

# GW POLITICS POLL

## 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION WAVE 1

The survey was fielded May 14 - 30, 2018 with a sample of registered voters. The survey was fielded by YouGov with a sample of registered voters. YouGov recruits individuals in a variety of ways into their panel and then uses sample matching to create a representative sample from this non-randomly selected pool. YouGov has constructed a sampling frame of U.S. Citizens from the 2012 American Community Survey, including data on age, race, gender, education, marital status, number of children under 18, family income, employment status, citizenship, state, and metropolitan area. This is the first of a four-wave panel design. Final N=3150.

The partial toplines reported below based on frequencies using weight variable provided by YouGov for the sample. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 2%.

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How likely are you to vote in the upcoming general election in November?

Definitely will vote	78%
Probably will vote	15%
Probably will not vote	5%
Definitely will not vote	2%
Unweighted N	3146
Missing	4

If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Republican Party candidate	38%
The Democratic Party candidate	45%
Other	2%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	2%
Unweighted N	3143
Missing	7

[If "other," "not sure," or "would not vote":] If you had to choose, would you lean more toward the Republican Party candidate or the Democratic Party candidate?

The Republican Party candidate	25%
The Democratic Party candidate	22%
Not sure	54%
Unweighted N	573
Missing	2577

Generic ballot with leaners included:

The Republican Party candidate	42%
The Democratic Party candidate	49%
Not sure	9%
Unweighted N	3141
Missing	9

## VIEWS OF INCUMBENTS

We'd now like to ask you some questions about the people who represent you in Washington DC. Do you approve or disapprove of how each is handling their job? (Respondents were prompted with names of current representative and senators.)

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know	N
House Rep.	23%	26%	12%	21%	17%	3118
Senator 1	18%	26%	15%	28%	14%	3126
Senator 2	22%	24%	13%	29%	13%	3121

How much does your US Representative <Current House Member Name> care about:

	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Don't know	N
The country as a whole	30%	26%	14%	11%	19%	3104
His/Her political party's agenda	42%	29%	6%	4%	19%	3103
His/Her campaign donors	39%	24%	6%	4%	26%	3097
People like you	20%	24%	16%	23%	18%	3099
Your local community	25%	26%	16%	14%	18%	3102
His/Her political career	52%	20%	5%	3%	19%	3096
His/Her policy priorities	40%	26%	8%	5%	20%	3101
Your political views	17%	24%	16%	24%	18%	3099

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	29%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Don't know	8%
Unweighted N	3133
Missing	17

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Don't know	3%
Unweighted N	3135
Missing	15

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	N
Donald Trump	29%	14%	7%	48%	2%	3110
Paul Ryan	7%	20%	21%	41%	10%	3105
Barack Obama	40%	14%	8%	36%	2%	3114
Hillary Clinton	17%	22%	12%	47%	3%	3120
Bernie Sanders	24%	26%	14%	32%	5%	3110
Vladimir Putin	2%	7%	19%	60%	11%	3106
Chuck Schumer	10%	20%	15%	34%	20%	3105
Nancy Pelosi	10%	22%	12%	44%	11%	3111
Robert Mueller	24%	15%	11%	28%	22%	3106
Mitch McConnell	2%	15%	22%	42%	19%	3109

## VIEWS OF THE COUNTRY

Would you say things in this country today are: Generally headed in the right direction or Off on the wrong track?

Generally headed in the right direction	38%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Don't know	7%
Unweighted N	3131
Missing	19

Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially	25%
About the same as now	51%
Worse off financially	20%
Don't know	3%
Unweighted N	3131
Missing	19

Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	38%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	20%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N	3123
Missing	27

### **ISSUES–TAXES**

Do you favor or oppose the tax plan that was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump?

Strongly favor	19%
Somewhat favor	20%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	32%
Don't know	12%
Unweighted N	3122
Missing	28

Do you favor raising taxes on families with incomes over \$200,000 per year?

Yes	59%
No	28%
Don't know	14%
Unweighted N	3128
Missing	22

### **ISSUES–IMMIGRATION**

Overall, do you think illegal immigrants make a contribution to American society or are a drain?

Mostly make a contribution	41%
Neither	13%
Mostly a drain	40%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N	3125
Missing	25

Do you favor or oppose providing a legal way for illegal immigrants already in the United States to become U.S. citizens?

Strongly favor	33%
Somewhat favor	30%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	17%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N	3123
Missing	27

Do you think it should be easier or harder for foreigners to immigrate to the US legally than it is currently?

Much easier	12%
Slightly easier	18%
No change	25%
Slightly harder	19%
Much harder	19%
Don't know	7%
Unweighted N	3123
Missing	27

Do you favor or oppose temporarily banning Muslims from other countries from entering the United States?

Strongly favor	23%
Somewhat favor	20%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	30%
Don't know	10%
Unweighted N	3119
Missing	31

Do you favor or oppose allowing young adults who were brought to the United States illegally as children to stay and work here legally?

Strongly favor	40%
Somewhat favor	24%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	12%
Don't know	8%
Unweighted N	3111
Missing	39

**ISSUE POSITIONS–ABORTION**

Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	33%
Legal/Illegal in some cases	46%
Illegal in all cases	15%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N	3118
Missing	32

**ISSUE POSITIONS–LGBT**

Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

Strongly favor	40%
Somewhat favor	14%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	27%
Don't know	7%
Unweighted N	3117
Missing	33

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Transgender people should be allowed to use the public restrooms of the gender with which they currently identify	38%
Transgender people should be required to use the public restrooms of the gender they were born into	46%
Don't know	16%
Unweighted N	3122
Missing	28

**ISSUES–HEALTH CARE**

Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to see to it that everyone has health care coverage?

Yes	52%
No	39%
Don't know	9%
Unweighted N	3117
Missing	33

Do you think the health care reform bill that passed in 2010—the Affordable Care Act—should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	40%
Kept the same	9%
Repealed	41%
Don't know	9%
Unweighted N	3121
Missing	29

As you may know, in 2017 Congress debated a health care plan that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. Given what you know about this new health care plan, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

Very favorable	7%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	34%
Don't know	23%
Unweighted N	3120
Missing	30

#### **ISSUES—SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Which comes closer to your view about recent allegations of sexual harassment and assault?

They are mainly isolated incidents of individual misconduct	36%
They mainly reflect widespread problems in society	64%
Unweighted N	3102
Missing	48

Do you approve or disapprove of how the Republican Party is handling the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault in politics?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	32%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Unweighted N	3062
Missing	88

Do you approve or disapprove of how the Democratic Party is handling the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault in politics?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	31%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Unweighted N	3068
Missing	82

If a politician has been accused of sexual harassment or sexual assault by multiple people, do you think that should be disqualifying or not?

Definitely should	35%
Probably should	42%
Probably should not	16%
Definitely should not	6%
Unweighted N	3075
Missing	75

Do you think recent attention to the issue of sexual harassment and assault...

Has not gone far enough	30%
Has been about right	38%
Has gone too far	32%
Unweighted N	3101
Missing	49

## ISSUES—GOVERNMENT REGULATION

In general, do you think there is too much or too little regulation of business by the government?

Too much	34%
About the right amount	23%
Too little	28%
Don't know	15%
Unweighted N	3114
Missing	36

Which statement comes closer to your own view?

We need a strong government to handle today's complex economic problems	46%
People would be better able to handle today's problems within a free market with less government involvement	42%
Don't know	13%
Unweighted N	3119
Missing	31



**ISSUES–TRADE**

Do you favor or oppose increasing trade with other nations?

Favor	67%
Oppose	10%
Don't know	23%
Unweighted N	3118
Missing	32

Do you support or oppose of Donald Trump's decision to impose new tariffs on steel and aluminum imports?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	29%
Don't know	16%
Unweighted N	3120
Missing	30

**ISSUES–GUN CONTROL**

In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	58%
No change	30%
Make gun laws less strict	12%
Unweighted N	3112
Missing	38

Do you support or oppose a law that would:

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know	N
Raise the minimum age for buying any type of gun or ammunition to 21?	51%	16%	10%	18%	5%	3102
Prevent persons with a history of mental illness from owning guns	67%	18%	6%	3%	5%	3100
Ban semi-automatic weapons	47%	13%	11%	24%	6%	3095
Ban the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers	16%	9%	18%	51%	6%	3103
Ban the sale of magazine clips for semi-automatic weapons that hold more than 10 rounds	51%	13%	9%	21%	6%	3103
Require people who purchase handguns to wait five days before they receive that gun	57%	19%	7%	11%	5%	3102
Require gun owners to register their guns with a national gun registry	51%	15%	7%	23%	5%	3099
Limit the number of handguns a person can own	36%	15%	13%	30%	6%	3098
Prevent people from carrying a concealed gun in public	28%	14%	15%	35%	7%	3099
Require people to obtain a police permit before buying a handgun	37%	18%	11%	25%	8%	3098

## RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

How confident are you that Donald Trump is doing enough to prevent foreign countries from influencing future elections?

Very confident	20%
Somewhat confident	23%
Not too confident	15%
Not at all confident	42%
Unweighted N	3098
Missing	52

Do you think members of the Trump campaign did or did not have improper contact with Russia during the 2016 presidential campaign?

Definitely did	34%
Probably did	18%
Probably did not	14%
Definitely did not	25%
Don't know	10%
Unweighted N	3118
Missing	32

How confident are you that the special counsel Robert Mueller is conducting a fair investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 election?

Very confident	31%
Somewhat confident	15%
Not too confident	12%
Not at all confident	29%
Don't know	13%
Unweighted N	3110
Missing	40

If President Trump decides to remove Robert Mueller as special counsel, would this be appropriate or inappropriate?

Very appropriate	16%
Somewhat appropriate	11%
Somewhat inappropriate	11%
Very inappropriate	44%
Don't know	17%
Unweighted N	3113
Missing	37

If President Trump decides to pardon senior members of his administration over charges connected to the Russian involvement in the 2016 election, would this be appropriate or inappropriate?

Very appropriate	14%
Somewhat appropriate	13%
Somewhat inappropriate	12%
Very inappropriate	46%
Don't know	16%
Unweighted N	3111
Missing	39

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Male	47%
Female	53%
Unweighted N	3150
White	72%
Black	12%
Hispanic	10%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Middle Eastern	0%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%
Unweighted N	3150
Education	
No HS	4%
High school graduate	29%
Some college	19%
2-year	11%
4-year	23%
Post-grad	13%
Unweighted N	3150
Age	
18-30	17%
31-40	15%
41-50	14%
51-60	19%
61-70	21%
Over 70	14%
Unweighted N	3150
Marital status	
Married	49%
Separated	1%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	3%
Unweighted N	3150

Have children under 18	
Yes	21%
No	79%
Unweighted N	3150

Employment status	
Full-time	38%
Part-time	10%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	6%
Retired	25%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	7%
Student	5%
Other	2%
Unweighted N	3149

Party identification	
Strong Democrat	27%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Strong Republican	17%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Lean Republican	11%
Independent	14%
Not sure	2%
Unweighted N	3150