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Poll Questions

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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.

In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
Dec-16	37	49	14
Aug-16	25	68	7
Jun-16	23	68	8
Mar-16	27	65	7
Nov-15	23	69	8
Sep-15	24	66	10
Apr-15	31	61	8
Dec-14	24	65	11
Jun-14	26	64	10
Mar-14	30	62	8
Dec-13	27	67	6
Sep-13	25	68	7
Jun-13	32	60	8
Feb-13	37	54	9
Dec-12	38	55	7
Sep-12	33	60	7
Jun-12	31	62	7
Mar-12	31	61	8
Sep-11	20	72	8
Jun-11	26	66	8
Mar-11	28	63	9
Dec-10	27	66	7
Oct-10	32	62	6
Jul-10	31	63	6
Mar-10	34	58	8
Dec-09	32	59	9
Sep-09	40	52	8

Now, I'm going to mention some people and groups in the news recently. [Previous wording: Now, I'd like to mention some major economic and political figures and groups.] For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Barack Obama, president of the United States	Dec-16	56	42	32	23	16	26	3
	Aug-16	51	44	27	24	17	27	5
	Jun-16	55	43	29	25	13	30	2
	Mar-16	57	42	30	26	15	26	2
	Nov-15	48	49	19	29	20	29	3
	Sep-15	50	47	22	29	17	30	3
	Apr-15	52	45	20	32	17	28	3
	Dec-14	45	51	17	28	20	31	4
	Jun-14	44	52	18	26	18	34	4
	Mar-14	49	49	20	29	19	30	2
	Dec-13	46	52	19	27	17	35	2
	Sep-13	47	49	20	27	21	28	4
	Jun-13	53	44	25	28	14	30	3
	Feb-13	56	40	30	26	17	23	4
	Dec-12	55	42	31	24	14	28	3
	Sep-12	52	44	29	23	13	31	4
	Jun-12	55	42	25	30	17	25	3
	Mar-12	52	45	23	29	15	30	3
	Sep-11	50	47	21	29	19	28	3
	Jun-11	54	42	22	32	19	23	4
Mar-11	55	41	22	33	19	22	4	
Dec-10	52	44	21	31	20	24	4	
Oct-10	55	40	25	30	18	22	5	
Jul-10	55	40	24	31	17	23	5	
Mar-10	53	42	25	28	19	23	5	
Dec-09	58	38	28	30	18	20	4	
Sep-09	61	36	32	29	16	20	3	
The Republican Party	Dec-16	44	44	14	30	22	23	11
	Aug-16	35	53	10	25	27	26	12
	Jun-16	32	62	8	24	33	29	6
	Mar-16	33	60	8	25	32	29	7
	Nov-15	36	54	7	29	32	22	10
	Sep-15	33	54	8	25	31	23	13
	Apr-15	38	53	11	27	31	22	9
	Dec-14	45	47	11	34	28	19	8
	Mar-14	37	54	8	29	30	24	9
	Dec-13	37	53	10	27	32	21	10
	Sep-13	34	56	8	26	30	26	10
	Feb-13	35	55	7	28	30	25	10
	Dec-12	38	51	10	28	28	23	11
	Sep-12	41	49	14	27	25	24	10
	Jun-12	41	50	13	28	26	24	9
	Mar-12	44	49	14	30	28	21	7
	Sep-11	37	53	9	28	27	26	10
	Jun-11	42	47	12	30	31	16	11
	Mar-11	41	47	11	30	27	20	12
	Dec-10	43	48	10	33	29	19	9
Oct-10	42	46	11	31	27	19	12	
Jul-10	42	46	9	33	28	18	12	
Mar-10	39	48	7	32	28	20	13	
Dec-09	42	47	9	33	30	17	11	
Sep-09	38	52	8	30	31	21	10	

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The Democratic Party	Dec-16	42	49	15	27	23	26	9
	Aug-16	42	47	13	29	21	26	11
	Jun-16	49	46	15	34	21	25	5
	Mar-16	51	43	16	36	24	18	6
	Nov-15	46	44	12	34	26	18	10
	Sep-15	38	50	10	28	27	23	12
	Apr-15	48	44	11	37	23	21	8
	Dec-14	41	50	12	29	28	22	9
	Mar-14	49	43	14	35	22	21	8
	Dec-13	43	49	11	32	26	23	8
	Sep-13	44	47	14	30	25	22	9
	Feb-13	47	43	16	31	23	20	10
	Dec-12	50	41	21	29	20	21	9
	Sep-12	46	45	19	27	20	25	9
	Jun-12	50	43	17	33	25	18	7
	Mar-12	47	46	13	34	24	22	7
	Sep-11	44	46	14	30	26	20	10
	Jun-11	48	42	13	35	26	16	10
	Mar-11	49	42	13	36	27	15	9
	Dec-10	48	43	14	34	25	18	9
	Oct-10	47	44	14	33	25	19	9
Jul-10	45	43	14	31	23	20	12	
Mar-10	42	46	10	32	25	21	12	
Dec-09	47	44	13	34	24	20	9	
Sep-09	48	44	14	34	22	22	8	
Donald Trump, president-elect of the United States	Dec-16	50	43	26	24	10	33	7
Donald Trump, the Republican nominee for president	Aug-16	33	63	14	19	17	46	4
Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee for president	Jun-16	31	66	11	20	15	51	3
Donald Trump, a businessman from New York	Mar-16	29	68	12	17	15	53	3
	Nov-15	34	61	11	23	21	40	5
	Sep-15	31	61	10	20	20	41	9
Donald Trump, businessman and television personality	Jun-12	33	55	8	25	26	29	12
	Mar-11	37	43	10	27	24	19	20

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Hillary Clinton, 2016 Democratic nominee for president of the United States	Dec-16	41	55	17	24	14	41	4
Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee for president	Aug-16	40	57	17	23	15	42	3
Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president	Jun-16	43	54	19	24	15	40	3
Hillary Clinton, former U.S. Secretary of State	Mar-16	44	53	17	26	18	35	3
	Nov-15	42	53	17	25	18	34	6
	Sep-15	38	54	12	26	18	36	7
	Apr-15	48	44	18	30	15	29	8
	Dec-14	52	42	21	31	16	26	6
	Jun-14	52	40	22	30	17	23	8
	Mar-14	56	38	22	34	17	21	6
	Jun-13	58	37	26	32	15	22	5
Hillary Clinton, the secretary of state	Dec-12	70	24	31	39	13	11	6
	Mar-12	59	33	22	37	19	14	8
	Sep-11	64	31	27	37	18	13	5
	Dec-10	65	29	21	44	17	12	6
	Oct-10	63	28	23	40	15	13	9
	Jul-10	61	31	22	39	18	13	8
	Dec-09	62	31	20	42	18	13	7
	Sep-09	62	32	24	38	18	14	6
Joe Biden, vice president of the United States	Dec-16	56	34	28	28	18	16	9
	Jun-16	53	35	23	30	19	16	12
	Mar-16	57	35	20	36	18	17	8
	Sep-15	49	41	16	33	20	20	10
	Apr-15	46	42	13	33	20	22	12
	Dec-14	45	43	12	33	20	23	12
	Dec-12	48	41	19	29	17	24	11
	Sep-12	42	45	16	26	21	24	13
	Jul-10	44	39	11	33	21	18	17
	Dec-09	44	37	12	32	20	17	19
Paul Ryan, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Dec-16	47	31	14	33	18	13	22
	Aug-16	40	34	9	31	20	14	25
	Jun-16	41	38	11	30	21	17	21
	Mar-16	40	38	11	28	22	16	22
Paul Ryan, the new speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Nov-15	40	30	11	29	15	15	30
Paul Ryan, the Republican candidate for vice- president	Sep-12	41	41	20	21	17	24	18
Paul Ryan, congressman from Wisconsin and chairman of the House Budget Committee	Jun-11	23	26	8	15	16	10	51

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Mike Pence , vice president-elect of the United States	Dec-16	48	36	26	22	17	19	16
Mike Pence , Republican nominee for vice president and governor of Indiana	Aug-16	43	34	18	24	16	17	23
Newt Gingrich , former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Dec-16	42	34	16	26	15	20	24
Newt Gingrich , Republican candidate for president and former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Mar-12	30	59	7	23	29	30	11
Newt Gingrich , former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Sep-11	28	55	7	21	24	31	17
Newt Gingrich , former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives	Jun-11	25	51	6	19	27	24	24
Newt Gingrich , former Speaker of the House	Mar-11	28	40	8	20	18	22	32
	Jul-10	33	38	11	22	17	21	29
	Sep-09	36	39	10	26	22	17	25
Rudy Giuliani , former mayor of New York City	Dec-16	47	34	21	26	12	22	19
Mitt Romney , 2012 Republican nominee for president of the United States	Dec-16	42	46	10	32	30	16	12
Mitt Romney , former Republican nominee for president of the United States	Jun-16	37	51	7	29	30	21	12
Mitt Romney , former candidate for president of the United States	Mar-16	32	58	7	25	35	23	10
Mitt Romney , former candidate for president in 2012	Nov-15	32	50	9	24	30	20	17
Mitt Romney , former governor of Massachusetts and Republican candidate for president in 2012	Dec-14	43	44	15	28	24	20	13
Mitt Romney , Republican candidate for president and former governor of Massachusetts	Sep-12	43	50	19	24	19	31	7
	Jun-12	39	48	13	26	25	23	13
	Mar-12	42	48	11	31	26	22	10
	Sep-11	42	38	10	32	23	15	20
Mitt Romney , former governor of Massachusetts	Jun-11	37	31	8	29	20	11	32
	Mar-10	31	26	7	24	16	10	43
Reince Priebus , chair of the Republican National Committee and incoming White House chief of staff	Dec-16	32	28	11	21	11	17	40

		Net Favorable	Net Unfavorable	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Chuck Schumer , U.S. senator from New York	Dec-16	26	24	7	18	10	14	50
	Elizabeth Warren , U.S. senator from Massachusetts	Dec-16	35	27	17	18	9	19
Bernie Sanders , U.S. senator from Vermont	Jun-16	36	29	19	16	10	20	35
	Dec-16	53	34	26	28	17	17	13
	Jun-16	49	41	22	27	20	22	9
Steve Bannon , a senior adviser to Donald Trump	Mar-16	52	41	25	27	18	22	8
	Dec-16	27	37	7	20	11	26	36

Of the following, who do you think should be the leading voice for the direction of the Democratic Party as it looks to rebuild after electoral losses in 2016? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

All	Dems + leaners only (n=364)	
7	11	Hillary Clinton
20	24	Bernie Sanders
11	17	Elizabeth Warren
17	25	Barack Obama
14	11	Joe Biden
9	7	Bill Clinton
17	2	None of these (VOL)
5	3	Not sure

In the wake of its electoral losses in November, do you think the Democratic Party is in need of a major overhaul, a few modest changes, or is it fine the way it is?

55	Major overhaul
28	Modest changes
14	Fine the way it is
3	Not sure

In the first year of his presidency, do you want congressional Democrats to largely go along with or mostly oppose what Donald Trump and the congressional Republicans want?

47	Mostly go along
28	Mostly oppose
25	Not sure

Do you think the Electoral College, which ultimately decides who will be president, is still the best way to elect the leader, or do you think the president should be decided by the popular vote?

41	Electoral College still best
54	President should be decided by popular vote
6	Not sure

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing: [ITEM FROM LIST]?

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
As president	Dec-16	54	42	4
	Aug-16	50	44	6
	Jun-16	53	42	5
	Mar-16	50	44	6
	Nov-15	44	51	5
	Sep-15	46	47	7
	Apr-15	47	46	7
	Dec-14	39	52	9
	Jun-14	43	53	4
	Mar-14	48	48	4
	Dec-13	42	55	3
	Sep-13	45	49	6
	Jun-13	49	46	5
	Feb-13	55	40	5
	Dec-12	53	44	3
	Sep-12	49	46	5
	Jun-12	53	44	3
	Mar-12	48	47	5
	Sep-11	45	49	6
	Jun-11	49	44	7
	Mar-11	51	43	6
	Dec-10	47	48	5
	Oct-10	48	45	7
	Jul-10	52	44	4
	Mar-10	50	45	5
	Dec-09	54	41	5
	Sep-09	56	37	7

For each of the following policy areas, please tell me who you think will have done a better job when all is said and done—[Donald Trump] or [Barack Obama]. (Alternate names every other interview. Read list. Rotate.)

	Trump	Obama	Not Sure
Health care	46	46	8
Immigration	46	45	8
Foreign policy	40	51	10
National security	47	45	8
Jobs and unemployment	54	39	7
Wall Street banking regulations	50	38	13

There has been talk of “repealing and replacing” Obamacare. Do you want it repealed first, because you think it is urgent to get that done, only repealed when there is a replacement at the same time, or do you want Obamacare left alone?

- 19 Repealed first
- 48 Repeal only with replacement
- 27 Want Obamacare left alone
- 5 Not sure

Regardless of how you voted in November, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote: [Donald Trump], [Hillary Clinton], someone else, or would you not vote? (**Alternate names.**)

- 40 Donald Trump
- 36 Hillary Clinton
- 17 Someone else
- 7 Would not vote
- 1 Not sure

Have Donald Trump’s statements and actions since the election made you more optimistic or more pessimistic about his upcoming presidency?

- 55 More optimistic
- 35 More pessimistic
- 10 Not sure

For each of the following promises made by Donald Trump during the campaign, please tell me if you think it will or will not be accomplished during the next four years—just answer yes or no. (**Read list. Rotate.**)

	Yes, will be accomplished	No, will not be accomplished	Not Sure
Repeal and replace Obamacare	69	28	3
Build a wall on the Mexican border	32	65	3
Deport millions of immigrants living in the country illegally	38	57	5
Make life better for people living in inner cities	45	51	4
Invest one trillion dollars in new roads, bridges, and transportation systems	50	44	5
Create trade deals with other countries that are more beneficial to the U.S.	66	30	4

Since his election, Donald Trump has backed off of some positions he took during the campaign. He now says he will not push to have Hillary Clinton prosecuted over her private email server, might keep some elements of Obamacare, and will not ban all Muslims from entering the U.S. Do these seem like broken promises, or are you fine with him making adjustments to his positions?

- 20 Broken promises
- 73 Fine with him making adjustments
- 7 Not sure

As a candidate, Donald Trump was often combative—with other candidates and the media, sometimes calling them names. Do you want Donald Trump to have that same kind of tone as president, or do you want him to take a less combative tone?

- 16 Same kind of tone
- 79 Less combative tone
- 5 Not sure

For each of the following countries, please tell me if you think relations with the U.S. will be better or worse within the next four years. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Better	Worse	Not Sure
China	35	54	10
Mexico	30	62	9
Iran	19	70	11
Russia	62	28	11
Israel	56	34	10
Germany	52	33	14
The United Kingdom	60	28	12
Cuba	44	46	10

Do you think Donald Trump does or does not need to choose between being president and being a businessman, to avoid the appearance of a conflict?

- 67 Does need to choose
- 27 Does not need to choose
- 6 Not sure

Donald Trump has said he plans to take himself completely out of business operations as part of becoming president. His adult children may be involved both in running the business and in serving as advisers to him as president. Do you think Donald Trump should sell all his businesses so that neither he nor his family could potentially profit from actions he takes as president, or does that go too far?

- 26 Should sell businesses
- 69 That goes too far
- 5 Not sure

Do you approve or disapprove of most of the people Donald Trump has named to serve in his cabinet?

- 51 Approve
- 37 Disapprove
- 12 Not sure

How confident are you that when President Trump deals with foreign leaders, he will put the nation's best interest ahead of the interest of his companies and family—are you very confident, mostly confident, mostly skeptical, or very skeptical?

- 27 Very confident
- 24 Mostly confident
- 18 Mostly skeptical
- 29 Very skeptical
- 2 Not sure

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

b. (CODE PROPER CATEGORY :)

	Under 25	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 and over	Refused/ not sure
Dec-16	12	7	9	8	9	8	12	6	9	19	1
Aug-16	12	8	7	9	9	7	8	9	10	19	1

In the recent presidential election, did you vote for [Donald Trump] or [Hillary Clinton], for someone else, or did you not vote?

- 37 Donald Trump
- 35 Hillary Clinton
- 10 Someone else
- 14 Did not vote
- 4 Refused/not sure

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?

	Republican	Lean Republican	Totally independent	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Other (VOL)	Refused/ Not sure
Dec-16	27	11	19	8	29	2	4
Dec-12	24	10	20	9	34	1	2
Sep-12	22	11	25	10	27	1	4
Jun-12	25	8	26	7	31	-	3
Mar-12	24	10	27	7	28	2	2
Sep-11	23	8	27	10	29	1	2

What is the last grade of school you completed?

	High school graduate or less	Some college	Associate's (two-year) degree	Bachelor's (four-year) degree	Postgraduate work or degree	Refused/ not sure
Dec-16	40	19	9	16	14	2

109a. With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, or some other group?

109b. (**If not Hispanic, ask:**) Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background?

109c. (**If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.**)

Addition of Q.109b/c in Nov-15	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Multi- racial	Refused/ not sure
Dec-16	64	12	15	2	4	1	3
Aug-16	64	12	13	3	5	2	2
Jun-16	67	12	11	3	4	1	3
Mar-16	67	12	12	2	3	1	2
Nov-15	67	12	12	3	3	4	-

Sex:

	Male	Female
Dec-16	50	50
Aug-16	48	52
Jun-16	53	47
Mar-16	50	50
Nov-15	51	49

Methodology

Dec. 7 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg News National Poll, conducted Dec. 2-5 for Bloomberg News by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on interviews with 999 U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone telephone numbers supplied by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were administered in English.

Percentages based on the full probability sample of 999 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 percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.1 percentage points for questions asked of the general population. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Responses were weighted by age, race, and educational attainment to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

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