

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER  
MARCH 2018 POLITICAL SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
MARCH 7-14, 2018  
N=1,466**

**QUESTIONS 1, 7, 12, 14-15, 24-27, 40, 46-47 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**QUESTIONS 2, 41-42 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**NO QUESTIONS 3-6, 8-11, 13, 16-23, 28-39, 43-45**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48 How much, if anything, have you read or heard about Russian efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election? **[READ]**

**TREND FOR COMPARISON**

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u> <sup>1</sup>
61	A lot	55
26	A little	33
12	Nothing at all	11
1	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>	1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.49 Do you think Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election **[READ AND RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>	
43	Benefited Donald Trump's campaign
4	Benefited Hillary Clinton's campaign
48	Didn't benefit either one very much
*	Russia did not try to influence election <b>(VOL.)</b>
4	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**ASK ALL:**

Q.50 How confident are you that the Trump administration will make a serious effort to prevent Russia from influencing future U.S. elections? Are you **[READ IN ORDER]**?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>	
21	Very confident
21	Somewhat confident
19	Not too confident
36	Not at all confident
2	Don't know/Refused <b>(VOL.)</b>

**QUESTIONS 51-53, 55, 59, 61, 63, 90 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**NO QUESTIONS 54, 56-58, 60, 62, 64-89, 91-93**

<sup>1</sup> In the January 10-15, 2018 survey, question was worded: "How much, if anything, have you read or heard about the investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election?"

**ASK ALL:**

Q.94 Thinking about the investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election... just your impression, do you think senior members of the Trump administration definitely did, probably did, probably did NOT or definitely did NOT have improper contact with Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		Nov 29-Dec 4 <u>2017</u>
25	Definitely did	30
33	Probably did	29
22	Probably did not	18
17	Definitely did not	12
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	10

**ASK ALL:**

Q.95 How confident, if at all, are you that the Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller [**PRONOUNCED:** "MULL-er"] will conduct a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election [**READ**]?

Mar 7-14 <u>2018</u>		Jan 10-15 <u>2018</u>	Nov 29-Dec 4 <u>2017</u>
25	Very confident	27	25
36	Somewhat confident	29	30
19	Not too confident	21	20
18	Not at all confident	16	16
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8	8

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	(VOL.) No preference	(VOL.) Other party	(VOL.) DK/Ref	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
Mar 7-14, 2018	26	28	41	3	*	1	17	18
Jan 10-15, 2018	26	33	34	3	1	3	12	18
Nov 29-Dec 4, 2017	20	32	40	4	1	3	13	19
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	32	41	3	1	2	17	19
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
<b>Yearly Totals</b>								
2017	23.6	31.4	39.4	3.3	.6	1.7	15.8	18.7
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4

## PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) No <u>preference</u>	(VOL.) Other <u>party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
<i>2001 Pre-Sept 11</i>	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--