# Hint of Momentum for Clinton, With Issues a Defining Factor

A hint of momentum for Hillary Clinton has produced a 3-point race in the latest ABC News/Washington Post tracking poll results, with wide leads for the Democrat in trust to handle the economy and health care among likely voters focused on those two issues.

Donald Trump pushes back with a clear lead on dealing with corruption in government and immigration among those who cite either of these as their top issue. The candidates are evenly matched on another key concern, trust to handle terrorism and national security.

The poll finds a 47-44 percent race between Clinton and Trump in a four-day average among likely voters, vs. Trump's best result, 45-46 percent, three days ago. While the shift is not statistically significant, two of the last three nights – moving away from news of the FBI's renewed email investigation – have been Clinton's best since the early days of tracking.
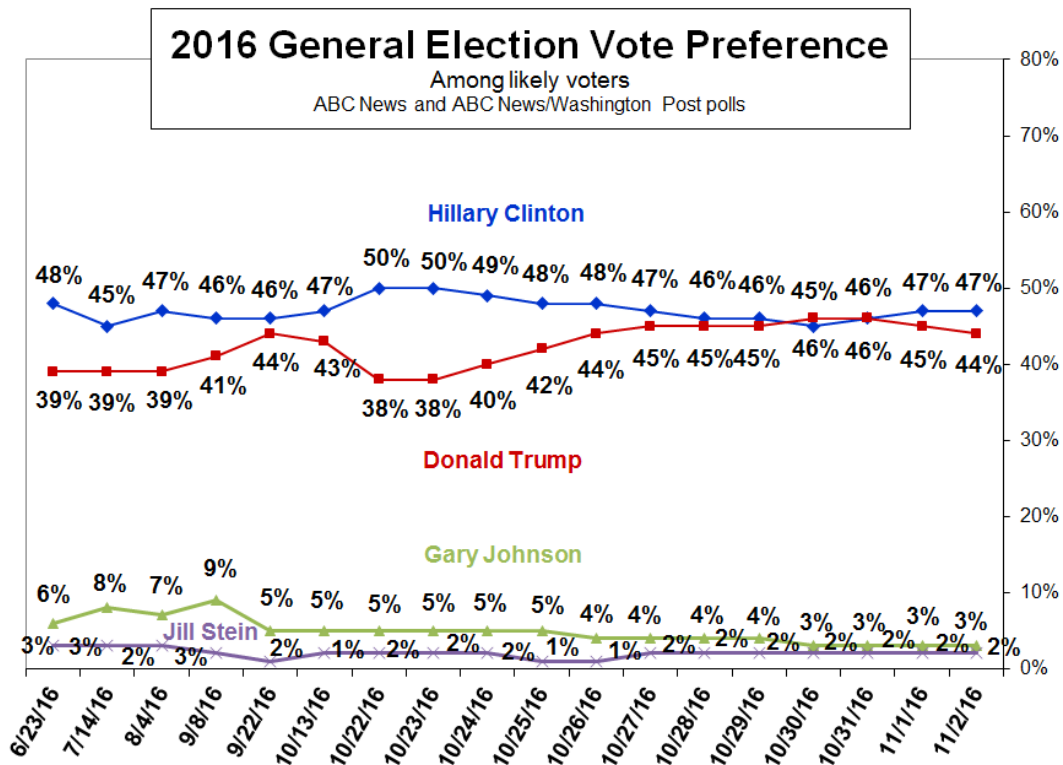


A notable result among groups in this poll, produced for ABC by Langer Research Associates, is Clinton's best showing since July among nonwhites, a cornerstone of the Democratic coalition. She leads Trump by 76-17 percent in this group, while he leads by 53-38 percent among whites.

That includes 90-5 percent for Clinton among blacks, 68-27 percent among Hispanics and 55-31 percent among other nonwhites, all near her best.
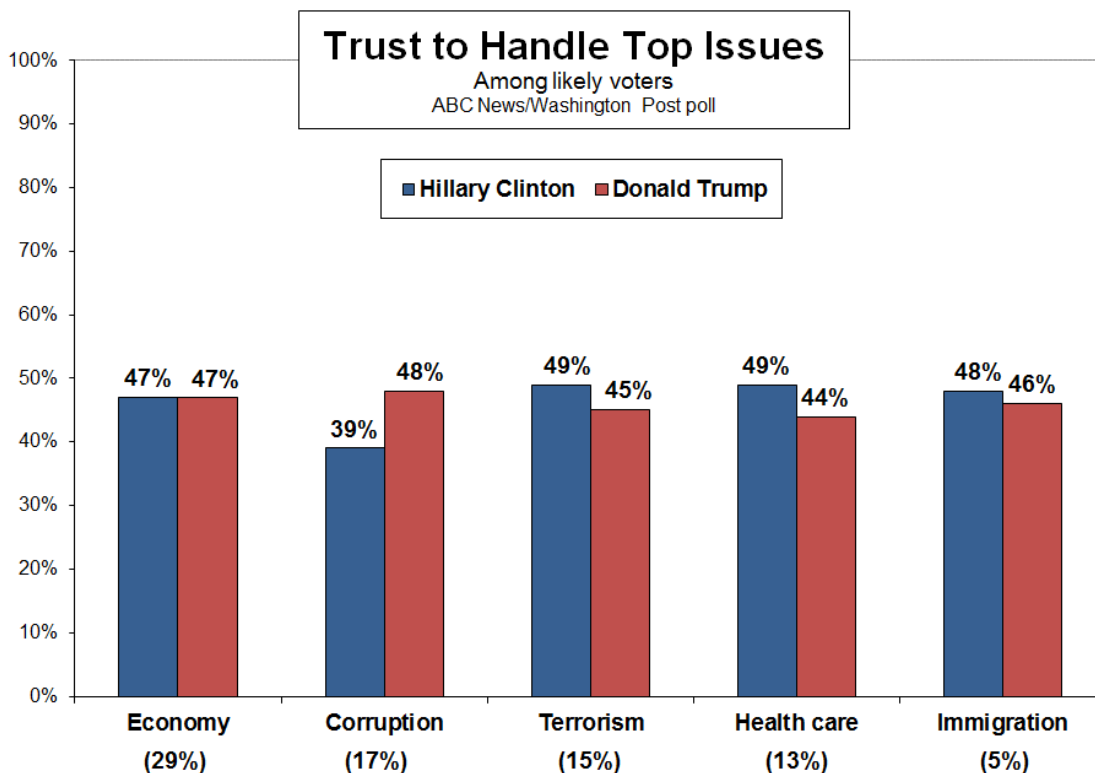
There's room for change, not least because Trump continues to enjoy a 6-point advantage in strong enthusiasm among his supporters. Just 47 percent of Clinton's supporters are strongly enthusiastic about her, compared with 53 percent of Trump's – and, for comparison, a peak of 69 percent of Barack Obama's by the end of the 2012 race.

Then again, for more than a quarter of likely voters, this race is run: They've already voted, with a 50-45 percent Clinton-Trump estimate for this group.

ISSUES – Top issues are scattered. For 29 percent of likely voters, a plurality, it's the economy, while 13 to 17 percent pick corruption, terrorism, health care or some combination of issues rather than a single one. Immigration policy, for all the controversy about it, is last on the list.

Among all likely voters, the biggest difference comes in trust to handle corruption in government: A 9-point advantage for Trump, 48-39 percent. That echoes a result earlier this week in which Trump opened up his first lead over Clinton in honesty and trustworthiness, 8 points, following word of the renewed investigation of emails linked to her private server.

The candidates are close overall in trust to handle other key issues – Clinton +5 on health care and +4 on terrorism and national security, with even scores on economy and virtually so on immigration.

**Trust to Handle Top Issues**
Among likely voters
ABC News/Washington Post poll

■ Hillary Clinton ■ Donald Trump

| Issue | Clinton | Trump |
|-------|---------|-------|
| Economy (29%) | 47% | 47% |
| Corruption (17%) | 39% | 48% |
| Terrorism (15%) | 49% | 45% |
| Health care (13%) | 49% | 44% |
| Immigration (5%) | 48% | 46% |

Differentiation becomes much sharper among issue groups. Among likely voters who pick the economy and jobs as the top issue in their vote, Clinton leads by 64-32 percent in trust to handle it, and she leads Trump in vote preference among economy voters by 67-28 percent. Results are very similar among voters focused on health care (albeit with a small sample).

The opposite is true among likely voters who cite corruption in government or immigration as their top issue; they prefer Trump to handle it by wide margins, and their vote preference is 20-69 percent, Clinton-Trump.

## Vote Preference among Issue Groups
### Among likely voters
### ABC News/Washington Post poll

Legend: ■ Hillary Clinton  ■ Donald Trump

Top issue: Economy or health care — Clinton 67%, Trump 27%
Top issue: Corruption or immigration — Clinton 20%, Trump 69%
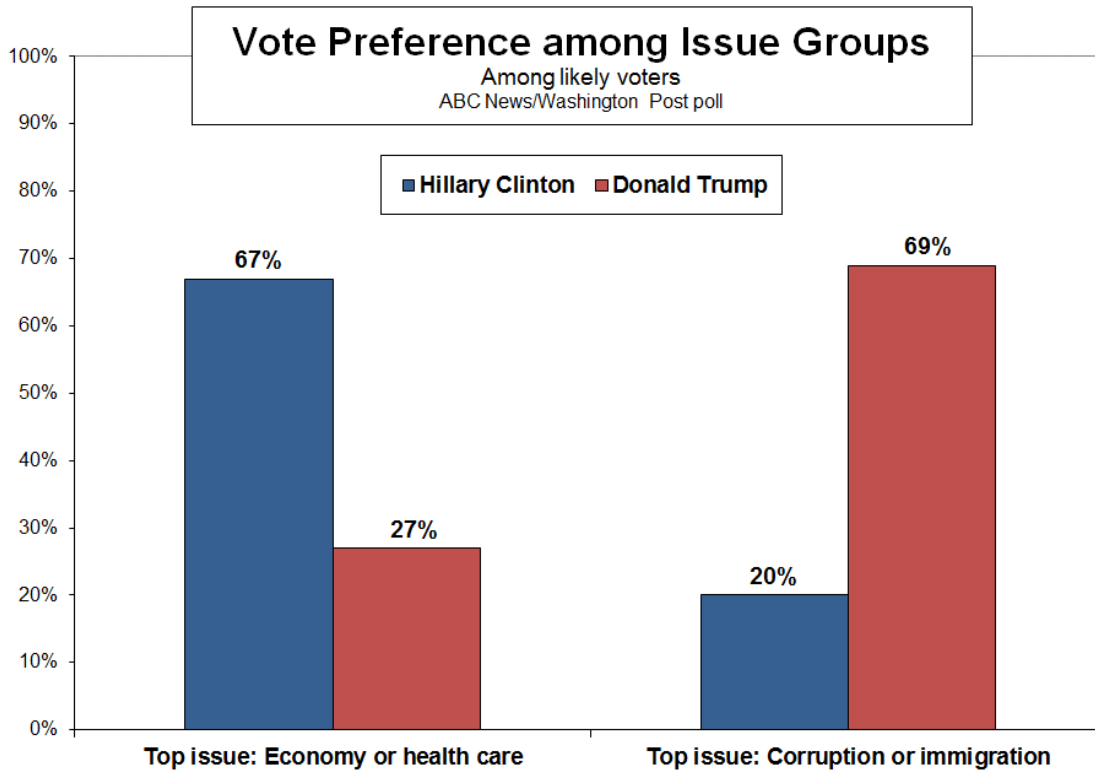
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                                      Vote preference
Top issue:                            Clinton-Trump
   Economy                                67-28%
   Economy or health care                 67-27
   Corruption or immigration              20-69
   Terrorism/nat'l security             appx. even*

   *Small sample size.
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ISSUES by GROUP – Looking at these results among groups tells a similar story. The economy/jobs is by far the top issue for Clinton supporters and Democrats, followed by health care and terrorism/national security. Among Trump supporters and Republicans, corruption is tops, followed by the economy/jobs and terrorism/national security.

Independents, as they often do, split the difference, dividing about evenly between the economy and corruption as their top issues.

Among other results, women are more focused on health care than men (18 vs. 8 percent pick it as their top issue), with more men focused on the economy or corruption. Concern about health care peaks at 20 percent among liberals, while corruption and terrorism/national security top the list among strong conservatives, each cited by a quarter. A focus on corruption in government is highest, 33 percent, among white men without a college degree, a core Trump support group.

Nonwhites and college graduates are more concerned than their counterparts about the economy, with whites more apt to cite corruption and terrorism/national security and those without a college degree more likely to pick multiple issues.

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                              Most important issue
                    Economy   Corruption   Terrorism   Health care   Immig.
All                 29%          17           15           13           5

Clinton supp.       43            7           13           18           3
Trump supp.         20           27           16            7           7

Democrats           40            7           13           18           5
Republicans         19           25           18            8           7
Independents        29           23           12           12           5

Liberals            34           13           11           20           5
Moderates           30           16           16           14           5
Conservatives       26           22           16            6           6
 Smwt. cons.        32           20           10            9           6
 Very cons.         17           25           24            3           7

Whites              25           20           17           12           7
Nonwhites           42            7            8           17           2

Men                 33           21           14            8           4
Women               26           14           15           18           7

No coll. degree     24           19           14           14           6
College grads       38           13           15           12           4

Among whites:
 Men, no deg.       21           33           13            7           7
 Men, coll. grad    37           17           17            9           2
 Women, no deg.     19           16           20           17           8
 Women, coll. grad  30           12           17           17           7
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METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2016, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,151 likely voters. Results have a margin of sampling error of 3 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 37-30-29 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

Q6 and Q7 were asked Nov. 1-2, among 623 likely voters; those results have 4.5-point error margins.

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.

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*= less than 0.5 percent

1. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) 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
11/2/16   LV     94     65     30     6      4        2          *
11/1/16   LV     94     67     27     6      3        2          *
10/31/16  LV     94     66     28     5      3        2          *
10/30/16  LV     94     66     28     6      3        2          *
10/29/16  LV     95     68     27     5      3        2          *
10/28/16  LV     94     66     29     5      3        2          *
10/27/16  LV     94     66     28     6      3        3          *
10/26/16  LV     93     64     29     7      4        3          *
10/25/16  LV     92     62     30     7      5        3          *
10/24/16  LV     93     65     28     7      4        2          *
10/23/16  LV     94     66     28     6      4        2          *
10/22/16  LV     94     71     23     6      4        2          *
10/13/16  LV     94     66     28     5      4        1          1
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. (ASKED OF REGISTERED VOTERS) 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?

                                                    Don't think   Already
                Certain  Probably  Chances  Less than  will vote    voted     No
                to vote    vote     50/50     that      (vol.)     (vol.)     op.
11/2/16   RV      69        4         5        2          1          18        0
11/1/16   RV      69        4         5        2          1          19        0
10/31/16  RV      72        4         4        3          1          16        0
10/30/16  RV      72        5         4        3          1          15        0
10/29/16  RV      73        6         4        3          1          14        0
10/28/16  RV      76        5         4        3          1          11        0
10/27/16  RV      77        6         4        3          1          9         *
10/26/16  RV      78        6         4        3          *          8         *
10/25/16  RV      79        6         5        3          *          6         *
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10/24/16 RV    78      7      5      4      1      5      *
10/23/16 RV    79      7      5      3      1      5      *
10/22/16 RV    80      7      5      2      1      5      *
10/13/16 RV    85      6      5      3      1      1      0
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.
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2a. (IF CERTAIN TO VOTE) Do you think you'll (vote in person at your polling place on Election Day), or (vote before Election Day by early voting or mail-in ballot)?*

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                  Vote      Early voting/    Already
               in person   mail-in ballot   voted (vol.)  No opinion
11/2/16  LV      52            20              27             1
11/1/16  LV      52            20              27             1
10/31/16 LV      54            22              23             1
10/30/16 LV      53            24              21             1
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*Includes those who volunteered they already voted in Q2.

3. (IF CERTAIN TO VOTE) 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

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                                             None     Would
         Hillary  Donald   Gary    Jill   Other  of these  not vote    No
         Clinton  Trump   Johnson  Stein  (vol.)  (vol.)   (vol.)   opinion
11/2/16     47      44      3       2      1       1        0        2
11/1/16     47      45      3       2      *       1        0        2
10/31/16    46      46      3       2      *       1        0        2
10/30/16    45      46      3       2      *       2        0        2
10/29/16    46      45      4       2      1       1        0        2
10/28/16    46      45      4       2      1       1        0        2
10/27/16    47      45      4       2      1       1        0        2
10/26/16    48      44      4       1      *       1        0        2
10/25/16    48      42      5       1      *       1        0        2
10/24/16    49      40      5       2      *       2        0        2
10/23/16    50      38      5       2      1       2        0        2
10/22/16    50      38      5       2      1       2        0        2
10/13/16    47      43      5       2      *       1        0        2
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
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4. (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?

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          --- Enthusiastic ----   --- Not enthusiastic ----     No
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                 NET    Very   Somewhat  NET   Not so  Not at all   opinion
Clinton:
11/2/16  LV      84     47     37        16    10      6            *
11/1/16  LV      82     46     35        18    11      7            1
10/31/16 LV      82     46     36        18    11      7            *
10/30/16 LV      82     45     37        18    11      7            *
10/24/16 LV      85     48     37        14     8      6            *
10/23/16 LV      86     49     37        14     8      6            *
10/22/16 LV      87     52     35        13     7      5            *
10/13/16 LV      83     43     40        16     9      7            1
9/22/16  LV      81     46     35        18    10      8            1
9/8/16   LV      82     36     46        18    12      6            0


Trump:
11/2/16  LV      86     53     34        13     7      6            1
11/1/16  LV      86     53     33        13     8      5            1
10/31/16 LV      85     52     33        15     9      5            1
10/30/16 LV      85     53     32        15    10      5            *
10/24/16 LV      83     50     33        17     9      7            *
10/23/16 LV      83     50     33        16    10      6            *
10/22/16 LV      83     49     34        17    11      6            0
10/13/16 LV      79     47     32        21    12      9            *
9/22/16  LV      91     55     36         8     5      3            1
9/8/16   LV      85     48     37        15    10      4            *
Call for full trend.
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5. (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

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                          Other    Neither   Would not     No
           Clinton  Trump  (vol.)   (vol.)    vote (vol.)   opinion
11/2/16      49      46     1        1         1             2
11/1/16      49      47     1        1         1             2
10/31/16     48      47     1        1         1             1
10/30/16     48      47     1        1         1             1
10/29/16     49      47     1        1         1             1
10/28/16     49      46     1        2         1             1
10/27/16     49      46     1        2         1             1
10/26/16     50      45     1        1         1             2
10/25/16     51      44     1        2         1             1
10/24/16     51      43     *        2         2             1
10/23/16     53      41     1        3         2             1
10/22/16     53      42     1        3         1             1
10/13/16     50      46     *        2         1             1
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             *
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*9/8/16 and later 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."

6. (ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS) Which of these is the single most important issue in your choice for president? Is it (the economy and jobs), (terrorism and national security), (immigration issues), (health care) or (corruption in government)?

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                                   11/2/16
The economy and jobs                 29
Terrorism and national security      15
Immigration issues                    5
Health care                          13
Corruption in government             17
Other (vol.)                          2
Any 2 or more (vol.)                 16
None (vol.)                           1
No opinion                            *
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7. (ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS) Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] – (Clinton) or (Trump)? And who do you trust more to handle [NEXT ITEM]?

11/2/16 – Summary Table (among likely voters)

|  | Clinton | Trump | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. The economy and jobs | 47 | 47 | * | 4 | 2 |
| b. Terrorism and national security | 49 | 45 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| c. Immigration issues | 48 | 46 | * | 5 | 2 |
| d. Health care | 49 | 44 | * | 5 | 2 |
| e. Corruption in government | 39 | 48 | 1 | 9 | 2 |

Trend:

a. The economy and jobs

|  |  | Clinton | Trump | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/2/16 | LV | 47 | 47 | * | 4 | 2 |
| 10/13/16* | LV | 48 | 47 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| 9/22/16 | LV | 44 | 51 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| 9/8/16 | LV | 50 | 46 | * | 3 | * |
| 8/4/16 | LV | 48 | 48 | * | 3 | 1 |
| 7/14/16 | LV | 45 | 48 | * | 7 | 1 |
| 5/19/16 | LV | 46 | 50 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| 3/6/16 | RV | 46 | 49 | * | 4 | 1 |

*10/13/16 and prior "The economy"

b. Terrorism and national security

|  |  | Clinton | Trump | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/2/16 | LV | 49 | 45 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| 10/13/16** | LV | 49 | 47 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| 9/22/16 | LV | 46 | 49 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 9/8/16 | LV | 47 | 46 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| 8/4/16 | LV | 49 | 44 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 7/14/16 | LV | 47 | 45 | 0 | 6 | 2 |
| 6/23/16 | LV | 51 | 43 | * | 5 | 1 |
| 5/19/16 | LV | 48 | 46 | * | 4 | 2 |
| 3/6/16 | RV | 51 | 43 | * | 4 | 1 |
| 11/19/15* | RV | 50 | 43 | * | 6 | 1 |

*"threat of terrorism"
**10/13/16 and prior "Terrorism"

c. Immigration issues

|  |  | Clinton | Trump | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/2/16 | LV | 48 | 46 | * | 5 | 2 |
| 10/13/16 | LV | 47 | 47 | * | 4 | 1 |
| 9/22/16 | LV | 49 | 47 | * | 2 | 1 |
| 9/8/16 | LV | 48 | 48 | * | 4 | * |
| 8/4/16 | LV | 53 | 43 | 1 | 2 | * |
| 7/14/16 | LV | 54 | 40 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| 5/19/16 | LV | 50 | 45 | * | 3 | 2 |
| 3/6/16 | RV | 54 | 40 | * | 4 | 1 |

d. Health care

|  |  | Clinton | Trump | Both (vol.) | Neither (vol.) | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11/2/16 | LV | 49 | 44 | * | 5 | 2 |
| 9/22/16 | LV | 47 | 46 | 1 | 3 | 3 |

e. No trend.


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