Grinnell College
National Poll

Study #2173
1,002 general population 18+
   Including 779 likely voters in the 2018 midterm election
Margin of error: ±3.1 percentage points based on all
   Margin of error: ±3.5 percentage points based on likely voters

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

A.   First, I just need to confirm in what state you live. **(If needed:)** People sometimes take their phone number when they move to another state, so we just need to determine what state I'm talking to.

      ☐☐ FIPS code

2.   Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

All	LV	
39	43	Approve
50	50	Disapprove
11	7	Not sure

3.   **Based on all.** Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. <u>If you don't know enough to answer, just say so.</u> (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

	Net Fav	Net Unfav	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
A. Donald Trump, president of the United States	42	50	25	17	12	38	8
D. The U.S. House of Representatives	33	47	6	27	28	19	20
E. The U.S. Senate	31	48	4	27	30	18	21
F. The U.S. Supreme Court	56	23	12	44	15	8	21

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	Net Fav	Net Unfav	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
A. Donald Trump, president of the United States	45	51	30	15	11	40	4
D. The U.S. House of Representatives	31	53	4	27	32	21	15

E.	The U.S. Senate	30	55	3	26	34	21	16
F.	The U.S. Supreme Court	59	24	12	46	16	8	17

4. How likely is it you will vote in the November general election—will you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

All	LV		
69	100	Definitely vote	Ask Q.5
16	-	Probably vote	
5	-	Might or might not vote	Skip to Q.6
9	-	Probably not vote	
1	-	Refused/not sure	

5. If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district: The [DEMOCRATIC] candidate or the [REPUBLICAN] candidate? (If not sure, ask:) Which way are you leaning—toward the [Republican] candidate or the [Democratic] candidate?

LV	
43	Democratic candidate
2	Lean Democratic candidate
41	Republican candidate
2	Lean Republican candidate
3	Other (VOL)
9	Not sure

6. If a vote for president of the United States were held today, would you definitely vote to re-elect President Trump, consider someone else, or definitely vote to elect someone else, or would you not vote?

All	LV	
30	36	Definitely vote to re-elect Trump
18	17	Consider someone else
43	43	Definitely vote to elect someone else
5	-	Would not vote
3	3	Not sure

7. Since he took office in January of 2017, would you describe your feelings for President Trump as becoming a lot more favorable, a little more favorable, a little more unfavorable, or a lot more unfavorable?

All	LV	
22	26	A lot more favorable
18	16	A little more favorable
11	9	A little more unfavorable
43	44	A lot more unfavorable
5	4	No change (VOL)
2	1	Not sure

9. **Based on all.** Thinking about [ITEM FROM LIST], are you more hopeful or more fearful of what things will be like in the nation overall?

		More Hopeful	More Fearful	Not Sure
A.	After the upcoming mid-term elections in November	53	35	12
B.	After the next presidential election in 2020	57	31	13

9. **Based on likely voters in the 2018 general election.** Thinking about [ITEM FROM LIST], are you more hopeful or more fearful of what things will be like in the nation overall?

		More Hopeful	More Fearful	Not Sure
A.	After the upcoming mid-term elections in November	60	30	10
B.	After the next presidential election in 2020	59	29	13

10. **Based on all.** I'm going to mention some things you might have done as a sign of political activism. For each, please tell me if this is something you have done in the past few years, have ever done in your past but not recently, or something you have never done. (Rotate list through G, then continue H-L in order. For first item, insert: Did you:)

11. **Based on all.** Regardless of whether you have done this in the past, now tell me if this is something you expect to do in the near future, might do at some time, or something you think you would not do in the future. (Same rotation as in Q.10.)

			Q.10				Q.11			
			Past few Years	Ever in Past	Never Done	Not Sure	Expect near Future	Might at Some Time	Would Not Do	Not Sure
S	A.	Attend a meeting, rally or march either for or against a candidate or cause	21	11	68	-	23	28	48	1
S	B.	Give money to a candidate, party or other political organization	24	10	66	-	20	24	55	1
W	C.	Contact an elected official by letter, email, or phone	32	11	57	-	28	35	36	1
S	G.	Run for elected office	2	2	96	-	2	8	89	1
S	H.	Register yourself to vote	55	35	9	1	60	14	18	8
S	I.	Help other people register to vote	26	11	63	-	33	27	38	1
S	J.	Vote in a nominating contest like a primary or a caucus	49	11	38	2	59	18	21	2
S	K.	Vote in a general election for president or governor of your state	69	11	19	-	76	14	9	-
S	L.	Help other people vote in any sort of election	24	7	67	1	36	22	41	2

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| | | -----------Q.10----------- | | | | ---------------Q.11--------------- | | |
		Past few Years	Ever in Past	Never Done	Not Sure	Expect near Future	Might at Some Time	Would Not Do	Not Sure
S	A. Attend a meeting, rally or march either for or against a candidate or cause	25	13	62	-	28	28	43	1
S	B. Give money to a candidate, party or other political organization	32	12	55	-	26	26	47	1
W	C. Contact an elected official by letter, email, or phone	40	14	46	-	36	36	28	1
S	G. Run for elected office	2	2	95	-	3	8	88	1
S	H. Register yourself to vote	58	39	2	1	63	11	15	11
S	I. Help other people register to vote	30	13	56	-	36	29	33	2
S	J. Vote in a nominating contest like a primary or a caucus	62	12	24	2	72	14	13	1
S	K. Vote in a general election for president or governor of your state	83	10	7	1	89	9	2	-
S	L. Help other people vote in any sort of election	30	8	60	2	43	20	35	2

12. I'm going to read some words and phrases that could describe some Americans. For each, please tell me if this is a word or phrase you would use to describe yourself—just answer yes or no. (Rotate. Mark all that apply.)

All	LV	
36	36	Feminist
31	32	Politically incorrect
22	22	Libertarian
34	35	Gun enthusiast
66	67	Believer in America first
17	17	Socialist
50	50	Progressive
49	45	Burned out on politics
53	51	Afraid for the future
78	84	Patriotic
22	24	Tea Party supporter
2	1	None of these/not sure (VOL)

13. Which of the following comes closer to your view about getting a college education? [Read items and rotate.]

73 College is an important way to get a better job and improve your position in life
20 College is overrated and you don't really need it to get a good job
7 Not sure

16. When you hear people talk about the "real America," what type of area do you think they mean—big cities, suburbs, small towns, or rural areas? (Similar to YouGov Jan 2016)

27 Big cities
10 Suburbs
21 Small towns
22 Rural areas
20 Not sure

17. If you could choose without concern for cost, where do you think you and your family would be happiest living—big cities, suburbs, small towns, or rural areas?

12 Big cities
26 Suburbs
33 Small towns
26 Rural areas
3 Not sure

18. I'm interested in what sources of information you trust more. For each pair I mention, I want you tell me which you would believe more if you heard contradicting information from the two sources. (Rotate list. Also rotate elements within each lettered item.)

	1st				2nd	Not Sure
A.	48	The New York Times	OR	Fox News	40	12
B.	47	Fox News	OR	President Donald Trump	28	25
C.	37	President Donald Trump	OR	The New York Times	54	10

19. On a different topic now, on the controversy about National Football League players standing or kneeling during the national anthem, which of the following best captures your view? (Read list. Do not rotate.)

35 Strongly believe all players should stand
6 Think all players should stand, but I don't feel strongly
5 Okay with me if some players kneel
36 Strongly believe players should be able to kneel if it is important to them
15 Really do not care about this issue
2 Not sure

20. Do you think NFL team owners are or are not doing enough to address problems of head injuries and concussions?

29 Are doing enough
51 Are not doing enough
20 Not sure

21. Now, I have just a few questions about immigration. These first are about people born in another country now living in the U.S. lawfully. Do you think there are too many, a lot but not too many, or not too many? (Note to interview: If asked, this includes just legal immigrants.)

   16   Too many
   22   A lot but not too many
   54   Not too many
    8   Not sure

22. In general, do you believe these lawful immigrants are taking jobs away from Americans, or do you feel they're doing jobs that otherwise might go unfilled?

   13   Are taking away jobs from Americans
   77   Are doing jobs that otherwise might go unfilled
   11   Not sure

23. Do you think these lawful immigrants use government programs like health care and food stamps more, less, or about the same as native-born residents of the U.S.? (Read options. Do not rotate.)

   24   More
   18   Less
   51   Same
    8   Not sure

24. This question is just about immigrants living in the U.S.without proper documentation. Compared to the U.S. population overall, do you think the rate of violent crime among this group is higher, lower, or about the same?

   28   Higher
   22   Lower
   44   About the same
    6   Not sure

These final questions are asked just to see what cross-section of U.S. residents we are interviewing.

100a.   What is your age? (RECORD ACTUAL AGE AND CODE WITH APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP. IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, OFFER AGE GROUPS.)

   _____   _____

   b. (CODE PROPER CATEGORY :)

All	LV	
12	8	Under 25
7	7	25 to 29
10	8	30 to 34
7	8	35 to 39
9	10	40 to 44
7	6	45 to 49
8	8	50 to 54
10	10	55 to 59
10	12	60 to 64
19	23	65 and over
1	1	Refused/not sure

101. In the 2016 presidential election, did you vote for [Donald Trump] or [Hillary Clinton], for someone else, or did you not vote? [Rotate candidate names.]

All	LV	
32	40	Donald Trump
35	39	Hillary Clinton
9	10	Someone else
20	7	Did not vote
4	4	Refused/not sure

102. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? (If independent, ask:) Do you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats, or are you totally independent? (If Republican or Democrat, ask:) Do you consider yourself a strong [REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT]?

All	LV	
12	16	Strong Republican
12	13	Republican
7	8	Lean Republican
24	19	Totally independent
8	8	Lean Democrat
18	17	Democrat
11	13	Strong Democrat
3	3	Other (VOL)
5	2	Refused/not sure

103. Do you consider yourself conservative, moderate, or liberal?

All	LV	
35	40	Conservative
37	36	Moderate
20	20	Liberal
3	1	None of these (VOL)
5	3	Not sure

104. What is the last grade of school you completed?

All	LV	
40	31	High school graduate or less
18	19	Some college
10	12	Associate's (two-year) degree
18	21	Bachelor's (four-year) degree
12	15	Postgraduate work or degree
2	2	Refused/not sure

105. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

All	LV	
31	29	Yes
67	70	No
2	2	Refused/not sure

106a. Would you describe the area where you live as a city, a suburb, a town, or a rural area?
106b. And, how would you describe the area where you lived when you were age 18—a city, a suburb, a town, a rural area, or did you not live in the U.S. at that time?

Q.106a

All	LV	
26	24	City
27	30	Suburb
25	23	Small town
20	21	Rural
2	2	Refused/not sure

Q.106b

All	LV	
31	30	City
24	25	Suburb
21	22	Small town
19	19	Rural
3	2	Lived outside U.S.
2	2	Refused/not sure

107. Which of the following best describes your religious beliefs—Roman Catholic, Protestant, some other kind of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other, or none?

All	LV	
16	17	Roman Catholic
15	18	Protestant
30	28	Some other kind of Christian
1	1	Jewish
1	1	Muslim
17	15	Other
17	16	None
3	3	Refused/not sure

108. (Ask all.) Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

All	LV	
33	32	Yes
62	64	No
5	4	Refused/not sure

109. (Ask all.) Do you attend religious services regularly, occasionally, rarely, or never?

All	LV	
29	31	Regularly
25	25	Occasionally
19	19	Rarely
25	22	Never
3	3	Not sure

110a. With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, or some other group?
110b. (If not Hispanic, ask:) Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background?
(If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.)

A.	B.	C.		A.	B.	C.
		64	White			70
		11	Black			10
		15	Hispanic			11
		3	Asian			2

2 Other	2
1 Multi-racial (VOL)	1
3 Refused/not sure	4

111.   Is your total annual household income before taxes above or below $50,000 per year?

☐ Below   ASK b
☐ Above   ASK c

	All	LV	
b. Is it above or below $25,000 per year?	20	13	Below (<$25,000)
	20	19	Above ($25,000-$49,999)
c. Is it above or below $75,000 per year?	15	15	Below ($50,000-$74,999)
			Above: Ask d
d. Is it above or below $100,000 per year?	12	13	Below ($75,000-$99,999)
	20	26	Above ($100,000 and over)
	15	14	Refused/not sure

Questions asking for information so students/faculty could recontact are not included in this poll.

112.   Did we reach you by a landline phone, a cell phone, or some other type of phone today?

Landline	Skip to Q.113
Cell phone	
Some other type	Ask b
Refused/not sure	Skip to Q.113

b.   Is there a landline or some other phone with a directory listing—such as an internet-based phone—where we could have reached you, or can you only be reached on a cell phone?

Available by landline or other listed number	
Only available on cell phone	Count as cell-phone-only in quota
Refused/not sure	

Phone type

All	LV	
57	54	Cell phone only
43	46	Landline or some other type

113.   What is your gender or sex: (Let respondent volunteer. S&C will recode as appropriate.)

All	LV	
49	51	Male
50	49	Female
1	-	Other (specify:)

Code Census regions

114.   REGN—see attachment for applicable states. Recode from Q.A.

All	**LV**	
16	18	Northeast
23	21	Midwest
38	40	South
24	22	West

The Grinnell College National Poll, conducted August 29-September 2 for Grinnell College by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on telephone interviews with 1,002 U.S. adults ages 18 or older, including 779 likely voters in the 2018 general election.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were administered in English. Responses were adjusted by age, sex, race, and educational attainment to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

Percentages based on the full probability sample of 1,002 respondents may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Results based on likely voters in the 2018 general election have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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