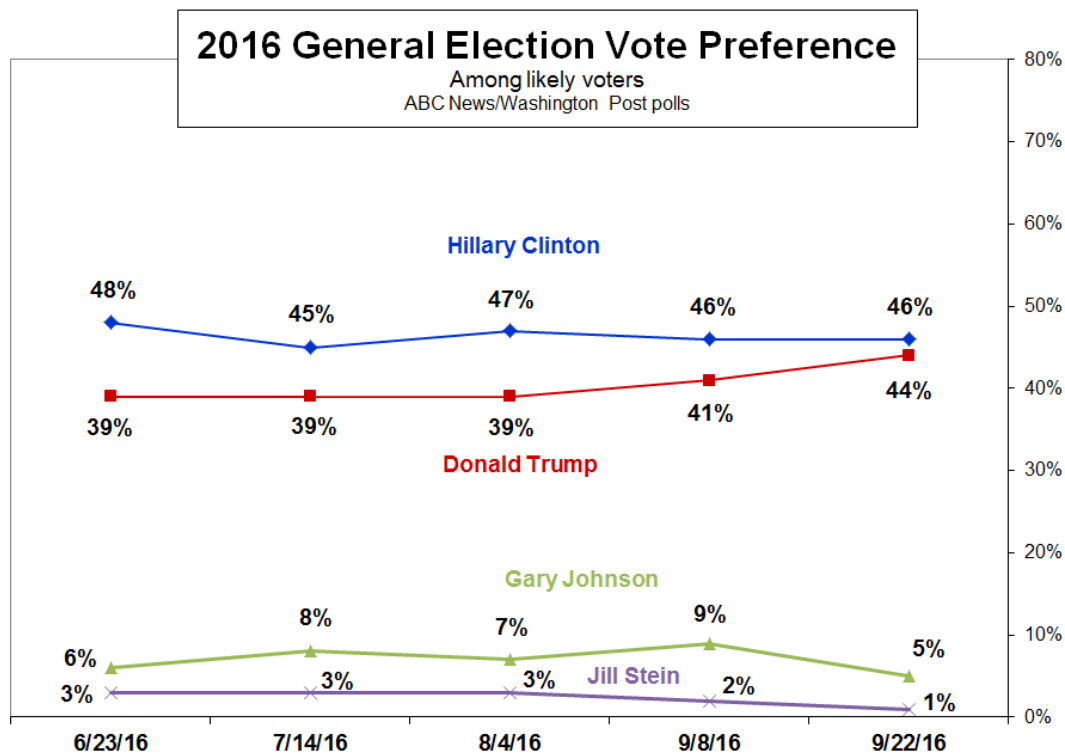


Clinton-Trump Race Narrows On the Doorstep of the Debates

The race between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump has narrowed to essentially a dead heat nationally in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, raising the stakes dramatically for the first presidential debate Monday night.

A vast 74 percent of Americans plan to watch the debate. And while eight in 10 say it won't change their minds, that leaves more than enough to shift the balance in an increasingly closely fought contest, with unprecedented levels of qualms about both major-party candidates.

Trump, in particular, is running competitively despite persistent doubts. Around six in 10 Americans continue to see him as unqualified, untrustworthy, temperamentally unsuited or insufficiently knowledgeable of world affairs to serve effectively as president. Yet he's capitalizing on strength in his core support groups and on Clinton's own weaknesses, including concerns about her health.

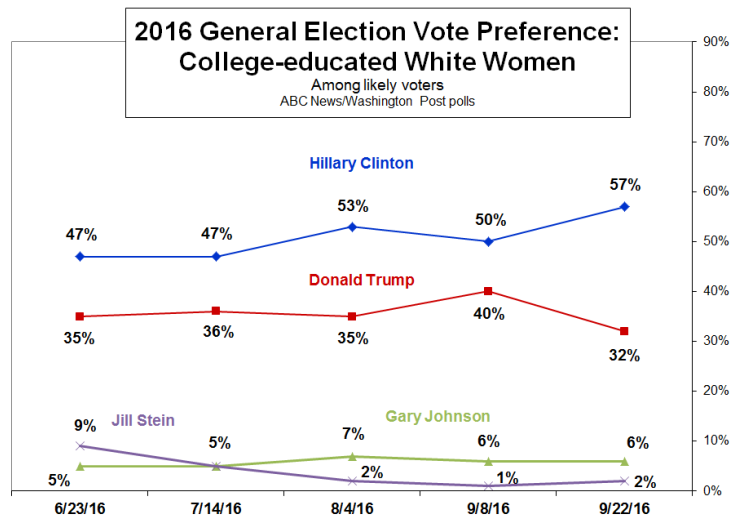
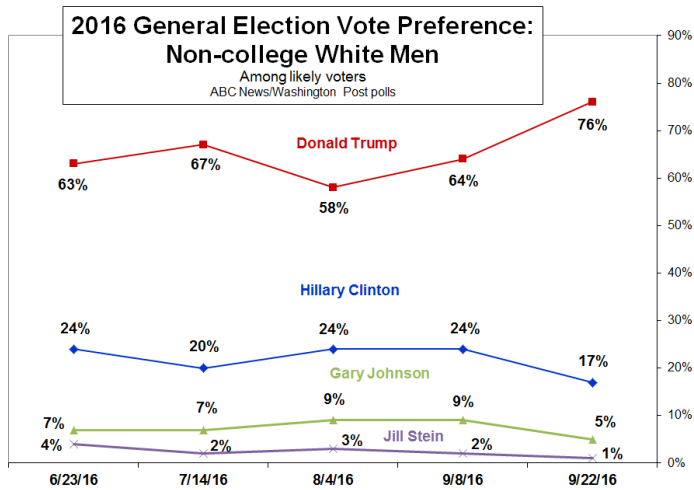


In all, 44 percent of likely voters say they'd vote for Trump if the election were today, numerically his best since spring. Forty-six percent prefer Clinton, unchanged from an ABC/Post

poll early this month and virtually unchanged since June. The 2-point gap between them is not significant, given the survey’s margin of sampling error. The race has closed from an 8-point Clinton lead in early August.

Support for third-party candidate Gary Johnson slipped to a new low, 5 percent in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), with the biggest departure among Republicans and GOP-leaning independents – thus mainly benefitting Trump.

CORE SUPPORT – Chiefly, though, Trump’s fortunes rest on his core supporters, white men who lack a four-year-college degree, an economically stressed and socially and politically conservative group. He leads Clinton among them by 76-17 percent, an enormous 59-point advantage. That’s widened from 40 points early this month; it’s a group Mitt Romney won by 31 points – half Trump’s current margin – in 2012.



Clinton, for her part, has advanced to a 25-point lead among college-educated white women, 57-32 percent, extending her advantage in this group from 10 points early this month. Romney won them by 6 points in 2012.

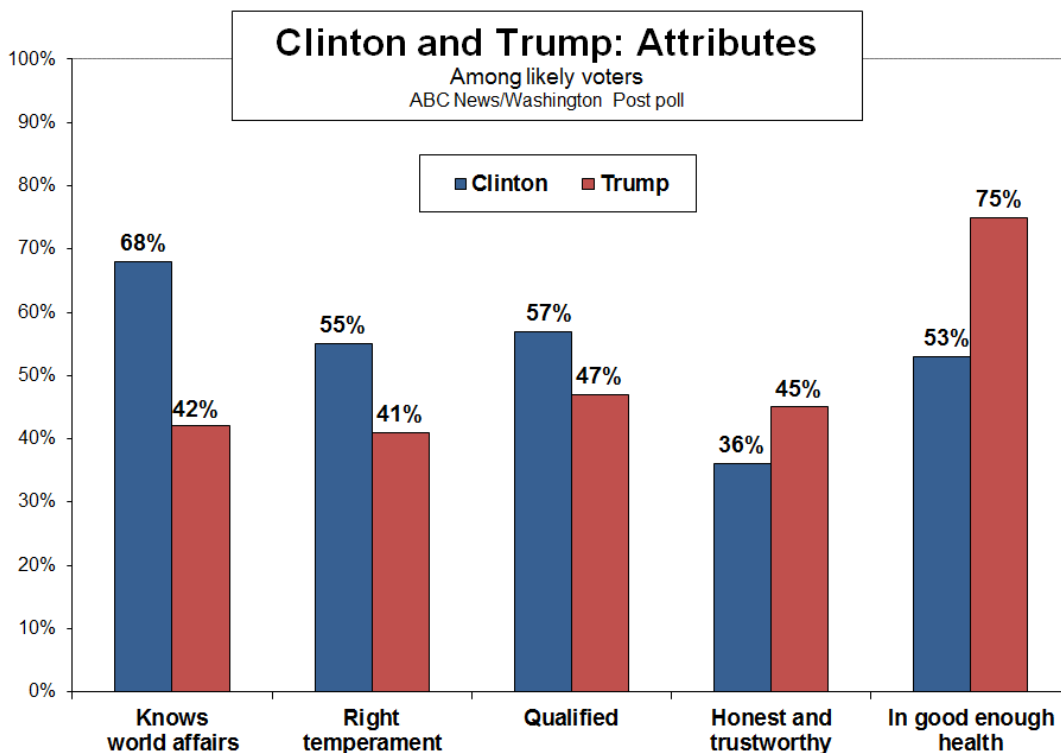
The division between non-college white men and college-educated white women is its widest by far in exit poll data back to 1980. The outcome among these two groups, in turnout and preference alike, may well be a decisive factor in the election results.

Trump also leads among college-educated white men and non-college white women, by 11 and 12 points, respectively. As a result, he leads by 16 points among whites overall, while Clinton leads by 50 points among nonwhites, a bit less than the typical Democratic margin. (One reason is that 6 percent of nonwhites favor Johnson or Jill Stein of the Green Party.)

Further, Clinton now leads by 19 points among women, Trump by 19 among men – a yawning 38-point gender gap, triple the average gender gap in exit polls dating to 1976.

CONTOURS – Other contours of the race also are without precedent, including both candidates’ personal unpopularity. Fifty-nine percent of Americans see Trump unfavorably; 55 percent say the same about Clinton. That said, Clinton’s unfavorable rating is a point from its record high, set in late August, while Trump’s is well down from its peak this year, 70 percent in mid-June.

Further, while neither candidate is seen as particularly honest and trustworthy, Trump has gained an advantage on this gauge among likely voters. Fewer than half, 45 percent, see him as honest and trustworthy; but it goes lower, to 36 percent, for Clinton.



Clinton pushes back on other key factors. Fifty-five percent of likely voters say she has the personality and temperament to serve effectively, 57 percent say she’s qualified for the office

and 68 percent say she knows enough about world affairs. These drop to 41, 47 and 42 percent, respectively, for Trump – albeit his best scores on these qualities to date.

Three-quarters, meanwhile, think Trump is in good enough health to serve as president. That slides to 53 percent for Clinton, likely given the recent bout with pneumonia that caused her to faint while leaving a 9/11 memorial event in New York.

FUNDAMENTALS – Much of the race reflects two fundamentals: Partisanship and turnout. Among likely voters who are Republicans or GOP-leaning independents, 87 percent back Trump; among Democrats and Democratic leaners, 84 percent favor Clinton. The strong pull of partisanship is one factor that boosts Trump despite compunctions about his suitability.

Propensity to vote, for its part, reflects a GOP advantage in turnout that's been present, in varying degrees, for decades. Republicans and independents who lean toward the Republican Party account for 37 percent of all adults, but 41 percent of those likely to vote.

Trump also may benefit from greater enthusiasm among his backers than for Clinton among hers. The upshot, in any case, is that Trump's weakness on his qualifications, while still present, eases somewhat as we move from all adults to likely voters. He's seen as unqualified for office by 57 percent of all adults, vs. 51 percent of those likely to vote.

Among other groups, independents also may prove key; their preference was +2 points for Clinton a few weeks ago vs. +5 for Trump in this poll. While that's within the margin of error, independents customarily are more movable than other likely voters, given that they're less rooted in partisan predispositions. They haven't been swing voters (i.e., supporting the winner) in the last two elections – but where they land in six weeks may matter.

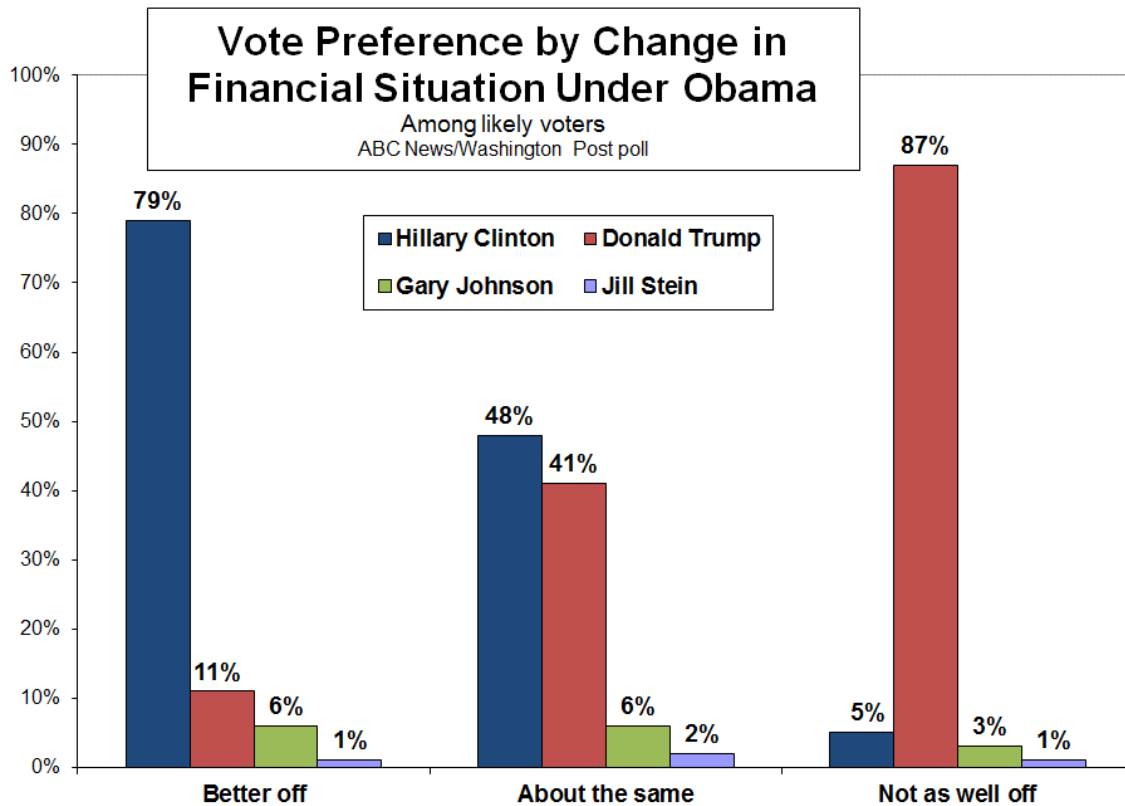
HEALTH, TAXES and PREJUDICE – While questions about Clinton's health are a comparative negative, she largely gets a bye on transparency in this regard. Sixty-four percent of Americans think Clinton was justified in keeping her recent diagnosis of pneumonia private until she fell ill in public. Trump gets much more criticism, by contrast, for not releasing his tax returns; 63 percent call this unjustified.

Fifty-nine percent think Trump is trying to win support by appealing to people's prejudices about groups other than their own. That's mitigated, somewhat, by the fact that 45 percent say Clinton is doing the same. Moreover, 64 percent think it's unfair to describe a large portion of Trump's supporters as prejudiced against women and minorities, as Clinton did in remarks at a fundraiser (and for which she subsequently apologized).

Among other results:

- Despite reports of a stronger Democratic get-out-the-vote organization, voter contacts at this point look closely matched. Among likely voters, 30 percent of Clinton supporters say they've been contacted by her campaign, while 32 percent of Trump supporters say they've heard from his side.

- Barack Obama has 55 percent approval, a continued help to Clinton. That said, Americans divide on whether or not they've gotten better off financially under Obama's presidency – 29 percent say yes, but 25 percent say they're less well off, and a plurality, 45 percent say they're in the same shape financially as when he took office. These views cut strongly to vote: Better-off likely voters overwhelmingly for Clinton; worse-off for Trump; the rest much more divided.



ISSUES – Among five issues offered in this survey, the economy leads as most important, cited by 32 percent, followed by terrorism, up a scant 4 points to 23 percent after the New York/New Jersey and St. Cloud attacks. Corruption in government, immigration and “law and order” follow. Economy voters favor Clinton by 62-27 percent; those focused on terrorism, by contrast, back Trump by 58-38.

Separately, 78 percent are worried about a major terrorist attack, 37 percent “very” worried, similar to a reading last year but high by historical standards.

The survey finds a substantial lack of differentiation between candidates on issues; they score evenly among likely voters in trust to handle terrorism, “looking out for the middle class,” health care and ethics in government alike. Trump is +5 on the economy, Clinton +6 on immigration issues, neither statistically significant.

Clinton is +9 in trust to handle an international crisis, much less of a margin than she's enjoyed recently. That jumps to a 22-point lead in trust to handle social issues such as abortion and same-sex marriage.

The candidates' close ratings on the issues reflects the contest in vote preference. More voters say they're focused on issues than on the candidates' personal qualities, and in this group the race stands at 46-45 percent. Among those more concerned with candidate attributes, it widens to 52-39 percent. (Trump leads among those concerned equally with both factors.)

With the first debate upon us, Trump has an opportunity to boost poor perceptions of his qualifications, temperament and world knowledge. Clinton can try to capitalize on her advantages on these, as well as to address the health issue. Both candidates may seek to address their relatability and bolster their perceived trustworthiness. Both also may try to reinforce their opponent's perceived negatives, as well as to advance their appeal to their sharply differing core support groups in an effort to drive turnout.

Clinton has more than a diminished advantage in vote preference to worry about. She also labors under greater expectations that she'll win the debate, 47-33 percent. And much is at stake: Seventy-eight percent of Americans say that who wins the 2016 election matters a great deal to the country's future. Among likely voters, that rises – to a near-unanimous 93 percent.

A table of vote-preference results among key groups follows.

	Clinton-Trump-Johnson-Stein among Likely Voters				
	9/22/16				C-T diff
All	46-44-	5- 1%			+2 pts.
Men	35-54-	7- 1			-19
Women	55-36-	4- 2			+19
Whites	37-53-	6 -1			-16
Nonwhites NET	69-19-	4- 2			+50
Blacks*	89- 2-	2- 3			+87
Hispanics*	68-19-	8- 3			+49
Democrats	88- 8-	1 -1			+80
Independents	38-43-	10- 2			-5
Republicans	5-90-	2- 0			-85
<40	51-27-	15- 2			+24
40-64	47-46-	3- 1			+1
65-plus	41-53-	2- 2			-12
No degree	42-50-	4- 1			-8
College graduates	53-34-	8 -3			+19
Liberals	79-11-	7- 2			+68
Moderates	52-37-	5- 1			+15
Conservatives	15-76-	4- 1			-61
<\$50K	50-37-	4- 2			+13
\$50-\$100K	45-48-	5-<1			-3

\$100K	47-43-	7-	1	+4
White men	25-65-	8-	1	-40
White women	46-44-	4-	1	+2
White non-grads	30-62-	4-<1		-32
White college grads	48-39-	8-	2	+9
Among whites				
Men, no degree	17-76-	5-	1	-59
Men, college graduates	37-48-11-		1	-11
Women, no degree	40-52-	3-	0	-12
Women, college graduates	57-32-	6-	2	+25
Among whites:				
Protestants	34-59-	4-	1	-25
Evangelicals	22-71-	2-	1	-49
Non-evangelicals	47-46-	6-	0	+1
Catholics	33-57-	6-	2	-24
Among leaned Democrats:				
Sanders primary supporters	74-	9-	6- 6	+65
Among leaned Republicans:				
Non-Trump primary supporters	10-80-	5-	0	-70
Obama job approval:				
Approve	83-	6-	5- 2	+77
Disapprove	6-86-	5-	1	-80

*Early/late September polls combined

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Sept. 19-22, 2016, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,001 adults, including 651 likely voters. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including the design effect, for the full sample, and 4.5 points for likely voters. Partisan divisions are 33-23-36 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents, in the full sample, and 37-27-28 among likely voters.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York, N.Y. See details on the survey’s methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

25 held for release.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. How closely are you following the 2016 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
		NET	Very	Smwt	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
9/22/16	LV	92	60	32	8	5	3	*
9/8/16	LV	92	59	33	8	5	3	*
1/24/16	RV	84	39	45	16	10	6	*
11/19/15		75	30	45	25	13	12	*

Call for full trend.

2. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain	Probably	Chances	Less than	Don't think	Already	No
		to vote	vote	50/50	that	will vote	voted	op.
						(vol.)	(vol.)	
9/22/16	RV	83	7	6	3	*	0	*
9/8/16	RV	81	8	6	5	1	NA	*
8/4/16	RV	81	8	6	4	1	NA	*
7/14/16	RV	79	10	5	3	1	NA	1
6/23/16	RV	79	8	7	4	2	NA	*
5/19/16	RV	80	9	5	3	2	NA	*

Call for full trend.

3. If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were [(Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats), (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans)], [(Gary Johnson and Bill Weld of the Libertarian Party) and (Jill Stein and Ajamu Baraka of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward [(Clinton and Kaine), (Trump and Pence)], [(Johnson and Weld) or (Stein and Baraka)]? (IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for...?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

		Hillary	Donald	Gary	Jill	Other	None	Would	No
		Clinton	Trump	Johnson	Stein	(vol.)	of these	not vote	opinion
							(vol.)	(vol.)	
9/22/16		46	44	5	1	*	1	0	3
9/8/16		46	41	9	2	1	1	0	1
8/4/16		47	39	7	3	1	1	*	2
7/14/16*		45	39	8	3	1	1	*	2
6/23/16		48	39	6	3	1	1	*	2

*7/14/16 and prior: "Hillary Clinton, the Democrat", "Donald Trump, the Republican", "Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party" and "Jill Stein of the Green Party".

4. (IF NOT CLINTON OR TRUMP) If the only candidates were (Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Clinton and Kaine) or toward (Trump and Pence)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - LIKELY VOTERS

		Clinton	Trump	Other	Neither	Would not	No
				(vol.)	(vol.)	vote (vol.)	opinion
9/22/16*		49	47	*	1	2	1
9/8/16*		51	43	*	3	1	1
8/4/16**		51	44	1	2	0	1
7/14/16***		50	43	1	5	0	2

6/23/16	52	41	2	4	0	1
5/19/16	46	49	2	3	0	*

*Results based on total sample. Respondents who named Clinton or Trump in Q3 assigned to initial preference.

**8/4/16 and earlier: If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Clinton and Kaine) or toward (Trump and Pence)?

***7/14/16 and prior: "Hillary Clinton, the Democrat" and "Donald Trump, the Republican".

5. (IF NAMED CLINTON OR TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (Clinton/Trump), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

		--- Enthusiastic ----			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion	
Clinton:								
9/22/16 LV	81	46	35	18	10	8	1	
9/8/16 LV	82	36	46	18	12	6	0	
Trump:								
9/22/16 LV	91	55	36	8	5	3	1	
9/8/16 LV	85	48	37	15	10	4	*	

6. Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the [CANDIDATE] campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

9/22/16 - Summary Table (among likely voters)

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Clinton	21	78	1
b. Trump	22	77	1

9/22/16 - Summary Table (among registered voters)

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. Clinton	18	81	1
b. Trump	19	80	1

On another topic,

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/16	55	34	21	41	9	32	4
9/8/16	58	34	24	40	9	30	3
8/4/16	55	34	22	42	10	32	3
7/14/16	56	33	24	42	9	33	2
6/23/16	56	34	21	41	8	33	3
5/19/16	51	30	21	46	11	35	3
3/6/16	51	31	20	43	11	33	6
1/24/16	50	31	18	46	11	36	4
12/13/15	45	24	22	51	12	39	3
11/19/15	46	24	22	50	10	40	4
10/18/15	51	28	23	45	10	35	4
9/10/15	49	27	22	46	9	37	5
7/19/15	45	26	20	50	13	37	5

5/31/15	45	22	23	49	11	38	6
3/29/15	47	26	21	47	11	36	6
1/15/15	50	24	26	44	9	35	6

Call for full trend.

8. Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when Obama became president, not as well off, or in about the same shape financially?

	Better off	Not as well off	About the same	No opinion
9/22/16	29	25	45	2
1/15/15	25	25	49	2
10/12/14	22	30	46	2
10/28/12 LV	22	33	45	1
9/9/12 LV	21	32	46	*
5/20/12 RV	17	31	51	1
1/15/12 RV	15	31	53	1
11/3/11 RV	13	35	51	1
9/1/11 RV	14	36	50	1
7/18/09	8	27	64	*

Back to the election,

9. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

9/22/16 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Hillary Clinton	41	21	20	55	14	42	4
b. Donald Trump	35	18	17	59	14	45	6

Trend:

a. Hillary Clinton

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/22/16	41	21	20	55	14	42	4
8/28/16	41	20	22	56	15	40	3
8/4/16	48	28	20	50	7	42	2
7/14/16	42	21	21	54	11	44	4
6/12/16	43	25	18	55	16	39	2
5/19/16	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/6/16	46	24	22	52	11	41	2
1/10/16	48	24	24	49	13	36	3
11/8/15	46	23	24	51	13	38	3
10/11/15	47	20	26	49	14	35	5
8/30/15	45	21	24	53	14	39	2
7/12/15	52	25	26	45	14	30	4
5/31/15	45	24	21	49	10	39	6
3/29/15	49	30	20	46	11	35	4
1/23/14	58	32	26	38	12	26	4
6/23/13	61	31	30	33	13	21	6
1/20/13	67	35	32	26	12	14	6
12/2/12	66	35	30	28	14	14	6
4/22/12	65	33	32	27	14	13	8
8/22/08 RV	52	29	23	44	14	30	4
6/15/08	54	26	28	43	17	26	3
4/13/08	44	22	23	54	15	39	2
1/12/08	58	32	26	40	11	29	2
11/1/07	50	28	22	46	11	35	4

2/25/07	49	25	24	48	13	35	3
1/19/07	54	31	23	44	14	30	3
12/11/06	56	27	29	40	11	29	4
5/15/06	54	29	25	42	11	31	4
3/5/06	52	27	25	46	12	33	2
6/5/05	51	NA	NA	46	NA	NA	3
6/1/03	44	15	29	48	16	32	8
9/2/99	49	NA	NA	44	NA	NA	7
6/6/99	59			35			6
3/14/99	60			36			4
2/14/99	63			31			6
11/1/98	64			31			5
8/21/98	64			28			8
8/19/98	64			32			4
4/4/98	58			33			10
1/30/98	60			30			10
1/19/98	52			39			9
3/9/97	47			44			9
9/4/96 RV	47			42			12
6/30/96	44			47			9
1/21/96	28			36			36
1/19/96	32			34			34
10/31/94	47			44			8
5/15/94	54			41			5
3/27/94	53			39			8
1/23/94	55			34			11
11/14/93	58			33			9
8/8/93	59			33			8
4/26/93	54			26			20
2/23/93	59			24			18
1/17/93	51			20			29
7/8/92	30			26			43
3/18/92	28	"	"	22	"	"	51

b. Donald Trump

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/16	35	18	17	59	14	45	6
8/28/16	35	16	18	63	16	47	3
8/4/16	34	16	18	63	11	52	3
7/14/16	31	15	16	64	13	52	4
6/12/16	29	15	14	70	14	56	1
5/19/16	37	18	19	60	11	49	3
4/10/16	31	14	17	67	14	53	2
3/6/16	30	15	14	67	11	56	3
1/10/16	35	17	18	62	14	48	3
11/8/15	38	16	23	59	13	46	3
9/27/15	35	14	21	60	19	41	5
8/30/15	37	16	21	59	16	43	4
7/12/15	33	14	19	61	16	45	6
5/31/15	16	7	9	71	16	55	13
12/18/11	40	12	29	48	21	27	12
1/16/00*	20	NA	NA	70	NA	NA	11
10/31/99*	18	"	"	70	"	"	12

* "Regardless of how you might vote, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Trump, or perhaps you don't know enough to say."

10. Do you think the outcome of this election matters to the country's future, or do you think it doesn't make much difference whether (Clinton) or (Trump) wins? (IF MATTERS) Do you think it matters a great deal or somewhat?

	----- Matters -----	Not much	No
	NET Great deal Somewhat	difference	opinion
9/22/16	87 78 9	11	2

11. Do you think Hillary Clinton [ITEM], or not?

9/22/16 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is qualified to serve as president	59	39	2
b. is honest and trustworthy	36	60	5
c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president	56	41	3
d. is in good enough overall health to serve as president	54	36	11
e. knows enough about world affairs to serve effectively as president	67	29	4

Trend:

a. is qualified to serve as president

	----- Qualified -----			----- Not qualified -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/16	59	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	2
9/8/16	60	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	1
8/4/16*	60	42	19	38	4	34	2
7/14/16	59	38	21	39	5	35	2
6/23/16	61	40	22	37	4	33	1
5/19/16	63	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	2

*8/4/16 and previous: Regardless of whether or not you'd vote for her, do you think Hillary Clinton is or is not qualified to serve as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

b. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/22/16	36	60	5
9/8/16	35	61	4
8/4/16	38	59	3
3/6/16	37	59	4
9/10/15	39	56	5
5/31/15	41	52	7
3/29/15	46	46	7
6/1/14	53	42	5
4/13/08	39	58	3
5/15/06	52	42	6

c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/22/16	56	41	3
8/4/16	61	38	1
3/6/16	58	40	2
9/10/15	56	41	3

d. No trend

e. knows enough about world affairs to serve effectively as president

Yes	No	No opinion
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9/22/16 67 29 4

Compare to: Do you think Hillary Clinton has a good understanding of world affairs?

	Yes	No	No opinion
8/4/16	72	25	3

12. Do you think Donald Trump [ITEM], or not?

9/22/16 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is qualified to serve as president	41	57	3
b. is honest and trustworthy	38	57	5
c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president	35	61	4
d. is in good enough overall health to serve as president	71	19	11
e. knows enough about world affairs to serve effectively as president	38	59	4

Trend:

a. is qualified to serve as president

	----- Qualified -----			----- Not qualified -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/22/16	41	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	3
9/8/16	36	NA	NA	62	NA	NA	2
8/4/16	38	20	18	61	8	52	2
7/14/16	37	18	19	60	9	51	3
6/23/16	34	18	16	64	8	56	2
5/19/16	39	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	3
9/10/15	37	NA	NA	60	NA	NA	2

*8/4/16 and previous: Regardless of whether or not you'd vote for him, do you think Donald Trump is or is not qualified to serve as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

b. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15	35	59	6

c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/22/16	35	61	4
8/4/16	31	67	2
3/6/16	25	72	3
9/10/15	33	63	4

d. No trend.

e. knows enough about world affairs to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/22/16	38	59	4

Compare to: Do you think Donald Trump has a good understanding of world affairs?

	Yes	No	No opinion
8/4/16	33	64	3

13. Which of these is the single most important issue in your choice for president? Is it (the economy and jobs), (immigration issues), (terrorism and national security), (law and order) or (corruption in government)?

	9/22/16	9/8/16
The economy and jobs	32	35
Immigration issues	8	8
Terrorism and national security	23	19
Law and order	6	6
Corruption in government	13	16
Other (vol.)	2	2
Any 2 or more (vol.)	15	11
None (vol.)	1	2
No opinion	1	*

14. Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] - (Clinton) or (Trump)? And who do you trust more to handle [NEXT ITEM]?

9/22/16 - Summary Table

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	45	47	1	4	3
b. Terrorism	46	45	1	5	3
c. Immigration issues	51	42	1	4	2
d. An international crisis	55	36	1	6	2
e. Social issues such as abortion and gay marriage	58	30	2	5	6
f. Ethics in government	44	41	1	11	4
g. Health care	50	39	1	7	4
h. Looking out for the middle class	50	39	*	8	3

*Full sample asked items a and b; half sample asked items c-e; other half asked items f-h.

Trend:

a. The economy

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	45	47	1	4	3
9/8/16	51	42	1	5	1
8/4/16	48	46	1	3	1
7/14/16	45	45	*	8	1
5/19/16	47	46	*	6	1
3/6/16	49	45	*	5	1

b. Terrorism

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	46	45	1	5	3
9/8/16	50	41	1	7	2
8/4/16	48	43	*	4	4
7/14/16	47	43	*	8	1
6/23/16	50	39	1	8	2
5/19/16	47	44	*	7	2

3/6/16	54	40	*	4	2
11/19/15*	50	42	*	6	1

***threat of terrorism"

c. Immigration issues

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	51	42	1	4	2
9/8/16	51	42	*	5	1
8/4/16	53	40	1	5	1
7/14/16	57	36	0	6	1
5/19/16	51	42	*	4	2
3/6/16	56	37	*	4	2

d. An international crisis

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	55	36	1	6	2
8/4/16	60	33	1	5	1
7/14/16	59	31	1	8	1
5/19/16	55	36	*	7	2
3/6/16	61	32	*	5	1

e. No trend

f. Ethics in government

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	44	41	1	11	4
5/19/16	48	39	*	12	1

g. No trend

h. Looking out for the middle class

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	50	39	*	8	3
7/14/16	50	37	0	10	2
5/19/16	52	35	*	11	3

15. If you had to choose, which is more important to you in deciding who to vote for president a candidate's position on the issues, or a candidate's personal qualities?

	Position on the issues	Personal qualities	Both (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	61	28	9	2
1/17/12*	76	17	5	2
2/20/08**	71	14	14	1
11/21/04*	69	21	9	1
10/11/04*	71	19	9	1
10/21/00*	64	23	12	1
3/21/00* RV	61	30	7	2
2/14/00*	66	24	8	2

*CBS or CBS/NYT

**Fox News: Which is more important in deciding who you are supporting for President in 2008 - your candidate's positions on the issues, or your candidate's personal qualities?

16. How do you feel about the possibility of a major terrorist attack in the United States - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried or not worried at all?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	
9/22/16	78	37	41	22	15	7	*
1/15/15	76	34	42	23	15	8	*
10/12/14	71	32	39	28	17	11	*

Compare to: How concerned are you about the possibility there will be more major terrorist attacks in the United States - is that something that worries you a great deal, somewhat, not too much or not at all?

	----- Concerned -----			---- Not concerned ----			No opinion
	NET	Grt.deal	Somewhat	NET	Not much	At all	
4/21/13*	68	31	37	31	21	10	1
9/7/08	64	18	46	36	23	13	*
9/7/07	66	25	41	34	23	10	*
9/7/06	74	29	45	25	17	8	*
8/21/05	66	24	42	33	23	10	1
7/21/05	73	30	43	27	17	10	*
9/8/04 RV	73	25	47	27	20	7	1
9/7/03	71	25	46	29	20	9	*
3/20/03	76	29	47	24	16	8	1
2/16/03	72	27	45	27	18	9	1
9/8/02	74	22	52	26	19	7	0
7/15/02	73	29	44	27	20	7	*
4/21/02	73	30	43	26	18	9	*
3/10/02	70	23	47	30	21	9	1
12/19/01	70	27	43	29	22	8	1
10/15/01	77	35	43	23	14	9	0
10/9/01	82	36	46	18	12	6	*
10/7/01	81	41	40	18	13	4	1
9/27/01**	83	43	39	17	12	5	*
9/11/01	87	49	38	12	7	4	1
6/13/97	62	21	41	38	24	14	*
6/2/97	63	22	41	37	28	9	*
8/5/96	74	31	43	26	18	8	*
4/20/95	78	38	40	21	16	5	1

*Washington Post poll.

**9/27/01 and previous: "How concerned are you about the possibility there will be more major terrorist attacks in this country."

17. Clinton was diagnosed with pneumonia earlier this month and did not make this public until after she fell ill at an event. Do you think she was justified or not justified in keeping her diagnosis private until she fell ill in public?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
9/22/16	64	32	4

18. Trump has not released his tax returns, while Clinton has released hers. Do you think Trump is justified in not releasing his tax returns, or not?

	Justified	Not justified	No opinion
9/22/16	31	63	6

Compare to:

All major presidential candidates in the last 40 years have publicly released their tax returns before the election. Trump has said he may not do this. Do you think Trump

should release his tax returns before the November election, or is it OK if he does not release his tax returns? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Should release -----			--- OK if he does not ---			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
5/19/16	64	54	9	31	11	20	5

19. Do you think Trump is trying to win support by appealing to people's prejudices against groups that are different from their own, or do you think he is not trying to appeal to people's prejudices?

	-Appealing to prejudices-			Not appealing to prejudices			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/16	59	46	13	34	11	23	7

20. Do you think Clinton is trying to win support by appealing to people's prejudices against groups that are different from their own, or do you think she is not trying to appeal to people's prejudices?

	-Appealing to prejudices-			Not appealing to prejudices			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/16	45	32	14	46	17	29	9

21. Do you think it's fair or unfair to describe a large portion of Trump's supporters as prejudiced against women and minorities?

	Fair	Unfair	No opinion
9/22/16	30	64	6

22. Do you plan to watch the first debate between Clinton and Trump next Monday night, September 26th, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/22/16	74	22	4

23. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think will win the debate - (Clinton) or (Trump)?

	Clinton	Trump	Neither (vol.)	Tie (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/16	47	33	2	2	16

24. Do you think that the debate might change your mind about which candidate to support, or not? (IF MIGHT CHANGE) Is there a good chance of that or a small chance?

	----- Might change -----			Won't	No
	NET	Good chance	Small chance	change	opinion
9/22/16	18	6	12	80	2

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