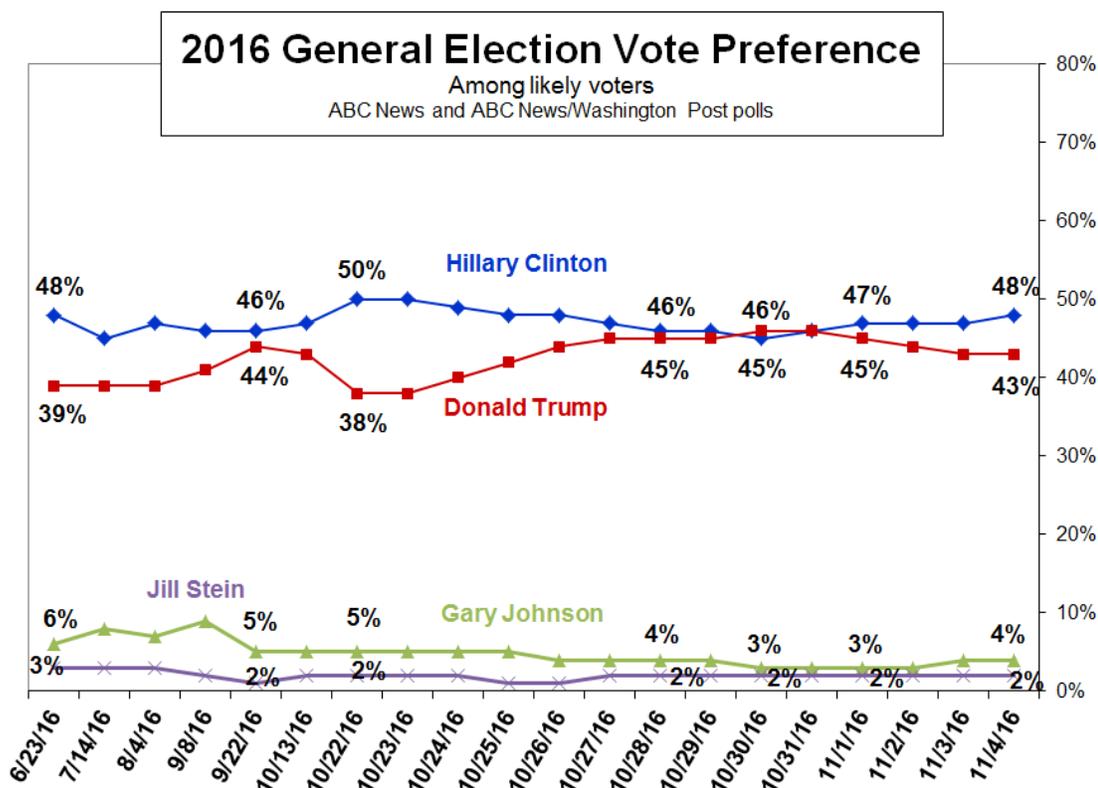


Qualifications, Temperament Aid Clinton In 2016 Campaign's Closing Days

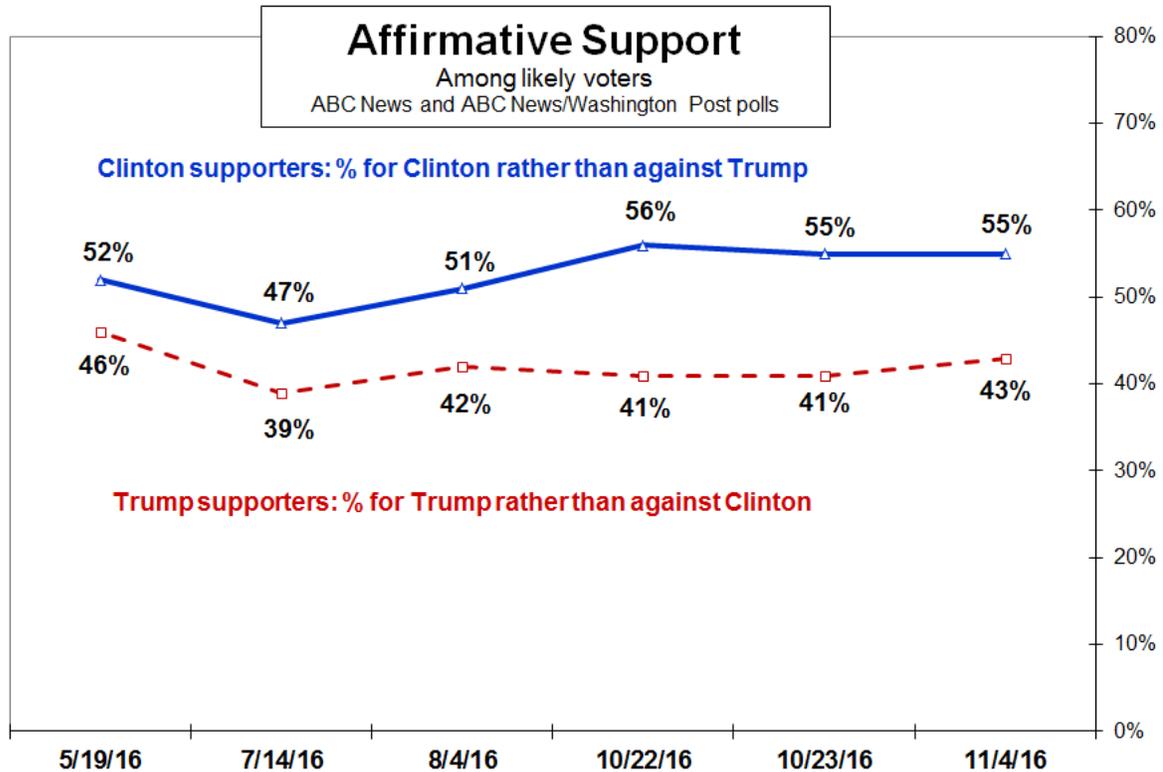
Advantages on qualifications and temperament are holding firm as Hillary Clinton's prime strengths in the presidential election, while weakness in her perceived honesty is keeping Donald Trump in the hunt in the campaign's final days.

It's a 48-43 percent race between the two, with Clinton barely touching 48 percent by rounding in the latest ABC News/Washington Post tracking poll. That said, it's her best result since Oct. 26, and Trump has held numerical advantages just twice, +1 on Oct. 30 and +2 last May.



The results in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#), rest to some extent on the one-third of likely voters who say they've already voted. They go to Clinton by 51-43 percent, leaving it closer among the two-thirds yet to vote when these interviews were completed.

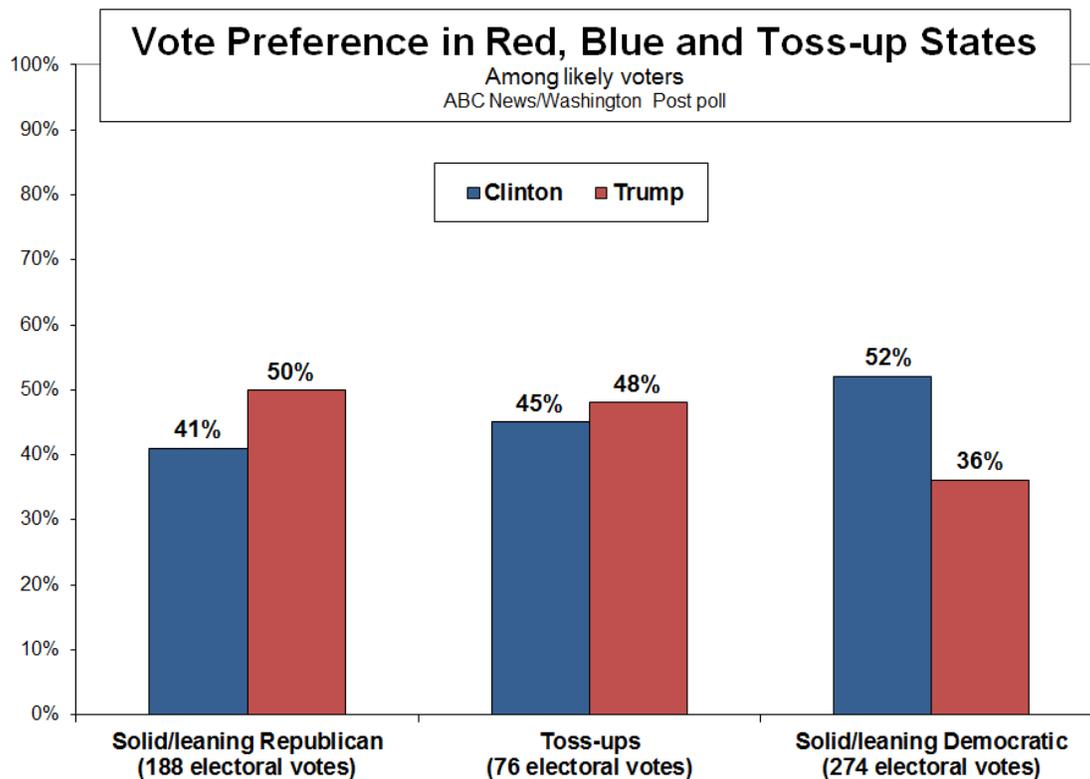
Even though both candidates are remarkably unpopular, there's more affirmative voting for Clinton than for Trump, a factor that can motivate turnout. A majority of her supporters mainly support her, rather opposing Trump. That's pretty much reversed for Trump – 51 percent of his backers mainly oppose Clinton, rather than supporting him.



Third-party candidates Gary Johnson and Jill Stein have 4 and 2 percent support, respectively, with no clear indication that they disproportionately take votes from either candidate. (It's 49-44 percent, Clinton-Trump, in a two-way test.) While 6 percent of Republicans and GOP-leaning independents back Johnson or Stein (mainly Johnson), 5 percent of Democrats or Democratic-leaning independents do the same (more split between Johnson and Stein.)

While they usually align, national vote preferences don't necessarily reflect the electoral college vote (as in 2000), and the contest is especially close in states identified by the ABC News Political Unit as toss-ups. Indeed Clinton's lead holds only in solid or leaning Democratic states, with the largest share of the likely voter population. Trump leads, by a smaller margin, in GOP-aligned states, and it's 45-48 percent, Clinton-Trump, in the toss-ups in aggregate. (Those are Arizona, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and New Hampshire.)

ABC rating	Clinton-Trump-Johnson-Stein	C-T diff.	Share	EVs
Solid/leaning Rep	41-50- 3- 2%	-9 pts.	30%	188
Toss-up	45-48- 3- 1	-3	19	76
Solid/leaning Dem	52-36- 4- 2	+16	51	274



ATTRIBUTES – Critical to her prospects, Clinton leads Trump by a broad 55-36 percent among likely voters in being seen as more qualified to serve as president, and by an even wider margin, 58-32 percent, as having the better personality and temperament for the job.

Clinton leads Trump by narrower 7- and 8-point margins in empathy and moral character. But it's Trump +4 on honesty, 40-44 percent – not a significant gap, but a comparative weakness for Clinton. She clearly trailed Trump on this measure shortly after the FBI announced its renewed investigation into emails linked to her private server. And, in previous tracking data, she lagged Trump by 9 points in trust to handle corruption in government.

Ninety-three percent of Trump's supporters see him as more honest and trustworthy than Clinton. Marking her comparative weakness on this attribute, fewer of her own supporters, 84 percent, see her as more honest than Trump. Instead 11 percent say they don't see either candidate as honest and trustworthy.

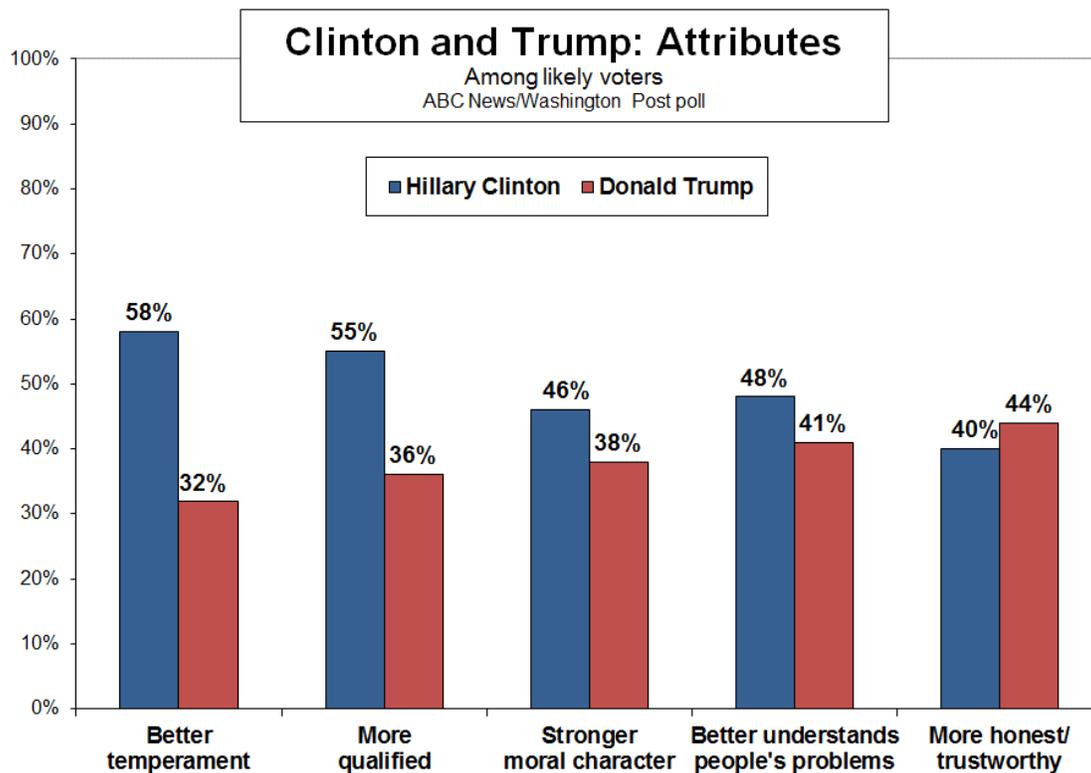
The tables turn when it comes to Clinton's better attributes. Ninety-eight percent of her supporters see her as better qualified; fewer of Trump's, 83 percent, say that about him. Nine percent of Trump's supporters see Clinton as the more qualified candidate.

The difference is particularly striking on Clinton's other advantage: Ninety-seven percent of her supporters say she has the better personality and temperament to serve effectively as president.

Just 73 percent of Trump’s supporters say that about him; 13 percent in Trump’s own camp rate Clinton better on personality and temperament. (Eleven percent say neither’s is better.)

	Clinton-Trump-neither		
	More honest/ trustworthy	More qualified	Better personality/ temperament
All likely voters	40-44-14%	55-36- 7	58-32- 8
Clinton supporters	84- 3-11	98 -1- 1	97- 1- 1
Trump supporters	1-93- 5	9-83- 7	13-73-11

Judgments on these attributes largely hew to partisan and ideological lines. That said, a quarter of conservatives, peaking at 34 percent of “somewhat” conservatives, see Clinton as more qualified than Trump, and 29 and 39 percent, respectively, say she has the better personality and temperament for high office.



GROUPS – In terms of vote preference, the gender gap has narrowed by dint of a closer contest among men, now 42-45 percent, Clinton-Trump. She leads by 12 points among women, courtesy of nonwhite women (85-9 percent) and college-educated white women (54-38 percent).

That said, a gender gap rages in one particular population – 18- to 35-year-olds, known as the millennial generation. Millennial men divide evenly between Clinton and Trump, 39-39 percent,

with 14 percent for Johnson, among his best groups. Millennial women, by contrast, support Clinton by a wide 62-27 percent.

Among other groups, Clinton has closed to an even contest among independents, after trailing Trump by 19 points in this group Oct. 28. She’s reached a new high among nonwhites, 77-14 percent, including typical 87 percent support from blacks and better-than-typical 72 percent from Hispanics – two groups critical to her fortunes on Tuesday.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Nov. 1-4, 2016, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,685 likely voters. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 2.5 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 37-31-28 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

Q6a and Q6b were asked Nov. 3-4 among 499 Clinton supporters and 470 Trump supporters, respectively. Those results have 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.

*= 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
11/4/16	LV	94	65	29	6	4	2	*
11/3/16	LV	94	65	29	6	3	2	1
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?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
11/4/16	RV	64	5	5	2	1	22	*
11/3/16	RV	67	5	5	2	1	20	*
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	*
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.

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)?*

		Vote in person	Early voting/ mail-in ballot	Already voted (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16	LV	50	17	33	1
11/3/16	LV	52	18	30	1
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

*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

	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Gary Johnson	Jill Stein	Other (vol.)	None of these (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16	48	43	4	2	1	1	0	2
11/3/16	47	43	4	2	1	1	0	2

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

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?

		--- Enthusiastic ---			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion	
Clinton:								
11/4/16	LV	86	50	36	14	9	5	*
11/3/16	LV	85	52	34	14	9	5	1
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:								
11/4/16	LV	88	54	34	11	6	6	1
11/3/16	LV	87	51	36	11	6	5	2
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.

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

	Clinton	Trump	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16	49	44	2	2	1	1
11/3/16	49	45	2	1	1	1
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	*

*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."

6a. (IF NAMED CLINTON) Do you mainly support Clinton, or mainly oppose Trump?

	Support Clinton	Oppose Trump	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	55	42	3
10/23/16 LV	55	42	2
10/22/16 LV	56	42	2
8/4/16 LV	51	46	3
7/14/16 LV	47	51	2
5/19/16 LV	52	45	2

6b. (IF NAMED TRUMP) Do you mainly support Trump, or mainly oppose Clinton?

	Support Trump	Oppose Clinton	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	43	51	5
10/23/16 LV	41	54	5
10/22/16 LV	41	54	6
8/4/16 LV	42	54	4
7/14/16 LV	39	56	5
5/19/16 LV	46	51	3

7. (ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS) Who do you think is more honest and trustworthy, (Clinton) or (Trump)?

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	40	44	1	14	2

11/3/16	LV	40	44	1	14	1
11/2/16	LV	39	45	1	13	2
11/1/16	LV	39	45	1	13	2
10/31/26	LV	38	46	2	12	1
9/8/16	LV	45	45	1	8	1
8/4/16	LV	48	43	1	7	1
7/14/16	LV	39	42	1	15	3
5/19/16	LV	42	44	*	12	1

8. (ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS) Who do you think [ITEM] - (Clinton) or (Trump)?

11/4/16 - Summary Table

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. is more qualified to serve as president	55	36	*	7	1
b. better understands the problems of people like you	48	41	1	9	1
c. has the stronger moral character	46	38	1	13	2
d. has a better personality and temperament to serve effectively as president	58	32	1	8	1

Trend:

a. is more qualified to serve as president

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	55	36	*	7	1
10/27/16 LV	54	36	*	7	1

b. better understands the problems of people like you

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	48	41	1	9	1
10/27/16 LV	46	43	1	9	1
9/8/16 LV	49	41	*	9	1
8/4/16 LV	51	41	*	7	*
7/14/16 LV	46	39	*	13	1
5/19/16 LV	45	41	1	12	1

c. has the stronger moral character

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	46	38	1	13	2
10/27/16 LV	46	38	1	13	2

d. has a better personality and temperament to serve effectively as president

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/4/16 LV	58	32	1	8	1
9/8/16 LV	57	37	*	5	1
8/4/16 LV	58	35	1	5	1
7/14/16 LV	57	31	1	9	1
6/23/16 LV	60	31	2	6	1
5/19/16 LV	57	37	1	6	*

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