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1,000 U.S. adults ages 18 and over
June 10-13, 2016
Margin of error for full sample: ± 3.1 percentage points
Weighted by age and race
    Includes 750 likely voters in the November general election
    Margin of error for likely voter subsample: ± 3.6 percentage points

Poll Questions

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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

	Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
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

Which of the following do you see as the most important issue facing the country right now? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Immigration	Health care	The federal deficit	Terrorism	Taxes	A decline in real income for American workers	The Islamic State, also known as ISIS	Climate change	Unemployment and jobs	Trade	Other (VOL) (specify:)	None of these (VOL)	Not sure
Jun-16	**5**	**11**	**8**	**13**	**4**	**14**	**10**	**5**	**20**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**3**
Mar-16	6	11	7	8	4	16	10	6	19	2	4	3	4

[Note changes in answer options. Percentages given for reference, but not valid for direct comparison.]

Which of the following do you see as the most important issue facing the country right now? **(Read list. Rotate.)**

	Immigration	Health care	The federal deficit	Government spending	Entitlement spendin on Social Security and Medicare	Taxes	Terrorism	Unemployment and jobs	The situation in the Middle East	Gas prices	Gay marriage	The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico	Climate change	The war in Afghanistan	A decline in real income for American workers	The Islamic State, also known as ISIS	Other (VOL) (specify:)	None of these (VOL)	Not sure
Nov-15	7	10	7	n/a	n/a	3	14	11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	14	21	2	1	6
Sep-15	7	11	10	n/a	n/a	4	7	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	n/a	14	11	3	1	6
Apr-15	6	12	10	n/a	n/a	4	9	18	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	n/a	12	13	2	2	5
Dec-14	11	14	9	n/a	n/a	3	4	21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	15	7	4	1	6
Jun-14	6	17	13	n/a	n/a	4	4	28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	16	n/a	3	1	3
Dec-12	4	9	19	n/a	11	7	2	37	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	1	5
Sep-12	3	11	14	n/a	n/a	4	3	43	6	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	1	4
Jun-12	4	13	18	n/a	n/a	4	3	45	n/a	4	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	1	3
Mar-12	4	10	21	n/a	n/a	3	1	42	n/a	11	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	1	3
Sept-11	3	10	12	18	n/a	2	n/a	46	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a	2	-	2
Jun-11	3	10	13	17	n/a	1	n/a	42	n/a	4	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	n/a	n/a	2	-	3
Mar-11	3	12	29		n/a	n/a	n/a	43	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Dec-10	5	9	25		n/a	n/a	n/a	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Oct-10	5	12	24		n/a	n/a	n/a	49	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Jul-10	n/a	9	26		n/a	n/a	n/a	41	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing: [ITEM FROM LIST]?
(Begin with "As president." Rotate all other items.)

		Approve	**Disapprove**	**Not Sure**
As president	**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
With the economy	**Jun-16**	**49**	**47**	**4**
	Mar-16	49	46	5
	Nov-15	44	51	5
	Sep-15	47	48	5
	Apr-15	49	46	5
	Dec-14	42	53	5
	Jun-14	38	57	5
	Mar-14	43	53	4
	Dec-13	38	58	4
	Sep-13	38	56	6
	Jun-13	42	53	5
	Feb-13	47	49	4
	Dec-12	48	48	4
	Sep-12	41	53	6
	Jun-12	43	53	4
	Mar-12	41	56	3
	Sep-11	33	62	5
	Jun-11	39	57	4
	Mar-11	43	52	5
	Dec-10	41	54	5
	Oct-10	44	51	5
	Jul-10	44	52	4
	Mar-10	44	51	5
	Dec-09	45	50	5
	Sep-09	50	45	5

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
With health care	**Jun-16**	**44**	**52**	**4**
	Mar-16	46	50	4
	Nov-15	40	56	4
	Sep-15	44	51	5
	Apr-15	43	53	4
	Dec-14	41	55	4
	Jun-14	38	58	4
	Mar-14	40	54	6
	Dec-13	37	60	3
	Sep-13	39	54	7
	Jun-13	40	56	4
	Jun-12	43	52	5
	Mar-12	40	54	6
	Sep-11	39	53	8
	Jun-11	45	50	5
	Mar-11	44	50	6
	Dec-10	44	51	5
	Oct-10	51	45	4
	Jul-10	46	51	3
	Mar-10	43	52	5
	Dec-09	40	53	7
	Sep-09	47	48	5
With relations with other countries	**Jun-16**	**49**	**44**	**7**
	Mar-16	53	43	4
	Nov-15	44	50	6
	Feb-13	52	35	13
	Dec-12	54	39	7
	Sep-12	45	47	8
	Mar-12*	54	40	6
	Dec-10	56	37	7
	Oct-10	54	36	10
	Mar-10	58	35	7
	Dec-09	59	35	6
	Sep-09	60	32	8

*Mar-12: n=746. Was not included until second night in field.

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	**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

In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Other (VOL)	Refused/ not sure
Jun-16	**25**	**33**	**37**	**1**	**4**
Mar-16	24	30	41	1	3
Apr-15	23	33	39	2	3
Dec-14	28	29	41	-	2
Jun-14	24	31	40	1	4
Mar-14	21	29	46	1	3
Dec-13	21	24	50	3	2
Sep-13	20	31	44	2	3
Jun-13	24	32	38	1	5
Feb-13	21	32	43	2	2
Dec-12	24	34	39	1	2
Sep-12	22	27	46	1	4
Jun-12	25	31	41	-	3
Mar-12	24	28	44	2	2
Sep-11	23	29	45	1	2
Jun-11	27	32	39	-	2
Mar-11	22	30	44	1	3
Dec-10	26	31	40	1	2
early Oct-10	25	34	37	2	2
Jul-10	24	31	42	1	2
Mar-10	24	30	43	1	2
Dec-09	25	31	40	1	3
Sep-09	23	32	41	2	2

If the general election for president were held today, how likely is it you would vote—would you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

	Definitely vote	Probably vote	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote	Refused/ not sure
Jun-16	**72**	**13**	**6**	**8**	**1**
Mar-16	79	9	5	6	1
Nov-15	75	12	4	6	3
Sep-15	77	9	5	7	3
Apr-15	77	11	5	5	2
Jun-14*	68	16	6	8	2

*If the 2016 general election for President, Congress, and other state officials were held today, would you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [**Hillary Clinton for the Democrats**], [**Donald Trump for the Republicans**], and Gary Johnson for the Libertarian Party, for whom would you vote? **(Rotate candidate names in brackets.)**

(If not sure, or would not vote, ask:) Toward which do you lean?

Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.	First choice	Lean	***Total*** First + Lean
Hillary Clinton	48	1	**49**
Donald Trump	35	2	**37**
Gary Johnson	8	1	**9**
Would not vote (VOL)	2	1	**1**
Not sure	6	4	**4**

[Note changes in answer options. Percentages given for reference, but not valid for direct comparison.]

If the general election were held today, and the candidates were [**Hillary Clinton** for the Democrats] and [**Donald Trump** for the Republicans], for whom would you vote? **(Rotate candidate names in brackets.)** Mar-16: **Asked only of likely 2016 general election voters; n=815. MoE: ± 3.4 percentage points.**

54	Clinton
36	Trump
9	Not sure

In the Democratic primary contest, which candidate did you favor more—[Hillary Clinton] or [Bernie Sanders]? **(Alternate names. Asked only of likely voters who identify as Democrats or independents, n=486. MoE: ±4.4 percentage points.)**

45	Hillary Clinton
43	Bernie Sanders
11	Neither (VOL)
1	Not sure

I'm going to mention the candidates whom you do not support as your first choice. For each, please tell me if you think you could **ever** support the person for president or would **never** support the person for president. **(Read appropriate names. Use same rotation as horserace question. If selected as first choice or lean in horserace question, code "1ˢᵗ choice or lean in horserace" and do not ask.)**

Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.	**Ever**	**Never**	**Not sure**	**1ˢᵗ choice or lean in horserace**
Hillary Clinton	6	43	2	49
Donald Trump	7	55	1	37
Gary Johnson	22	44	25	9

How would you describe your enthusiasm for Hillary Clinton as the presumptive Democratic nominee—very enthusiastic, fairly enthusiastic, just somewhat enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic? **(Asked only of Clinton supporters; n=332. MoE: ±5.4 percentage points.)**

- 43 Very enthusiastic
- 22 Fairly enthusiastic
- 25 Just somewhat enthusiastic
- 11 Not enthusiastic
- \- Not sure

How would you describe your enthusiasm for Donald Trump as the presumptive Republican nominee—very enthusiastic, fairly enthusiastic, just somewhat enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic? **(Asked only of Trump supporters; n=333 MoE: ±5.4 percentage points.)**

- 33 Very enthusiastic
- 24 Fairly enthusiastic
- 30 Just somewhat enthusiastic
- 12 Not enthusiastic
- \- Not sure

For each of the following candidates, please tell me if the person is becoming more appealing to you or less appealing. **(Rotate list.)**

Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.	**More appealing**	**Less appealing**	**Same (VOL)**	**Not sure**
A. Hillary Clinton	46	51	2	-
B. Donald Trump	33	64	2	1

[Rotate next two questions.]

As the campaign continues, do you expect Donald Trump to say more things that upset Republicans, or do you expect him to tone down what he says to be less inflammatory? **(Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.)**

- 64 Will say more things that upset Republicans
- 30 Will tone down what he says
- 6 Not sure

As the campaign continues, do you expect Hillary Clinton to face continued investigation into her email account while she was secretary of state, or do you think the issue will be put to rest before the election? **(Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.)**

- 60 Will face continued investigation
- 35 Issue will be put to rest

5   Not sure

I'm going to read some phrases people often use to describe candidates. For each, please indicate whether you think the phrase better describes [Hillary Clinton] or [Donald Trump]. **(Rotate candidate names. Rotate list.)**

Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.	Clinton	Trump	Not sure
Would combat terrorist threats at home and abroad	45	50	5

[Rotate next two questions every other interview.]

Now, I'm going to mention some concerns that political opponents have expressed about Donald Trump. For each, please tell me if this is something that bothers you a lot, a little, or not at all. **(Rotate.)**

Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.	Bothers A lot	Bothers A little	Bothers Not at all	Not Sure
Trump University has been accused in multiple lawsuits of defrauding thousands of students out of millions of dollars, and one of those cases is going to trial this year.	45	26	27	2
Trump has said a federal judge is biased on cases brought against Trump University because the judge has Mexican heritage.	55	17	26	2
Trump hasn't released his tax returns, and if he doesn't release them before the election, he would break with 40 years of precedent.	45	22	32	1
Trump has called women names like "pigs" and "slobs," said Fox News' Megyn Kelley was a "bimbo" and a "lightweight," and insulted Carly Fiorina's and Heidi Cruz's appearance.	62	19	18	1
Trump has said that Mexican immigrants are "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists." He says that he will create a deportation force to remove 11 million undocumented immigrants from the U.S. in two years.	50	16	32	2
Trump proposed a temporary ban on all Muslims entering the United States.	51	15	34	1

Now, I'm going to mention some concerns that political opponents have expressed about Hillary Clinton. For each, please tell me if this is something that bothers you a lot, a little, or not at all. **(Rotate.)**

Asked only of likely voters; n=750. MoE: ±3.6 percentage points.	Bothers A lot	Bothers A little	Bothers Not at all	Not Sure
Clinton's use of a private email server was not allowed, according to the State Department inspector general's report.	45	25	29	1
Clinton has given numerous speeches to Wall Street banks which paid her hundreds of thousands of dollars, so critics say she'll do what they say if she becomes president.	50	23	26	1
Clinton is accused of working to undermine the reputations of women who were linked to Bill Clinton's infidelity.	34	22	42	2
Clinton has been called a failure as secretary of state because of the Middle East situation and the rise of ISIS.	38	20	41	1
The Clinton Foundation took money from foreign countries while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state, raising questions about special treatment for those countries.	47	25	27	1
Clinton has served in Washington since the 1990s, so critics say she is part of the Washington establishment and not a leader with different ideas and perspectives.	35	18	46	1

[Ask all.]

Have you ever voted a straight ticket, voting entirely for candidates of one party? **(If yes, ask:)** Was that for the Republican party, the Democratic party, or both?

17   Yes, Republican party
24   Yes, Democratic party
7   Yes, both
1   Yes, some other party (VOL)
48   No
3   Not sure

The 2016 Summer Olympics will be held in Brazil, where there are concerns about an outbreak of the Zika virus in that country. Do you think the U.S. should or should not withdraw to protect its athletes? **(Asked only June 10th through the 12th; n=742. Margin of error: ±3.6 percentage points.)**

33   Should withdraw
52   Should not withdraw
15   Not sure

For each of the following, please tell me if you agree or disagree the idea. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

Based on interviews conducted June 13th; n=408. Margin of error: ±4.9 percentage points.	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure
Law enforcement agencies should increase surveillance of all American Muslims, even if it conflicts with civil liberties	27	69	4
The U.S. should ban the sale of all semi-automatic or automatic rifles to civilians	48	50	1
Avoiding the term "radical Islam" makes the U.S. look weak in the fight against terrorism	47	44	9
President Obama has not taken forceful action to stop domestic terrorism because he sides with Muslims	31	61	8

Sunday morning, a young Muslim man who had sworn allegiance to ISIS fired a legally-purchased semi-automatic assault rifle in an Orlando bar that had a lesbian and gay clientele. The shooter killed 49 people and injured dozens of others, making it the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. A year from now, if a situation similar to the Orlando shootings were to happen, there will be a different president in the White House. Would you have more confidence in [Hillary Clinton] or [Donald Trump] to deal with it as president? **(Rotate candidate names. Based on interviews conducted June 13th; n=408. Margin of error: ±4.9 percentage points.)**

  41   Hillary Clinton
  45   Donald Trump
  15   Not sure

Methodology

Jun 14 (Bloomberg) -- The Bloomberg Politics Poll, conducted June 10-13 for Bloomberg Politics by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on interviews with 1,000 U.S. adults ages 18 or older. Additional questions related to the Orlando mass shooting were conducted June 13 among 258 respondents in the main sample and 150 respondents in a supplemental sample.

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 1,000 respondents may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, and those based on the subsample of 750 likely voters in the 2016 general election may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points. The Orlando mass shooting-related questions based on the subsample of 408 respondents may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 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, plus or minus 3.6 percentage points for questions asked of likely voters, or plus or minus 4.9 percentage points on the Orlando questions. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error. Responses were weighted by age and race to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

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