

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**Wave 57 November 2019**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 11, 2019**  
**N=12,043**

**ASK ALL:**

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

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 <sup>6</sup>	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>7</sup>	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 <sup>8</sup>	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

**ASK ALL:**

MAINSOPOL\_OE What news source do you turn to most often for political and election news? Please list the name of the specific news organization or source.

**[OPEN-END RESPONSES RECODED]****SOURCES MENTIONED**

Oct 29-Nov 11 <u>2019<sup>9</sup></u>	
16	Fox News/Fox News Cable Channel/Fox
12	CNN
7	Local television stations
5	NPR
4	NBC News
4	ABC News
4	MSNBC
3	CBS News
3	Television (no specific source)
2	The New York Times
1	Internet (including "social media," "website," no specific source)
1	Google news/Google
1	Facebook (including specific groups)
1	BBC
1	Local news (no specific source)
1	Local newspaper (not including NYT or Wash. Post)
1	YouTube (including specific channels, not including Young Turks)
1	The Washington Post
18	All other sources
13	Refused/Don't know

<sup>6</sup> In W31 and previous surveys, question was called SATISF.

<sup>7</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

<sup>8</sup> SATISF in the W18 survey was asked to a random half of the sample assigned to Form 2 [N=2,366].

<sup>9</sup> Respondents were asked to provide their main source for political and election news. If respondents volunteered more than one source, the first one mentioned was accepted. Sources shown individually are those that were named by at least 1% of respondents.

**ASK IF GAVE RESPONSE TO MAINSOPOL\_OE [N=11,322]:**

MAINSOPOL\_USE Which of the following best describes how you use the news source you turn to most often for political and election news? **[RANDOMIZE]** {new}

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

32	I rely on this source far more than any other
57	It's one of multiple sources I rely on regularly
1	No answer
9	Did not give response to MAINSOPOL_OE

**ASK ALL:**

NEWS\_MOST What is the most common way you get political and election news? **[RANDOMIZE; OMIT RESPONSE OPTIONS 6 AND 7 FOR RESPONDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=1)]** {mod W1; mod W23}

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

3	Print newspaper or magazines
8	Radio
16	Local television
13	National network television
16	Cable television
18	Social media
25	News website or app
1	No answer <sup>10</sup>

**ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0) [N=11,862]:**

SM1 How often, if at all, do you get politics and election news from social media sites (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Snapchat)?

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

19	Often
27	Sometimes
20	Hardly ever
29	Never
*	No answer
4	No internet

<sup>10</sup> 10 respondents were shown and selected options that they should not have received due to a programming error. For this question, those 10 responses are coded as "No answer".

**ASK ALL:**

**SOURCEHEARD** Please click on all of the sources that you have HEARD OF, regardless of whether you use them or not. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. You can click anywhere in each of the boxes.

**For second screen of images, should say:** "Again, please click on all that you have HEARD OF."

Oct 29-Nov 11 2019		Oct 29-Nov 11 2019	
94	Fox News	63	HuffPost
94	CNN	63	BuzzFeed
93	ABC News	56	Rush Limbaugh Show (radio)
92	NBC News	56	NPR
91	CBS News	49	The Guardian
85	MSNBC	49	Sean Hannity Show (radio)
85	USA Today	44	Politico
84	PBS	44	Univision
83	The New York Times	43	Business Insider
82	Time	39	Breitbart
80	Washington Post	35	Vice
79	The Wall Street Journal	34	Washington Examiner
76	BBC	32	The Hill
74	Newsweek	31	Vox
68	New York Post	18	Daily Caller

**ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN SOURCEHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN SOURCEHEARD.**

**SOURCETRUST** Of the sources you have heard of, click on all that you generally TRUST for political and election news. **[KEEP SOURCES AND SCREENS IN SAME ORDER AS SOURCEHEARD. IF MORE THAN ONE SCREEN, SHOULD SAY ON SECOND SCREEN: "Again, please click on all that you generally TRUST."]**

**ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN SOURCEHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN SOURCEHEARD & NOT SELECTED IN SOURCETRUST.**

**SOURCEDISTRUST** Now, click on all that you generally DISTRUST for political and election news. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS IN SOURCEHEARD. IF MORE THAN ONE SCREEN, SHOULD SAY ON SECOND SCREEN: "Again, please click on all that you generally DISTRUST."]**

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Distrust</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
1. ABC News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	48	20	25	7
Based on heard of [N=11,238]	51	22	27	--
2. CBS News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	45	20	25	9
Based on heard of [N=11,083]	50	22	28	--
3. NBC News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	47	21	24	8
Based on heard of [N=11,223]	51	23	26	--
4. NPR				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	10	15	44
Based on heard of [N=8,084]	56	18	27	--

**SOURCE TRUST / SOURCE DISTRUST CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Distrust</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
5. Rush Limbaugh Show (radio)				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	12	29	15	44
Based on heard of [N=7,825]	22	52	26	--
6. Sean Hannity Show (radio)				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	14	24	11	51
Based on heard of [N=6,929]	28	50	23	--
7. Washington Post				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	30	21	29	20
Based on heard of [N=10,198]	38	26	36	--
8. The New York Times				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	35	22	26	17
Based on heard of [N=10,496]	42	27	32	--
9. HuffPost				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	12	23	29	37
Based on heard of [N=8,503]	19	36	45	--
10. Breitbart				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	6	23	11	61
Based on heard of [N=5,865]	15	58	28	--
11. BBC				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	35	10	31	24
Based on heard of [N=9,742]	46	13	41	--
12. Time				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	32	16	35	18
Based on heard of [N=10,320]	39	19	42	--
13. Univision				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	9	8	27	56
Based on heard of [N=6,248]	21	17	62	--
14. Vice				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	8	11	16	65
Based on heard of [N=4,155]	22	32	46	--
15. Daily Caller				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	2	7	9	82
Based on heard of [N=2,495]	12	37	51	--
16. Fox News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	43	40	11	6
Based on heard of [N=11,323]	45	43	12	--
17. MSNBC				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	34	26	26	15
Based on heard of [N=10,686]	40	30	30	--
18. CNN				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	47	32	15	6
Based on heard of [N=11,445]	50	34	16	--

**SOURCE TRUST/SOURCE DISTRUST CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Distrust</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
19. PBS				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	42	11	31	16
Based on heard of [N=10,437]	50	13	37	--
20. The Wall Street Journal				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	13	35	21
Based on heard of [N=10,187]	39	16	45	--
21. USA Today				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	28	16	40	15
Based on heard of [N=10,562]	33	19	48	--
22. Politico				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	13	8	23	56
Based on heard of [N=6,675]	30	18	52	--
23. BuzzFeed				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	7	24	32	37
Based on heard of [N=8,060]	11	39	50	--
24. Newsweek				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	22	13	39	26
Based on heard of [N=9,667]	29	18	53	--
25. Business Insider				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	9	5	30	57
Based on heard of [N=5,640]	20	11	70	--
26. Vox				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	6	8	17	69
Based on heard of [N=4,309]	18	27	55	--
27. The Hill				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	8	5	19	68
Based on heard of [N=4,658]	24	16	61	--
28. Washington Examiner				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	4	9	20	66
Based on heard of [N=4,653]	12	27	60	--
29. New York Post				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	10	23	34	32
Based on heard of [N=8,728]	15	34	51	--
30. The Guardian				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	11	8	30	51
Based on heard of [N=6,792]	22	16	61	--

**ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN SOURCEHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN SOURCEHEARD.**

SOURCEUSE Please click on all of the sources that you got political and election news from in the past week. This includes any way that you can get the source. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS SOURCEHEARD]**

**DO NOT SHOW THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO RESPONDENTS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=1): HuffPost; Breitbart; BuzzFeed; Business Insider; Vox; Daily Caller**

***If more than one screen, should say:*** "Again, please click on all that you got political and election news from in the past week."

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

	<u>Got news</u>	<u>Did not get news</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
1. ABC News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	33	59	7
Based on heard of [N=11,238]	36	64	--
2. CBS News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	30	61	9
Based on heard of [N=11,083]	33	67	--
3. NBC News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	34	58	8
Based on heard of [N=11,223]	37	63	--
4. NPR			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	20	35	44
Based on heard of [N=8,084]	37	63	--
5. Rush Limbaugh Show (radio)			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	8	49	44
Based on heard of [N=7,825]	13	87	--
6. Sean Hannity Show (radio)			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	9	40	51
Based on heard of [N=6,929]	18	82	--
7. Washington Post			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	17	63	20
Based on heard of [N=10,198]	21	79	--
8. The New York Times			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	20	63	17
Based on heard of [N=10,496]	24	76	--
9. HuffPost			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	8	56	37
Based on heard of [N=8,503]	12	88	--
10. Breitbart			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	4	35	61
Based on heard of [N=5,865]	10	90	--
11. BBC			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	16	60	24
Based on heard of [N=9,742]	21	79	--

**SOURCEUSE CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Got news</u>	<u>Did not get news</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
12. Time			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	7	75	18
Based on heard of [N=10,320]	8	92	--
13. Univision			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	5	39	56
Based on heard of [N=6,248]	12	88	--
14. Vice			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	4	31	65
Based on heard of [N=4,155]	12	88	--
15. Daily Caller			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	2	16	82
Based on heard of [N=2,495]	10	90	--
16. Fox News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	39	54	6
Based on heard of [N=11,323]	42	58	--
17. MSNBC			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	24	62	15
Based on heard of [N=10,686]	28	72	--
18. CNN			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	39	55	6
Based on heard of [N=11,445]	41	59	--
19. PBS			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	16	68	16
Based on heard of [N=10,437]	19	81	--
20. The Wall Street Journal			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	13	67	21
Based on heard of [N=10,187]	16	84	--
21. USA Today			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	11	73	15
Based on heard of [N=10,562]	13	87	--
22. Politico			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	9	35	56
Based on heard of [N=6,675]	21	79	--
23. BuzzFeed			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	7	56	37
Based on heard of [N=8,060]	11	89	--
24. Newsweek			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	5	69	26
Based on heard of [N=9,667]	7	93	--
25. Business Insider			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	4	39	57
Based on heard of [N=5,640]	10	90	--

**SOURCEUSE CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Got news</u>	<u>Did not get news</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
26. Vox			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	4	27	69
Based on heard of [N=4,309]	14	86	--
27. The Hill			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	6	26	68
Based on heard of [N=4,658]	18	82	--
28. Washington Examiner			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	2	32	66
Based on heard of [N=4,653]	7	93	--
29. New York Post			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	5	63	32
Based on heard of [N=8,728]	7	93	--
30. The Guardian			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	6	44	51
Based on heard of [N=6,792]	11	89	--

**ASK ALL:**

SOURCEUSE\_OE

Are there any other news sources that were NOT listed here that you got political and election news from in the past week? Please list the name of the specific news organizations or sources. **[OPEN END]**

**[INCLUDE 3 SINGLE LINE TEXT BOXES]****[OPEN END RESPONSES HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE]****ASK ALL:**

AGGHEARD

Please click on all of the sites or apps that you have HEARD OF, regardless of whether you use them or not. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. You can click anywhere in each of the boxes. **[RANDOMIZE SOURCES]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

94	Facebook
93	YouTube
88	Twitter
86	Instagram
73	Yahoo News
73	LinkedIn
70	Google News
62	Reddit
35	Apple News



**ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN AGGHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN AGGHEARD.**

AGGTRUST Of the sites or apps you have heard of, click on all that you generally TRUST as a place to get political and election news. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS IN AGGHEARD]**

**ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN AGGHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES IN AGGHEARD & NOT SELECTED IN AGGTRUST.**

AGGDISTRUST Now, click on all that you generally DISTRUST as a place to get political and election news. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS AGGHEARD]**

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Distrust</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
1. Facebook				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	15	59	19	6
Based on heard of [N=11,406]	16	63	20	--
2. YouTube				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	17	36	39	7
Based on heard of [N=11,225]	19	39	43	--
3. Twitter				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	12	48	28	12
Based on heard of [N=10,847]	14	54	32	--
4. Reddit				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	7	24	31	38
Based on heard of [N=7,795]	11	39	50	--
5. LinkedIn				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	7	18	47	27
Based on heard of [N=9,543]	10	25	65	--
6. Instagram				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	6	42	37	14
Based on heard of [N=10,547]	8	49	44	--
7. Google News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	28	16	27	30
Based on heard of [N=8,598]	39	22	39	--
8. Yahoo News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	17	21	36	27
Based on heard of [N=9,072]	23	28	49	--
9. Apple News				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	12	7	17	65
Based on heard of [N=4,910]	33	19	48	--

**ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0) [N=11,862]. ASK IF SELECTED ANY SOURCES IN AGGHEARD. SHOW ALL SOURCES SELECTED IN AGGHEARD.**

AGGUSE Please click on all of the sites or apps that you have used as a place to get political and election news from in the past week. If you are unsure, please DO NOT click it. **[KEEP IN SAME ORDER AS AGGHEARD]**

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

	<u>Got news</u>	<u>Did not get news<sup>11</sup></u>	<u>Not heard of</u>
1. Facebook			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	25	68	6
<i>Based on heard of [N=11,406]</i>	27	73	--
2. YouTube			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	17	75	7
<i>Based on heard of [N=11,225]</i>	19	81	--
3. Twitter			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	14	75	12
<i>Based on heard of [N=10,847]</i>	15	85	--
4. Reddit			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	7	56	38
<i>Based on heard of [N=7,795]</i>	11	89	--
5. LinkedIn			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	3	70	27
<i>Based on heard of [N=9,543]</i>	4	96	--
6. Instagram			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	6	79	14
<i>Based on heard of [N=10,547]</i>	8	92	--
7. Google News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	20	51	30
<i>Based on heard of [N=8,598]</i>	28	72	--
8. Yahoo News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	13	61	27
<i>Based on heard of [N=9,072]</i>	17	83	--
9. Apple News			
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	10	25	65
<i>Based on heard of [N=4,910]</i>	28	72	--

<sup>11</sup> Respondents who do not have the internet are coded as "did not get news" if they heard of site or app.

**ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0) [N=11,862]:**

CANDNEWS And in the last week, did you get political and election news or information directly from any of the following candidates or their campaigns online, such as through email, social media, or campaign website? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** {new}

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

a. Donald Trump or his presidential campaign

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

25	Yes
69	No
2	No answer
4	No internet

b. A Democratic candidate or their presidential campaign

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

26	Yes
67	No
2	No answer
4	No internet

**ASK ALL:**

WATCHDOGIMPT

Thinking beyond the current political environment, do you think that it is important or not important for journalists to serve as watchdogs over elected leaders? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

73	Important to serve as watchdogs
25	Not important to serve as watchdogs
3	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

WATCHDOGFAR

And do you think that journalists TODAY are... **[RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; ALWAYS ASK PUNCH 3 LAST]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

35	Going too far as watchdogs
32	Not going far enough as watchdogs
30	Getting it about right
3	No answer

**ASK ALL:**  
TRUMPEDIA

Who do you think is contributing more to the tense relationship between **[ASK FORM 1: Donald Trump and the U.S. news media / ASK FORM 2: the U.S. news media and Donald Trump]**? **[MATCH ORDER OF RESPONSES 1 AND 2 TO STEM; ALWAYS ASK RESPONSE 3 LAST]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

40	Donald Trump
31	The U.S. news media
28	Both equally
1	No answer

Now, thinking about the people you talk with, whether in person, over the phone, or online...

**ASK ALL:**

TALKPOL

How often do you discuss government and politics with others?

Oct 29-

Nov 10

2019

15	Nearly every day
28	A few times a week
24	A few times a month
33	Less often
*	No answer

Apr 29-

May 13

2019

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30
28
31
*

Jan 29-

Feb 13

2018

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26
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Mar 2-28

2016

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35
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Mar 19-

Apr 29

2014<sup>12</sup>

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29
26
32
*

**ASK ALL:**

LEADPOL

When you talk with friends and family about political and election news, do you tend to...  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

55	Listen to the conversation more than lead
23	Lead the conversation more than listen
21	Never talk with friends and family about politics
1	No answer

<sup>12</sup> In Wave 1 (March 19-April 29, 2014), 407 non-internet panelists were surveyed by phone.

**ASK ALL:**

STOPTALK

Have you ever stopped talking to someone about political and election news, whether in person or online, because of something they said?

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

45	Yes
54	No
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Have you ever stopped talking to someone about political news, whether in person or online, because of something they said about government and politics?

Feb 28-Mar 12,

2017

44	Yes
56	No
0	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FOLELECT

How closely do you follow political and election news?

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

24	Very closely
38	Somewhat closely
25	Not too closely
13	Not at all closely
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

CORE\_ELECT

Overall, do you think the way the U.S. elects presidents works...

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

21	Very well
37	Somewhat well
28	Not too well
12	Not at all well
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

CONFVALUESa

Generally speaking, how much confidence, if any, do you have in the American people to accept election results regardless of who wins?

	A great deal of <u>confidence</u>	A fair amount of <u>confidence</u>	Not too much <u>confidence</u>	No confidence <u>at all</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	11	40	38	10	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018 <sup>13</sup>	9	43	36	11	*

<sup>13</sup> December 2018 asked as part of a battery of questions.

**ASK ALL:**

FKNWSCNCRN20

How concerned are you, if at all, about the influence made-up news and information could have during the presidential election next year?

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

48	Very concerned
34	Somewhat concerned
12	Not very concerned
5	Not at all concerned
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FKNWSHRT20

Do you think made-up news and information related to the presidential election will mostly be intended to hurt... **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2; ALWAYS DISPLAY 3 & 4 LAST]** {new}

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

30	The Republican Party
28	The Democratic Party
34	Both parties about equally
7	Neither party in particular
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

FKNEWSCONF

How confident are you in your own ability to recognize news that is made up?

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

26	Very confident
52	Somewhat confident
16	Only a little confident
5	Not at all confident
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

PEW6 How confident are you in your own ability to recognize news that is made up? Are you very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident?

Dec 1-4,

2016<sup>14</sup>

39	Very
45	Somewhat
9	Not very
6	Not at all
1	No answer

<sup>14</sup> December 2016 survey conducted via telephone.

**ASK ALL WITH INTERNET ACCESS (TABLETHH=0) [N=11,862]:**

INTFREQ About how often do you use the internet?

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=12,043]:**

Oct 29-Nov 11 2019	
40	Almost constantly
42	Several times a day
7	About once a day
4	Several times a week
3	Less often
1	No answer
4	No internet

**ASK ALL:**

DIGCONF Overall, how confident do you feel using computers, smartphones, or other electronic devices to do the things you need to do online? {Fact Opinion; W15}

Oct 29- Nov 10 2019		Feb 22- March 4 2018	Based on all internet users Oct 13- Nov 15 2015
58	Very confident	52	54
31	Somewhat confident	34	32
7	Only a little confident	10	10
3	Not at all confident	4	4
*	No answer	1	*

**ASK ALL:**

NEWSAMOUNT Which of the following statements comes closer to your view? [RANDOMIZE]

Oct 29-Nov 11 2019		Feb 22-March 4 2018
66	I am worn out by the amount of news there is these days	68
32	I like the amount of news there is these days	30
1	No answer	2

**ASK ALL:**

GROUP\_TRUST How much, if at all, do you trust the information you get from...

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
a. National news organizations					
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	17	49	24	11	*
July 8-July 21, 2019	21	54	19	5	*
Feb 22-March 4, 2018	21	49	20	9	*
Mar 13-Mar 27, 2017	20	52	22	6	*
Jan 12-Feb 8, 2016	18	59	18	6	*
b. Local news organizations					
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	21	57	15	5	*
July 8-July 21, 2019	29	57	12	3	*

**GROUP\_TRUST CONTINUED ...**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	28	55	12	5	1
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	25	60	12	2	*
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016	22	60	14	3	1
c. Friends, family, and acquaintances					
Oct 29–Nov 11, 2019	8	57	28	6	1
July 8–July 21, 2019	11	62	24	3	*
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	13	58	23	5	1
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	15	61	21	3	1
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016	14	63	19	3	1
d. Social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter or Snapchat <sup>15</sup>					
Oct 29–Nov 11, 2019	4	23	38	34	1
July 8–July 21, 2019	6	33	35	26	*
Feb 22–March 4, 2018	4	29	36	30	1
Mar 13–Mar 27, 2017	5	30	40	25	*
Jan 12–Feb 8, 2016	4	30	33	32	1
e. Political leaders and public officials					
Oct 29–Nov 11, 2019	3	43	38	15	1

**ASK ALL:**

WATCHDOG\_3 In presenting the news dealing with political and social issues, do you think that news organizations deal fairly with all sides, or do they tend to favor one side?

Oct 29– Nov 10 <u>2019</u> <sup>16</sup>		Feb 22– March 4 <u>2018</u>	Mar 13– Mar 27 <u>2017</u>	Jan 12– Feb 8 <u>2016</u>
22	Deal fairly with all sides	30	28	24
76	Tend to favor one side	68	72	74
1	No answer	2	*	3

Now we have some questions about topics you may have learned about in the news or from other sources. Not everyone will have heard of them. We are interested in what people know off the top of their head.

**ASK ALL:**

SENCONTR Which political party currently has a majority in the U.S. Senate? **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

Oct 29–Nov 11 <u>2019</u>		Jan 29–Feb 13 <u>2018</u> <sup>17</sup>	Jun 7–Jul 5 <u>2016</u> <sup>18</sup>
62	Republican Party ( <i>Correct</i> )	83	56
17	Democratic Party	13	14
21	Not sure	-	28
1	No answer	4	2

<sup>15</sup> For the January 2016 and March 2017 surveys, GROUP\_TRUSTd read “Social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter.” For the January 2016 survey, GROUP\_TRUSTd was asked only of web respondents.

<sup>16</sup> For the comparable phone trends from before 2016 for WATCHDOG\_3, see [here](#).

<sup>17</sup> February 2018 did not include “not sure” or “don’t know” response options.

<sup>18</sup> July 2016 survey included “don’t know” response option.



**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF KNOWDEFICIT THROUGH KNOWTARIFF****ASK ALL:**

KNOWDEFICIT Since Donald Trump took office, has the U.S. federal budget deficit... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1 & 2, USE SAME ORDER IN KNOWUNEMPLOY]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

55	Gone up ( <i>Correct</i> )
12	Gone down
9	Stayed about the same
23	Not sure
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

KNOWUNEMPLOY Since Donald Trump took office, has the unemployment rate in the United States... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1 & 2, USE SAME ORDER IN KNOWDEFICIT]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

8	Gone up
65	Gone down ( <i>Correct</i> )
13	Stayed about the same
13	Not sure
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

KNOWTARIFF Tariffs are fees charged to bring goods into the U.S. from other countries.

Since Donald Trump took office, have tariffs in the U.S. generally... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1 & 2]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

72	Increased ( <i>Correct</i> )
5	Decreased
4	Stayed about the same
18	Not sure
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

ELECTKNOW2 As you may know, presidents are chosen not by direct popular vote, but by the electoral college in which each state casts electoral votes. What determines the number of electoral votes a state has? **[RANDOMIZE]**

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

28	The number of voters in the state
39	The number of seats the state has in the U.S. House and Senate ( <i>Correct</i> )
4	The number of counties in the state
2	Each state has the same number of electoral votes
26	Not sure
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

KNOWPARTIES Thinking about where the political parties stand on important issues, please indicate which party you think is generally more supportive of each of the following. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2; ALWAYS DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTION 3 LAST]**

	Republican <u>Party</u>	Democratic <u>Party</u>	Not <u>sure</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>ASK ALL:</b>				
a. Reducing the size and power of the federal government				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	54	15	30	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
Reducing the size and scope of the federal government				
March 29-April 1, 2012 <sup>19</sup>	53	25	-	22
b. Increasing taxes on higher income people				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	11	72	16	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
Increasing taxes on higher income people to reduce the federal budget deficit				
March 29-April 1, 2012 <sup>11</sup>	20	67	-	13
c. Restricting access to abortion				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	74	9	16	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
March 29-April 1, 2012 <sup>11</sup>	61	19	-	20
d. Creating a way for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally to eventually become citizens				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	11	72	17	1
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>				
March 29-April 1, 2012 <sup>11</sup>	17	63	-	21

<sup>19</sup> April 2012 survey conducted by telephone.

**ASK ALL:****THERMO**

We'd like to get your feelings toward a number of people on a "feeling thermometer." A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the person at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative toward them. **[RANDOMIZE]**

*[Enter the number in the box between 0 and 100 that reflects your feelings]*

	Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No answer	Mean rating
a. How do you feel toward Donald Trump?							
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	49	8	9	9	25	1	38
Sep 3-15, 2019	49	7	8	10	26	1	38
Feb 26-Mar 11, 2018	51	8	10	9	22	1	35
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	37	11	14	12	24	2	43
Sept 27-Oct 10, 2016	48	9	9	11	18	4	35
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	53	8	9	11	17	3	32
<b>THERMO CONTINUED ...</b>	Rating of <u>0 to 24</u>	Rating of <u>25 to 49</u>	Rating of <u>50</u>	Rating of <u>51 to 75</u>	Rating of <u>76 to 100</u>	No answer	Mean rating
b. How do you feel toward Nancy Pelosi?							
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	41	9	20	12	17	1	38
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	11	22	14	12	1	36

**ASK ALL:****NEWSHEARDUA**

Thinking about some stories covered by news organizations in recent weeks...

How much, if anything, have you heard or read about each of the following stories that have been in the news recently? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Nothing at all</u>	No answer
<b>ASK ALL:</b>				
a. Joe Biden calling for the removal of a prosecutor in Ukraine in 2016				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	25	34	41	1
b. Donald Trump temporarily withholding U.S. aid to Ukraine this past summer				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	48	26	25	1
c. Donald Trump asking Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and his son				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	59	22	18	1
d. A whistleblower report regarding Donald Trump and Ukraine				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	59	24	16	1
e. Hunter Biden's work with a natural gas company based in Ukraine				
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	36	36	28	1

**RANDOMIZE ORDER OF UKRAINETRUMP AND UKRAINEBIDEN****ASK ALL:**

UKRAINETRUMP

Based on what you've heard or read in the news, which comes closest to the reason why Donald Trump temporarily withheld U.S. aid to Ukraine this past summer? **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1-2, USE SAME ORDER IN UKRAINEBIDEN]** {new}

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

47	He wanted to help his reelection campaign by having Ukraine investigate Joe Biden and his son
20	He wanted to advance a U.S. government position to reduce corruption in Ukraine
31	Not sure
1	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

UKRAINEBIDEN

Based on what you've heard or read in the news, which comes closest to the reason why Joe Biden called for the removal of a prosecutor in Ukraine in 2016? **[RANDOMIZE PUNCHES 1-2, USE SAME ORDER IN UKRAINETRUMP]** {new}

Oct 29-Nov 11

2019

32	He wanted to protect his son from being investigated
24	He wanted to advance a U.S. government position to reduce corruption in Ukraine
43	Not sure
1	No answer

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>20</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	30	28	13	2	16	20

<sup>20</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.