

GW POLITICS POLL 2018 MIDTERM ELECTION WAVE 4

The survey was fielded December 11-19, 2018 by YouGov with a sample of registered voters. This was the fourth survey in a four-wave panel design focusing on the 2018 midterm election. We re-interviewed 2,260 respondents of the original 3,150 who participated in the GW Politics Poll conducted in May 2018. The re-interview rate was 72%.

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. For the original May sample, 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. Our December results are based on a sample of 1,920 registered voters who answered all four waves of the survey. The 2,260 individuals interviewed across all four waves were matched down to a sample of 1,920 to produce the final dataset using a sampling frame constructed from the November 2016 Current Population Survey (our December panel respondents were matched to the frame on gender, age, race and education to produce the final sample). Previous wave samples: First wave (May 2018) N=3,150, second wave (July-August 2018) N=2,716, third wave (October 2018) N=2,321.

The partial topline reported below are based on frequencies using a weight variable provided by YouGov for the sample. We provide results using the full samples from the December, October, July-August and May survey waves. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 2%.

MIDTERM 2018 VOTING

Did you vote in the November 2018 general election?

	December
I did not vote in the election this November	8%
I thought about voting this time – but didn't	2%
I usually vote, but didn't this time	2%
I attempted to vote but did not or could not	1%
Yes, I definitely voted in the general election	87%
Unweighted N	1920

In the election for U.S. Congress, who did you vote for in the district where you live?

	December
The Republican Party candidate	45%
The Democratic Party candidate	52%
Other	2%
I did not vote for a candidate for US House of Representatives	1%
Unweighted N	1692
Missing	228

[Asked of those who said they did not vote in the November 2018 election or said did not vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives:] If you had voted, would you have voted for The Republican party candidate or the Democratic party candidate for the U.S. Congress?

	December
The Republican Party candidate	32%
The Democratic Party candidate	40%
Not sure	28%
Unweighted N	249
Not Asked	1671

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

	October	July- August	May
Definitely will vote	82%	81%	78%
Probably will vote	11%	14%	15%
Probably will not vote	4%	4%	5%
Definitely will not vote	2%	1%	2%
Unweighted N	2321	2716	3150
Missing			4

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

	October	July-August	May
The Republican Party candidate	40%	38%	38%
The Democratic Party candidate	48%	45%	45%
Other	2%	2%	2%
Not sure	7%	12%	13%
I would not vote	2%	2%	2%
Unweighted N	2321	2716	3143
Missing			7

[Asked of those who said "other," "not sure," or "would not vote" in previous question:] If you had to choose, would you lean more toward the Republican Party candidate or the Democratic Party candidate?

	October	July-August	May
The Republican Party candidate	19%	22%	25%
The Democratic Party candidate	13%	24%	22%
Not sure	68%	54%	54%
Unweighted N	257	445	573
Not Asked	2056	2271	2577

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
Current House Member	December	25%	29%	11%	23%	13%	1914
	October	24%	25%	13%	23%	15%	2317
	July-August	23%	27%	12%	22%	17%	2713
	May	23%	26%	12%	21%	17%	3118
Current Senator 1	December	20%	26%	13%	31%	10%	1920
	October	19%	25%	13%	32%	10%	2319
	July-August	19%	26%	14%	29%	11%	2711
	May	18%	26%	15%	28%	14%	3126
Current Senator 2	December	24%	24%	12%	30%	11%	1920
	October	24%	21%	10%	32%	12%	2320
	July-August	22%	24%	12%	31%	11%	2713
	May	22%	24%	13%	29%	13%	3121

How much does your U.S. Representative <Current House Member Name> care about ...

December	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Don't know	N
The country as a whole	31%	28%	16%	10%	15%	1917
His/Her political party's agenda	46%	33%	6%	3%	13%	1915
His/Her campaign donors	43%	28%	6%	4%	20%	1917
People like you	19%	27%	17%	23%	14%	1917
Your local community	25%	30%	19%	13%	14%	1977
His/Her political career	56%	23%	5%	3%	14%	1916
His/Her policy priorities	46%	28%	7%	3%	15%	1916
Your political views	18%	27%	16%	26%	14%	1916

October	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Don't know	N
The country as a whole	29%	28%	15%	11%	16%	2317
His/Her political party's agenda	45%	30%	4%	4%	16%	2317
His/Her campaign donors	43%	26%	5%	5%	20%	2318
People like you	21%	25%	16%	23%	15%	2317
Your local community	23%	29%	17%	15%	15%	2318
His/Her political career	53%	23%	4%	4%	16%	2318
His/Her policy priorities	41%	30%	6%	5%	17%	2318
Your political views	17%	24%	16%	26%	16%	2316
July - August	A great deal	Some	Not much	Not at all	Don't know	N
The country as a whole	30%	27%	15%	11%	17%	2716
His/Her political party's agenda	43%	32%	6%	4%	16%	2715
His/Her campaign donors	40%	28%	6%	4%	22%	2716
People like you	21%	25%	15%	24%	16%	2715
Your local community	25%	27%	17%	14%	17%	2716
His/Her political career	53%	22%	5%	3%	17%	2716
His/Her policy priorities	40%	30%	6%	5%	18%	2711
Your political views	18%	26%	15%	25%	16%	2716
May	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?

	December	October	July- August	May
Strongly approve	2%	3%	2%	2%
Somewhat approve	19%	19%	17%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	29%	29%	29%	29%
Strongly disapprove	41%	42%	46%	46%
Don't know	9%	8%	7%	8%
Unweighted N	1920	2320	2716	3133
Missing		1		17

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Strongly approve	27%	28%	28%	28%
Somewhat approve	16%	15%	17%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	7%	6%	7%	7%
Strongly disapprove	46%	47%	46%	46%
Don't know	4%	4%	2%	3%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2716	3135
Missing				15

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

December	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	N
Donald Trump	28%	15%	5%	48%	4%	1917
Paul Ryan	8%	20%	21%	40%	11%	1912
Barack Obama	40%	13%	8%	37%	3%	1913
Hillary Clinton	17%	20%	12%	47%	4%	1915
Bernie Sanders	26%	22%	13%	33%	6%	1915
Vladimir Putin	2%	7%	19%	62%	10%	1916
Chuck Schumer	11%	21%	12%	37%	20%	1917
Nancy Pelosi	16%	22%	9%	45%	9%	1911
Robert Mueller	29%	16%	10%	28%	18%	1916
Mitch McConnell	6%	22%	16%	37%	20%	1912
Brett Kavanaugh	22%	17%	12%	36%	13%	1915
Joe Biden	31%	20%	13%	29%	8%	1915
Elizabeth Warren	18%	20%	9%	36%	18%	1913
Kamala Harris	18%	13%	7%	26%	37%	1915
Kirsten Gillibrand	10%	17%	9%	20%	45%	1915
Deval Patrick	4%	10%	6%	11%	69%	1909
Cory Booker	15%	18%	6%	29%	32%	1914
Eric Garcetti	3%	7%	6%	9%	75%	1916
Amy Klobuchar	10%	11%	7%	11%	61%	1914
Neil Gorsuch	19%	14%	15%	17%	35%	1915
John Kasich	6%	22%	21%	21%	31%	1914
Nikki Haley	23%	18%	15%	13%	31%	1915
Michael Bloomberg	8%	20%	15%	27%	30%	1914
Eric Holder	11%	17%	8%	31%	34%	1914
Michael Avenatti	3%	11%	13%	33%	41%	1913
Julian Castro	9%	11%	7%	16%	58%	1912
Mitch Landrieu	4%	9%	8%	8%	72%	1912
Beto O'Rourke	20%	13%	8%	23%	36%	1915
John Hickenlooper	4%	8%	7%	9%	72%	1914
Mike Pence	29%	15%	10%	38%	8%	1913
Chris Murphy	5%	9%	6%	9%	72%	1914

October	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	N
Donald Trump	29%	13%	5%	49%	3%	2320
Paul Ryan	8%	22%	18%	40%	12%	2319
Barack Obama	39%	15%	9%	35%	3%	2320
Hillary Clinton	16%	23%	12%	46%	3%	2320
Bernie Sanders	25%	24%	12%	33%	6%	2319
Vladimir Putin	2%	7%	19%	60%	12%	2320
Chuck Schumer	9%	21%	14%	36%	19%	2320
Nancy Pelosi	11%	21%	13%	44%	11%	2319
Robert Mueller	24%	17%	16%	23%	20%	2320
Mitch McConnell	7%	22%	13%	40%	18%	2320
Brett Kavanaugh	27%	13%	8%	42%	10%	2320

July-August	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	N
Donald Trump	29%	15%	6%	48%	2%	2716
Paul Ryan	7%	21%	23%	40%	9%	2716
Barack Obama	38%	14%	10%	36%	2%	2716
Hillary Clinton	17%	21%	12%	48%	2%	2716
Bernie Sanders	24%	23%	14%	33%	5%	2716
Vladimir Putin	2%	9%	20%	60%	9%	2716
Chuck Schumer	9%	21%	16%	37%	18%	2716
Nancy Pelosi	9%	23%	13%	46%	9%	2716
Robert Mueller	24%	16%	13%	28%	19%	2716
Mitch McConnell	3%	18%	22%	41%	17%	2715

May	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 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Thinking about the civilian employees of the federal government and your view of them, how much confidence do you have in these employees?

	December
A great deal of confidence	10%
A lot of confidence	21%
Some confidence	46%
Very little confidence	24%
Unweighted N	1919
Missing	1

Would you encourage or discourage a young person who was considering going to work as a federal civilian employee?

	December
Strongly encourage	18%
Somewhat encourage	54%
Somewhat discourage	21%
Strongly discourage	7%
Unweighted N	1916
Missing	4

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?

	December	October	July- August	May
Generally headed in the right direction	35%	38%	39%	38%
Off on the wrong track	55%	55%	55%	55%
Don't know	10%	8%	6%	7%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2716	3131
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Would you say that you and your family are better off financially than you were a year ago, about the same financially as you were a year ago, worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	December	October	July- August	May
Better off financially	25%	25%	26%	25%
About the same as now	52%	53%	51%	51%
Worse off financially	20%	19%	20%	20%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%	3%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2716	3131
				19

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Getting better	33%	39%	39%	38%
About the same	33%	37%	33%	37%
Getting worse	27%	19%	24%	20%
Don't know	7%	5%	4%	6%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3123
Missing	1			27

Following the election, there has been a lot of talk about what the priorities should be for the new Congress. Please tell us whether you think the following issues should be a priority for Congress next year. (December Wave Only)

	A top priority	An important but lower priority	Not too important	It should not be done	Unweighted N
Reducing health care costs	71%	23%	4%	2%	1917
Taking steps to make the Social					
Security system financially sound	67%	27%	5%	1%	1917
Strengthening the nation's economy	65%	30%	4%	1%	1915
Taking steps to make the Medicare system financially sound	63%	30%	5%	2%	1917
Dealing with the issue of immigration	58%	29%	12%	2%	1917
Defending the country from future terrorist attacks	57%	32%	10%	2%	1918
Improving the country's roads, bridges and public transportation systems	55%	38%	6%	2%	1916
Reducing the influence of lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington	53%	33%	11%	3%	1917
Improving the educational system	53%	36%	8%	3%	1915
Reducing the budget deficit	53%	36%	10%	2%	1916
Protecting the environment	47%	33%	15%	5%	1917
Reducing crime	46%	43%	9%	2%	1916
Improving the job situation	45%	42%	11%	2%	1916
Dealing with the problems of poor and needy people	45%	41%	12%	3%	1917
Dealing with global climate change	43%	24%	17%	16%	1916
Dealing with global trade issues	41%	48%	10%	2%	1917
Increasing oversight of the Trump administration	39%	18%	20%	23%	1915
Dealing with drug addiction	39%	47%	11%	3%	1916

Changing the nation's gun laws	39%	22%	16%	24%	1916
Strengthening the U.S. military	38%	33%	20%	9%	1918
Investigating President Trump	37%	15%	14%	34%	1916
Addressing race relations in this country	33%	39%	21%	7%	1917
Addressing gender inequality in this country	20%	35%	27%	19%	1916
Regulating large news and social media companies	15%	37%	28%	20%	1917

ELECTION LEGITIMACY AND DISENFRANCHISEMENT

How confident are you that votes across the United States were counted as voters intended in the November 2018 election?

	December
Very confident	16%
Somewhat confident	37%
Not too confident	25%
Not at all confident	16%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N	1920

How confident are you that votes in your community were counted as voters intended in the November 2018 election?

	December
Very confident	43%
Somewhat confident	35%
Not too confident	11%
Not at all confident	6%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N	1919
Missing	1

Which statement comes closest to your own views?

	December
If election rules were changed to make it easier to register and vote that would also make elections less secure	38%
It would not make elections any less secure if election rules were changed to make it easier to register and vote	62%
Unweighted N	1919
Missing	1

ISSUES—HEALTH CARE

As you may know a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010, known commonly as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

	December	October	July- August
Very favorable	24%	22%	21%
Somewhat favorable	23%	25%	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	13%	13%
Very unfavorable	35%	31%	34%
Don't know	7%	8%	7%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2716

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Expanded	40%	40%	40%	40%
Kept the same	11%	11%	10%	9%
Repealed	42%	40%	42%	41%
Don't know	8%	9%	9%	9%
Unweighted N	1920	2320	2716	3121
Missing		1		29

As you may know, the Affordable Care Act required nearly all Americans to have health insurance, or else pay a fine. Congress passed a law repealing this requirement starting in January 2019. Do you favor or oppose requiring all Americans have health insurance?

	December	October	July- August
Strongly favor	26%	27%	26%
Somewhat favor	18%	19%	19%
Somewhat oppose	14%	15%	17%
Strongly oppose	31%	28%	29%
Don't know	11%	11%	9%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2716

The 2010 health care law provided protections for people with pre-existing health conditions. How important is it to you that the following provisions remain the law?

Provision that prohibits health insurance companies from charging sick people more

	December	October	July-August
Very important	66%	67%	64%
Somewhat important	19%	17%	20%
Not too important	7%	6%	7%
Not at all important	4%	3%	4%
Don't know	4%	6%	5%
Unweighted N	1919	2320	2716
Missing	1	1	

Provision that prohibits health insurance companies from denying coverage because of a person's medical history

	December	October	July-August
Very important	72%	71%	70%
Somewhat important	17%	16%	16%
Not too important	4%	4%	4%
Not at all important	3%	3%	4%
Don't know	4%	6%	5%
Unweighted N	1918	2320	2714
Missing	2	1	2

ISSUES—IMMIGRATION

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Mostly make a contribution	40%	41%	40%	41%
Neither	12%	13%	12%	13%
Mostly a drain	42%	39%	41%	40%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%	6%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2715	3125
Missing			1	25

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Strongly favor	32%	32%	32%	33%
Somewhat favor	26%	28%	27%	30%
Somewhat oppose	15%	15%	15%	15%
Strongly oppose	21%	18%	21%	17%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	6%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3123
Missing	1			27

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Much easier	12%	13%	14%	12%
Slightly easier	17%	16%	19%	18%
No change	28%	25%	24%	25%
Slightly harder	15%	16%	17%	19%
Much harder	21%	21%	19%	19%
Don't know	8%	8%	7%	7%
Unweighted N	1918	2321	2714	3123
Missing	2		2	27

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Strongly favor	25%	24%	25%	23%
Somewhat favor	16%	16%	17%	20%
Somewhat oppose	15%	16%	16%	16%
Strongly oppose	31%	32%	32%	30%
Don't know	13%	12%	10%	10%
Unweighted N	1920	2320	2711	3119
Missing		1	5	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?

	December	October	July- August	May
Strongly favor	37%	39%	39%	40%
Somewhat favor	24%	24%	23%	24%
Somewhat oppose	15%	13%	17%	16%
Strongly oppose	17%	16%	14%	12%
Don't know	7%	8%	7%	8%
Unweighted N	1917	2320	2716	3111
Missing	3	1		39

Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with the statement: It is appropriate to separate undocumented immigrant parents from their children when they cross the border in order to discourage others from crossing the border illegally.

	December	October	July- August
Strongly agree	20%	17%	19%
Somewhat agree	13%	14%	15%
Somewhat disagree	11%	11%	11%
Strongly disagree	47%	49%	47%
Don't know	9%	8%	8%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716
Missing	1		

Should LEGAL immigration into the United States be kept at its present level, increased or decreased?

	December	October	July- August
Increased	23%	25%	25%
Kept the same	40%	38%	40%
Decreased	25%	25%	23%
Don't know	12%	12%	12%
Unweighted N	1918	2320	2716
Missing	2	1	

You may have heard about the group of Central American at the U.S.-Mexico border hoping to seek asylum. How concerned are you that some of these migrants may gain entry to the United States?

	December
Very concerned	33%
Somewhat concerned	16%
Not too concerned	18%
Not at all concerned	25%
Don't know	8%
Unweighted N	1920

As you may know the federal government deployed US military troops to the border with Mexico in response to this group of migrants. Did you favor or oppose deploying troops to the border?

	December
Strongly favor	38%
Somewhat favor	10%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	32%
Don't know	9%
Unweighted N	1920

ISSUE POSITIONS—ABORTION

How likely do you think it is that Roe v. Wade will be overturned?

	December	October	July- August
Very likely	5%	8%	6%
Somewhat likely	18%	25%	25%
Somewhat unlikely	28%	26%	29%
Very unlikely	28%	23%	24%
Don't Know	21%	18%	16%
Unweighted N	1920	2321	2716

ISSUES—GUN CONTROL

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

	December	October	July- August	May
Make gun laws more strict	56%	58%	57%	58%
No change	33%	32%	32%	30%
Make gun laws less strict	11%	10%	11%	12%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3112
Missing	1			38

RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

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

	December	October	July-August	May
Definitely did	38%	35%	33%	34%
Probably did	15%	17%	17%	18%
Probably did not	14%	14%	16%	14%
Definitely did not	24%	25%	24%	25%
Don't know	9%	10%	10%	10%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3118
Missing	1			32

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

	December	October	July-August	May
Very confident	35%	31%	32%	31%
Somewhat confident	14%	19%	15%	15%
Not too confident	11%	15%	14%	12%
Not at all confident	28%	24%	27%	29%
Don't know	12%	12%	13%	13%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3110
Missing	1			40

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

	December	October	July-August	May
Very appropriate	14%	14%	17%	16%
Somewhat appropriate	9%	10%	10%	11%
Somewhat inappropriate	11%	12%	11%	11%
Very inappropriate	48%	45%	45%	44%
Don't know	17%	18%	17%	17%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3113
Missing	1			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?

	December	October	July- August	May
Very appropriate	14%	11%	14%	14%
Somewhat appropriate	12%	12%	14%	13%
Somewhat inappropriate	11%	13%	12%	12%
Very inappropriate	48%	47%	45%	46%
Don't know	15%	17%	16%	16%
Unweighted N	1919	2321	2716	3111
Missing	1			39

As you may know, the recent midterm elections resulted in Democrats winning a majority of seats in the House of Representatives. If the Trump administration ignored subpoenas issued by the House – official orders to submit emails, documents and testimony – would this be appropriate or inappropriate?

	December
Very appropriate	14%
Somewhat appropriate	10%
Somewhat inappropriate	13%
Very inappropriate	47%
Don't know	17%
Unweighted N	1920

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

In the past three months have you done any of the following?
(Table indicates the proportion who said "yes")

	December	October	July- August	May
Talked to people and tried to show them why they should vote for or against one of the parties or candidates	39%	42%	38%	36%
Went to political meetings or rallies focused on political issue	10%	11%	13%	13%
Went to political meetings, rallies, speeches or fundraisers in support of a particular candidate	10%	11%	12%	10%
Worked for one of the parties or candidates	7%	8%	8%	7%
Wore a campaign button, put a sticker on their car or placed a sign in their window or in front of their house	17%	17%	13%	14%
Gave money to an individual candidate	16%	17%	16%	16%
Used social media to express their opinion or share someone else's opinion about a candidate, issue or party	39%	39%	40%	40%
Signed a petition	36%	39%	42%	n/a
Wrote a letter	7%	7%	n/a	n/a
Was contacted by one of the parties	40%	33%	26%	24%
Unweighted Ns (range across questions)	1914-1920	2312-2317	2707- 2716	3081 - 3116

PREFERENCES ABOUT POLITICAL COMPROMISE

Which statement comes closest to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?

	December	October
I like elected officials who make compromises with people they disagree with	52%	55%
I like elected officials who stick to their positions	49%	45%
Unweighted N	1915	2319
Missing	5	2

DEMOGRAPHICS

December Survey Wave (unweighted N=1920)

<i>Sex</i>	
Male	47%
Female	53%

<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	
White	72%
Black	12%
Hispanic	10%
Asian	2%
Native American	<1%
Middle Eastern	<1%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%

<i>Education</i>	
No HS	2%
High school graduate	29%
Some college	22%
2-year	10%
4-year	24%
Post-grad	13%

<i>Age</i>	
18-30	19%
31-40	15%
41-50	15%
51-60	20%
61-70	19%
Over 70	12%

<i>Marital status</i>	
Married	48%
Separated	1%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	3%

Have children under 18

Yes	20%
No	80%

Employment status

Full-time	38%
Part-time	9%
Temporarily laid off	<1%
Unemployed	5%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	8%
Student	5%
Other	1%

Party Identification

Strong Democrat	26%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	11%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	2%

Family Income

Less than \$10,000	5%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	9%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	9%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	10%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	9%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	6%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	8%
\$100,000 - \$119,999	6%
\$120,000 - \$149,999	5%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	3%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	<1%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	<1%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	<1%
\$500,000 or more	<1%
Prefer not to say	13%

Religious attendance

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	33%

* Please note, numbers don't always add to 100% due to rounding