

Before you begin, please answer a few questions about yourself to ensure that the survey has a representative sample.

Q.2 Are you...?

	Total
Male	47
Female	53
Prefer not to say	0

Q.3 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24.....	9
25 - 29.....	8
30 - 34.....	9
35 - 39.....	9
40 - 44.....	7
45 - 49.....	8
50 - 54.....	9
55 - 59.....	8
60 - 64.....	10
Over 64	24
(No answer)	-

Q.5 Are you currently registered to vote in (STATE)?

	Total
Yes.....	100
No	-
Don't know	-

Q.6 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1st - 11th grade.....	1
High school graduate.....	26
Post-high school vocational / technical school	3
Some college, but no degree.....	20
Associate's degree.....	10
4-year college graduate / Bachelor's degree	25
Post-graduate school / Advanced degree.....	15



Q.7 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White or Caucasian	70
African-American or Black	13
Hispanic or Latino/a/x	11
Asian, South Asian, or Pacific Islander.....	4
Native American or Alaska Native	1
Other.....	1

Q.9 Over the last few years, do you feel the economy in our country has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Total
Gotten better	39
Gotten worse	33
Stayed the same	25
Don't know	3

Q.10 And, over the last few years, would you say your personal economic situation has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	Total
Gotten better	34
Gotten worse	24
Stayed the same	40
Don't know	1

Below is a list of economic challenges facing many Americans today. Have you or a member of your immediate family had a serious problem with this issue over the past year?

Q.11 Falling behind on rent or mortgage payments

	Total
Yes, I have personally faced this issue.....	14
Yes, a member of immediate family faced this issue.....	13
NO, neither I no anyone in my immediate family	76
Total Yes.....	24

Q.12 Falling behind on gas, electric, or phone bills

	Total
Yes, I have personally faced this issue.....	18
Yes, a member of immediate family faced this issue.....	15
NO, neither I no anyone in my immediate family	70
Total Yes.....	30

Q.13 Being unable to get medical care because of the cost

	Total
Yes, I have personally faced this issue.....	17
Yes, a member of immediate family faced this issue.....	16
NO, neither I no anyone in my immediate family	71
Total Yes.....	29

Q.14 Having too little money to buy enough food

	Total
Yes, I have personally faced this issue.....	21
Yes, a member of immediate family faced this issue.....	14
NO, neither I no anyone in my immediate family	69
Total Yes.....	31

Q.15 Finding a decent job with good wages

	Total
Yes, I have personally faced this issue.....	22
Yes, a member of immediate family faced this issue.....	21
NO, neither I no anyone in my immediate family	61
Total Yes.....	39

Q.16 Thinking about your own family - both your immediate family living with you, as well as other close relatives like aunts, uncles, cousins, and so on - as far as you know, is anyone in your family currently receiving government assistance for housing, health care, food, disability, or unemployment?

	Total
Yes, respondent.....	20
Yes, immediate family.....	13
Yes, close relatives.....	15
No family receiving assistance.....	55
Don't know.....	5
Total Yes.....	40

Q.17 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	21
Somewhat approve.....	20
Somewhat disapprove.....	14
Strongly disapprove.....	43
Don't know.....	3
Total Approve.....	41
Total Disapprove.....	57
Approve - Disapprove.....	-16

Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling...?

	Strng App	Smwt App	Smwt Dis	Strng Dis	Dont Know	Total App	Total Dis	App - Dis
18 Health care.....	15	23	17	40	5	38	58	-20
19 Creating quality jobs for American workers.....	26	25	16	30	4	51	46	5
20 Making sure wages keep up with expenses for American workers.....	19	25	16	35	6	44	51	-7
21 Fighting poverty.....	15	21	17	40	7	36	57	-21
22 (SPLIT A) Helping working-class families.....	20	23	16	38	3	43	54	-11
23 (SPLIT B) Helping middle-class families.....	20	23	19	36	3	42	54	-12

[1000 Respondents in splits A and B]

Q.24 Below you will see a list of issues some people say they would like their political leaders to work on. Please indicate which TWO issues you think are most important for the President and Congress to work on in the upcoming year.

	Total
(SPLIT A) Making health care more affordable	51
(SPLIT B) Making health care more accessible.....	41
Cutting taxes and regulation	23
Reducing the cost of prescription drugs	23
Reducing the number of people living in poverty.....	22
Updating our national infrastructure like roads, bridges, and airports.....	21
Increasing workers' paychecks	17
Creating more jobs	16
Limiting the influence of corporations and special interests	15
Improving public schools	9
Reducing the cost of college for young people.....	9

Q.25 Do you approve or disapprove of the tax law that was passed by Congress and signed by Donald Trump in 2017?

	Total
Strongly approve.....	17
Somewhat approve	21
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	29
Don't know	18
Total Approve.....	37
Total Disapprove.....	45
Approve - Disapprove	-7

Q.26 How do you think that tax law has impacted your personal taxes - over the last two years, have you paid more in taxes, paid less in taxes, or have your taxes stayed about the same as a result of the new tax law?

	Total
Paid more in taxes	27
Stayed about the same.....	46
Paid less in taxes	17
Don't know	11

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Now, you will see some statements about the economy in our country and some of the factors that influence it. On a scale from 0 to 10, please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement, where 0 means you strongly disagree and 10 means you strongly agree.

	Mean	8 to 10	6 or 7	5	3 or 4	0 to 2	Total Agree (6-10)	Total Dis (0-4)
27 There are enough good jobs with decent pay and benefits available where I live.	5.3	24	24	16	18	18	48	36
28 Too many people in America today face limited work opportunities, and the government should do more to create better jobs and increase wages.	6.4	36	27	15	13	9	64	21
29 Schools in my area are doing a good job of preparing young people for the kinds of jobs that are available in our area.	5.3	20	27	20	18	15	47	33
30 Colleges and universities are too expensive, and state governments should do more to lower costs and help people afford a college education without getting buried in debt.	7.4	54	24	11	6	5	78	11
31 Creating quality jobs and training workers for those jobs are roles that should be left to private businesses and markets without government interference.	5.8	28	25	20	15	12	53	27
32 The gap between rich and poor has grown too wide, and the government should use its tax and spending powers to reduce this gap and help build a bigger middle class.	6.7	45	22	13	8	12	67	20
33 Inequality is a natural result of a free market economy and trying to reduce it through government regulations will only make everyone less well off.	5.4	24	22	25	14	15	45	29

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	Mean	8 to 10	6 or 7	5	3 or 4	0 to 2	Total Agree (6-10)	Total Dis (0-4)
34 International trade and globalization have been good for American workers.....	5.8	24	29	23	14	10	53	24
35 Trade wars with nations like China and Mexico only increase costs for American consumers, which is why we need to reduce tariffs and increase economic cooperation with other nations.....	6.5	42	22	16	9	11	64	20
36 Big corporations have too much power and should be strongly regulated to better serve the public interest.....	6.8	46	22	14	10	8	68	18
37 Federal income taxes are too high and should be cut across the board, regardless of income.	5.8	30	22	21	13	14	52	27
38 The combined state, local, and federal taxes my household pays seem fair to me for what we get in terms of services and benefits.....	4.7	15	21	21	22	21	37	43
39 Our national debt is way too high, and we need to cut government spending on the biggest programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.	4.1	22	14	11	14	40	36	53
40 Rich families and corporations should pay a lot more in taxes than they do today, and middle-class families should pay less.	7.2	53	20	12	8	7	73	15
41 I'm willing to pay more in taxes to help provide more affordable health care.	4.9	19	24	18	16	22	43	38

	Mean	8 to 10	6 or 7	5	3 or 4	0 to 2	Total Agree (6-10)	Total Dis (0-4)
42 People get stuck in poverty primarily because they make bad decisions or lack the ambition to do better in life.....	4.9	21	21	17	18	23	42	41
43 Most people who live in poverty are poor mainly due to factors beyond their control, whether it's jobs that don't pay enough to live, or the high cost of basic things like housing, health care, and education.....	6.3	35	26	17	14	8	61	22
44 Government programs for things like nutrition and housing assistance work well and are worth paying for to help those in need.	6.3	35	27	17	13	8	61	21
45 Government anti-poverty programs create dependency and discourage people from seeking work.	5.6	31	21	16	14	18	52	32
46 Ensuring that all people have basic economic security and access to decent living standards is a critical function of government.....	6.6	39	27	17	9	8	66	17

[1000 Respondents in splits C and D]

Below is a series of pairs of statements about the country's economy. For each pair, please indicate which statement in each pair comes closer to your own view, even if neither statement is exactly right.

	A	A	B	B	Dont	Total	Total	A
	Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	Know	A	B	-
								B
47 (SPLIT C) (Statement A) Government should set an ambitious goal of trying to eliminate poverty altogether by making all work pay fairly, reducing barriers to employment, and providing guaranteed work or a minimum annual income to those unable to work or find a job. OR (Statement B) Government should set a realistic goal of trying to cut poverty in half within the next decade through measures to boost low-income wages and increase access to affordable housing and health care.	17	17	37	20	8	35	58	-23
48 (SPLIT D) (Statement A) We don't have to accept the extreme inequality and poverty in our country today. They are a result of political choices that put the interests of the wealthy and powerful ahead of the rest of us, and if we change those policies, we can ensure all Americans have access to basic living standards. OR (Statement B) There will always be some inequality in a system that rewards hard work, innovation, and risk-taking. But our economy and our capitalist system are still the greatest in the world, and we should not turn to extreme policies that will cost more in taxes and undermine our free enterprise system.	28	20	21	23	7	48	45	4

	A Much	A Smwt	B Smwt	B Much	Don't Know	Total A	Total B	A - B
49 (Statement A) It is more important to me to help provide basic living standards like housing, nutrition, and health care for those struggling to make ends meet. OR (Statement B) It is more important to me to address large budget deficits by reducing overall spending on government assistance programs for low-income people.	35	29	18	11	7	64	29	35
50 (Statement A) Access to basic living standards like health care, nutrition, and housing is a fundamental human right, and government should help ensure that all families have access to these basic living standards if their wages are too low or they can't make ends meet. OR (Statement B) Government assistance programs suffer from widespread abuse and fraud. Instead of guaranteeing benefits for those who are looking to avoid work, we need work requirements and strict time limits to avoid abuse and promote self-sufficiency.....	32	20	20	24	5	52	44	8
51 (SPLIT C) (Statement A) Taking food away from people who can't make ends meet only makes it harder for them to get back on their feet and find a good job. Rather than punishing people who are already facing economic hardship, Congress should focus on policies that help create jobs and boost wages. OR (Statement B) Requiring people who receive nutrition assistance benefits to find work is critical to promote self-sufficiency, prevent abuse and dependency among low-income people, and to ensure that benefits are going to those truly in need.	30	20	24	21	6	50	44	5

	A	A	B	B	Dont	Total	Total	A
	Much	Smwt	Smwt	Much	Know	A	B	-
								B
52 (SPLIT D) (Statement A) Taking food away from families struggling to make ends meet, including over half a million hungry children, only makes it harder for them to succeed in school or get back on their feet. Instead, Congress should focus on policies that help create jobs and boost wages so their families can get ahead. OR (Statement B) We need to tighten eligibility requirements to access nutrition assistance benefits, including school lunches, in order to promote self-sufficiency, prevent abuse and dependency among low-income people, and to ensure that benefits are going to those truly in need.	36	25	18	15	6	61	33	28

[1000 Respondents in splits E and F]

Next you will see some statements about our government and economy. After you read each one, please indicate how convincing you find it on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 means it is not convincing at all and 10 means it is very convincing. You can choose any number between 0 and 10.

	Mean	8 to 10	6 or 7	5	3 or 4	0 to 2	Total Conv (6-10)	Total Not (0-4)
53 We need to take back our government from wealthy special interests and make sure it works for all Americans. Government at its best should ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to get ahead in life and has access to affordable health care, good schools, and a secure retirement. Government should work for everyone, not just the rich and powerful.	7.5	57	20	12	7	4	77	11
54 (SPLIT E) We need an economy that works for all. Right now, those at the top of the income ladder are doing great while middle- and working-class families continue to struggle with low and stagnant wages and limited benefits. Government should focus first and foremost on raising wages and improving the quality of jobs for everyone....	6.9	45	26	13	8	8	71	16
55 (SPLIT F) We need an economy that works for all. Too many families today are living paycheck-to-paycheck and face high costs for things like housing, education, and health care. Government should focus first and foremost on helping families afford the basics and providing economic security and opportunity for everyone.....	7.1	48	24	13	9	6	72	15
56 The question we really need to answer is not whether government is too big or too small but rather, "Who does the government work for and benefit?" Does it benefit working people, or does it benefit the wealthy? America will be much stronger and more cohesive when we ensure that our government works for all of us and not just the richest few.....	7.5	56	23	13	5	4	78	9

	Mean	8 to 10	6 or 7	5	3 or 4	0 to 2	Total Conv (6-10)	Total Not (0-4)
57 (SPLIT E) America today is too divided today by race, gender, and income. People of color, women, and low-income people continue to face institutional discrimination in employment, housing, education, and health care access. Government should remove these unfair barriers to success and ensure that all people have a fair shot at making the most of their lives.....	6.6	43	25	12	8	12	68	20
58 (SPLIT F) The politicians running our country today are purposefully pitting Americans against one another based on race and ethnicity. They want us to fight with each other over cultural differences as they pursue policies that transfer wealth and power to the rich and Wall Street. Instead, we need a government that seeks to unite people - regardless of where they live, what they look like, or how much money they have - around simple goals we all share, like basic economic security for our families and a chance to get ahead in life.....	7.3	52	23	12	7	6	75	13

Next you will see the same statements again. This time, after you read each one, please highlight any words, phrases or ideas you particularly agree with in green and any that you particularly disagree with in red.

See Highlighting Document

[1000 Respondents in splits A and B]

Next, you will see some reforms that have been proposed to strengthen our economy. For each one, please indicate whether you would support or oppose this particular policy idea.

	Strng Sup	Smwt Sup	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dont Know	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
59 (SPLIT A) Reduce inequality in our country by creating a 2 percent "wealth tax" on Americans with fortunes over \$50 million and a 3 percent "wealth tax" on fortunes worth more than \$1 billion.	41	29	10	14	7	70	23	47
60 (SPLIT B) Create a 2 percent "wealth tax" on Americans with fortunes over \$50 million and a 3 percent "wealth tax" on fortunes worth more than \$1 billion, and invest that revenue in expanding health care, education, retirement security, and job creation.....	43	26	12	12	7	68	24	44
61 Create good jobs and make American businesses more competitive by investing \$1 trillion in our nation's infrastructure, including roads, bridges, railroads, broadband, and expanded production of clean energy.....	34	44	10	4	7	78	14	64
62 (SPLIT B) Reduce poverty by ensuring that all families have access to basic living standards like health care, food, and housing if their wages are too low or they can't make ends meet.	34	38	14	8	7	72	21	51
63 (SPLIT A) Work to eliminate poverty by ensuring that all families have access to basic living standards like health care, food, and housing if their wages are too low or they can't make ends meet.	34	38	14	7	6	72	22	50
64 Increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, make sure it rises with inflation, and extend the minimum wage to include groups like tipped workers and workers with disabilities, who are currently allowed to be paid less than the full minimum wage.	33	28	17	18	5	61	34	27

	Strng Sup	Smwt Sup	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Dont Know	Total Sup	Total Opp	Sup - Opp
65 Increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for workers without dependent children and allow workers to access up to \$500 of their tax refund ahead of tax season so they don't have to go into debt just to make ends meet.	23	37	18	10	12	60	28	32
66 Increase the Child Tax Credit and provide an extra boost for families with children under the age of 5 to help them make necessary investments during the critical early years of life.	25	40	16	10	9	65	26	38
67 Ensure those who rely on food assistance benefits can feed their families for the entire month by increasing benefits to account for how much working families pay for food, and by linking benefits to the cost of living for those in areas with higher costs for rent, utilities, and other basic necessities.	25	37	17	12	9	62	29	32
68 Allow people who don't get health coverage through their employer to buy health insurance from a public plan.	39	41	8	6	6	81	13	67
69 (SPLIT A) Place a maximum out-of-pocket limit on the cost of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries.	42	37	8	5	8	79	13	67
70 (SPLIT B) Penalize pharmaceutical companies if the prices of their prescription drugs increase faster than overall inflation.	51	30	8	5	6	81	14	67

Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q.71 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	24
Weak Democrat	13
Independent-lean Democrat	7
Independent.....	16
Independent-lean Republican.....	7
Weak Republican.....	13
Strong Republican	19
Don't know	-

Q.74 Which of the following do you feel best describes your political perspective?

	Total
Conservative.....	32
Liberal	20
Libertarian.....	3
Moderate.....	37
Progressive.....	6
Other.....	1

Q.75 Last year, that is in 2018, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total
Less than \$20,000	14
\$20,000 to under \$30,000.....	11
\$30,000 to under \$50,000.....	19
\$50,000 to under \$75,000.....	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000.....	15
\$100,000 or more	22

Q.76 In the 2016 election for President, did you vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump?

	Total
Democrat Hillary Clinton	42
Republican Donald Trump.....	40
Other candidate	6
Did not vote.....	12

Q.77 In the 2012 election for President, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

	Total
Democrat Barack Obama	51
Republican Mitt Romney.....	32
Other candidate	2
Did not vote.....	15