
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	71	18	52	21	8	12	*	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	68	18	49	19	8	11	1	13
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	16	51	14	8	7	*	19
July, 2001	61	16	45	29	9	20	*	10
June, 1999	71	17	54	20	7	13	*	9
October, 1997	67	13	54	25	8	17	*	8
May, 1997	60	12	48	28	7	21	0	12
August, 1995	64	16	48	28	9	19	*	8
ABC/Wash. Post, May 1995 ³	82	34	48	9	6	3	*	9
Roper, August 1987 ⁴	78	28	50	17	3	14	--	5
Roper, August 1986	75	25	50	17	4	13	--	8
Roper, August 1985	72	24	48	20	5	15	--	8
Roper, August 1984	77	30	47	19	5	14	--	4
Roper, August 1983	75	29	46	19	5	14	--	6
bF1. The Central Intelligence Agency, the CIA								
Sep 5-16, 2019	65	16	49	23	9	14	1	10

³ Question was worded: "Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of ... the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) ... Is that a very favorable/unfavorable impression, or just somewhat favorable/unfavorable?"

⁴ Question wording for all favorability trends from the Roper Organization was: "Let me ask you about a few specific federal agencies [ITEM]—Is your opinion of them highly favorable, or moderately favorable, or not too favorable, or rather unfavorable?" In these surveys, those who could not rate were not distinguished from those who had never heard of the agency; both were entered as "don't know" and are shown here as "can't rate."

Q.55 CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
July 11-15, 2018	61	22	40	24	9	15	2	12
Feb 7-11, 2018	64	19	45	20	5	14	2	14
Jan 5-8, 2017	62	17	45	17	7	11	1	20
Sep 22-27, 2015	57	12	45	27	9	18	1	15
Jan 7-11, 2015	54	14	41	33	13	20	1	12
Mar 18-21, 2010	52	11	42	21	8	13	2	25
June, 1999	49	9	40	33	10	23	1	17
February, 1998	51	7	44	32	7	25	1	16
Roper, August 1987	52	12	40	38	9	29	--	10
Roper, August 1986	61	14	47	26	6	20	--	13
Roper, August 1985	53	15	38	33	11	22	--	15
Roper, August 1984	58	17	41	30	8	22	--	11
cF1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC								
Sep 5-16, 2019	80	30	50	12	5	7	2	6
Feb 7-11, 2018	78	30	48	11	3	8	2	9
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	79	25	53	14	4	10	2	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	71	23	48	19	6	13	2	9
Jan 7-11, 2015	70	25	44	23	10	13	2	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	75	27	47	14	5	8	2	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	67	15	52	16	5	10	2	15
February, 1998	79	20	59	11	2	9	1	9
dF1. The Social Security Administration								
Sep 5-16, 2019	66	19	47	28	10	18	1	4
Sep 22-27, 2015	55	13	42	37	16	20	1	7
Mar 18-21, 2010	49	9	40	39	17	22	0	12
October, 1997	62	11	51	34	10	24	0	4
eF1. The Census Bureau								
Sep 5-16, 2019	69	16	53	16	5	11	4	10
July 11-15, 2018	69	19	50	16	7	9	4	11
fF1. The Federal Reserve								
Sep 5-16, 2019	65	14	51	23	9	15	3	9
Feb 7-11, 2018	63	15	48	19	6	13	3	15
Jan 5-8, 2017	58	15	43	21	9	13	2	18
Feb 12-26, 2014	47	10	37	37	14	23	2	14
Oct 9-13, 2013	57	12	45	32	12	20	1	10
gF1. The National Park Service								
Sep 5-16, 2019	86	36	50	7	3	4	2	5
July 11-15, 2018	83	42	41	7	4	3	3	7
Sep 22-27, 2015	75	27	47	11	4	7	2	12
Feb 19-22, 1998	84	26	58	9	7	2	2	4
Roper, 1987	80	37	43	11	8	3	--	9
Roper, 1986	74	32	42	9	7	2	--	17
Roper, 1985	79	39	40	7	5	2	--	15
Roper, 1984	84	44	40	6	5	1	--	9
hF1. The Department of Education								
Sep 5-16, 2019	48	15	33	48	18	31	*	4
Feb 7-11, 2018	53	18	35	42	16	26	*	5
Jan 5-8, 2017	61	20	42	34	14	20	*	5

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	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Sep 22-27, 2015	44	11	33	50	20	30	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	53	16	37	42	16	27	*	4
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	53	22	31	6	8
October, 1997	61	12	49	37	11	26	0	2
Roper, April 1987	60	14	46	35	11	24	--	5
Roper, April 1986	63	16	47	32	10	22	--	5
Roper, April 1985	61	14	47	34	11	23	--	5
Roper, April 1984	56	14	42	38	13	25	--	6
Roper, April 1983	49	10	39	45	18	27	--	6
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=974]:								
iF2. The Justice Department								
Sep 5-16, 2019	54	11	43	41	14	27	1	4
July 11-15, 2018	58	20	38	35	13	22	1	6
Feb 7-11, 2018	59	16	43	32	13	19	1	9
Jan 5-8, 2017	61	17	44	30	11	19	*	9
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	56	14	42	37	16	20	*	7
Sep 22-27, 2015	46	10	37	47	18	29	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	61	9	52	33	14	19	1	5
Mar 18-21, 2010	51	6	44	33	11	23	1	15
February, 1998	56	7	49	39	12	27	0	5
Roper, April 1987	53	10	43	39	15	24	--	8
Roper, April 1986	52	10	42	39	15	24	--	8
Roper, April 1985	53	10	43	39	17	22	--	9
jF2. The Internal Revenue Service, the IRS								
Sep 5-16, 2019	55	9	46	40	16	24	1	4
July 11-15, 2018	57	13	44	36	15	21	1	6
Feb 7-11, 2018	58	14	44	33	13	20	*	8
Jan 5-8, 2017	58	13	45	33	16	17	*	8
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	50	11	39	45	21	24	*	5
Sep 22-27, 2015	42	9	32	52	24	28	*	6
Jan 7-11, 2015	45	10	35	48	24	25	*	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	44	9	35	51	23	28	*	5
Mar 18-21, 2010	47	6	41	40	17	23	*	13
October, 1997	38	5	33	60	25	35	*	2
Roper, August 1987	49	10	39	46	19	27	--	5
Roper, August 1986	51	10	41	45	19	26	--	4
Roper, August 1985	48	8	40	47	19	28	--	5
Roper, August 1984	60	13	47	34	11	23	--	6
Roper, August 1983	50	12	38	44	16	28	--	6
kF2. The Environmental Protection Agency, the EPA								
Sep 5-16, 2019	57	17	40	34	12	22	4	6
July 11-15, 2018	54	20	34	37	17	20	2	7
Feb 7-11, 2018	60	20	40	31	14	17	2	8
Jan 5-8, 2017	63	22	41	27	12	14	1	8
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	62	17	44	30	13	18	2	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	52	13	39	38	18	20	2	8
Jan 7-11, 2015	59	18	40	32	15	18	1	8
Feb 12-Feb 26, 2014	57	14	43	33	14	19	2	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	62	15	47	30	12	19	2	6
Mar 18-21, 2010	57	11	46	32	12	20	1	10
October, 1997	69	14	55	27	7	20	1	3

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	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
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<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	62	19	43	30	7	23	--	8
<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	59	18	41	31	7	24	--	10
<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	58	19	39	31	11	20	--	11
<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	68	27	41	26	9	17	--	6
<i>Roper</i> , August 1983	56	21	35	34	12	22	--	10
IF2. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE								
Sep 5-16, 2019	42	17	25	54	28	25	*	4
July 11-15, 2018	44	19	25	47	28	19	2	7
mF2. The National Aeronautic and Space Administration, NASA								
Sep 5-16, 2019	81	34	46	10	4	6	1	9
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	73	28	46	12	4	8	2	13
Sep 22-27, 2015	70	23	47	17	4	13	1	12
Jan 7-11, 2015	68	24	43	17	6	11	1	15
Oct 9-13, 2013	73	22	51	15	3	12	*	12
Mar 18-21, 2010	61	19	41	17	5	12	1	21
February, 1998	73	23	50	20	5	15	1	6
<i>Roper</i> , August 1987	66	23	43	24	5	19	--	10
<i>Roper</i> , March 1986	61	23	38	30	11	19	--	9
nF2. The Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA								
Sep 5-16, 2019	52	14	38	38	12	27	3	7
Feb 7-11, 2018	57	20	37	30	10	20	2	11
Jan 5-8, 2017	49	14	36	34	13	21	2	15
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	48	14	34	43	18	25	1	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	39	14	25	52	24	28	1	8
Jan 7-11, 2015 ⁵	52	21	31	38	15	24	1	9
Oct 9-13, 2013	68	24	44	25	7	18	*	7
Mar 18-21, 2010	57	19	38	22	5	17	2	20
February, 1998	59	15	44	26	7	19	1	14
<i>Roper</i> , August 1986	75	30	45	15	4	11	--	9
<i>Roper</i> , August 1985	68	26	42	22	6	16	--	10
<i>Roper</i> , August 1984	77	37	40	15	4	11	--	9
oF2. The Postal Service								
Sep 5-16, 2019	90	37	52	8	3	6	*	2
Feb 7-11, 2018	88	37	51	10	3	7	1	2
Jan 5-8, 2017	86	39	47	11	4	7	*	3
Sep 22-27, 2015	84	33	51	14	6	8	*	2
Mar 18-21, 2010	83	30	53	14	6	8	1	3
October, 1997	89	28	61	11	3	8	0	*
<i>Roper</i> , April 1987	76	33	43	22	8	14	--	2
<i>Roper</i> , April 1986	74	27	47	24	8	16	--	2
<i>Roper</i> , April 1985	70	23	47	27	11	16	--	3
<i>Roper</i> , April 1984	69	24	45	28	10	18	--	3
<i>Roper</i> , April 1983	70	25	45	27	10	17	--	3
pF2. The Department of Health and Human Services, the HHS								
Sep 5-16, 2019	64	15	49	27	8	19	2	7

⁵ In January, 2015 and previous surveys, item was worded "The Veterans Administration, the VA."

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	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	heard of	
July 11-15, 2018	60	19	42	28	10	18	3	9
Jan 5-8, 2017	64	21	44	24	8	15	1	11
Sep 22-27, 2015	54	13	41	31	14	17	3	12
Oct 9-13, 2013	61	14	47	30	12	19	2	7

NO QUESTIONS 56-59, 61-65, 67-69, 72-74, 77-79, 81-83

QUESTIONS 60, 66, 70-71, 75-76, 80, 84-85 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF NOT MUSLIM (RELIG=1-5, 7-99) [N=1,982]

Q.86 Would you be willing to accept Muslims as [READ AND RANDOMIZE]:

	Yes	No	(VOL.) Depends	(VOL.) DK/Ref
a. Members of your family Sep 5-16, 2019	79	15	3	4
b. Neighbors Sep 5-16, 2019	89	7	2	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?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Sep 5-16, 2019	26	29	39	2	1	2	15	18
July 10-15, 2019	28	30	36	3	1	2	15	17
Mar 20-25, 2019	26	30	37	3	1	3	14	19
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
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

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	No	Other	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
				preference	party			
<i>2001 Post-Sept 11</i>	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	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	--	--	--	--	--

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Key to Pew Research Center trends noted in the topline:

(SDT)	Pew Research Center Social & Demographic Trends
(U)	Pew Research Center/USA Today polls
(C)	Pew Research Global Attitudes/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
