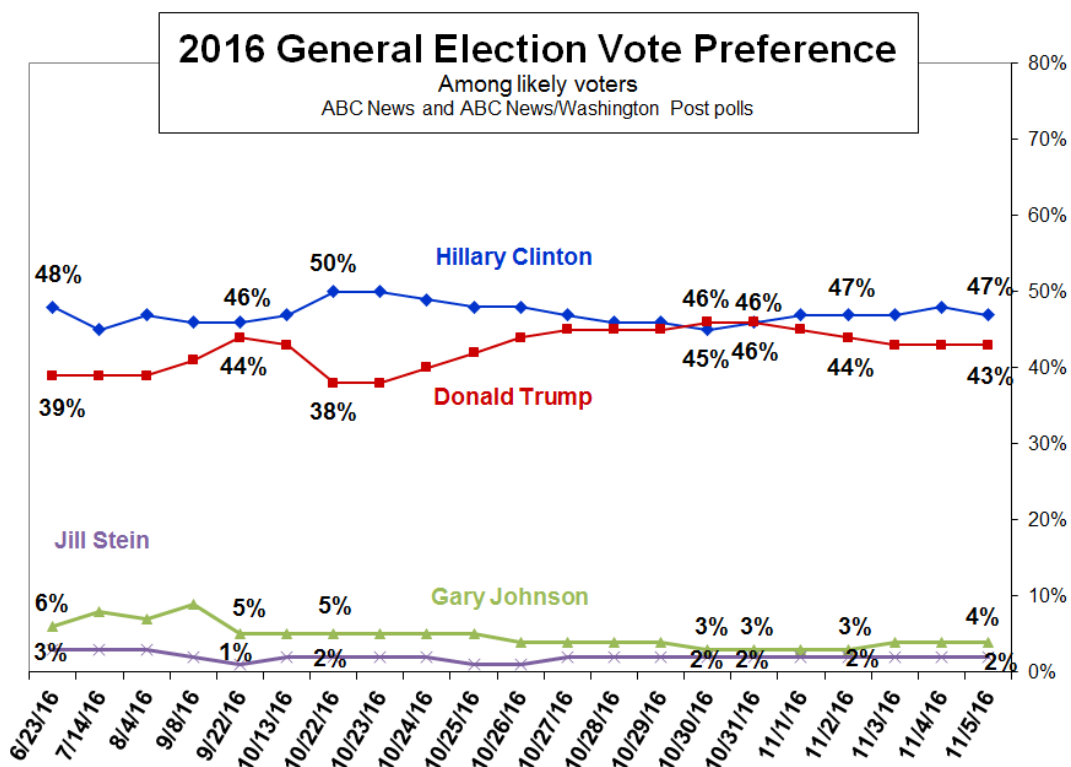


Clinton, Trump at Campaign's End: Still Close – and Still Unpopular

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump end the 2016 campaign with the race between them close, their historic unpopularity intact – and, on the bright side, a weary electorate saying it's ready to accept the outcome and move on.

The race stands at 47 percent support for Clinton, 43 percent for Trump among likely voters in the latest ABC News/Washington Post tracking poll, with 4 percent for Libertarian Gary Johnson and 2 percent for Jill Stein of the Green Party. One more update is planned, Monday afternoon.

While the contest is a close one, Clinton has held at least a numerical advantage almost continuously across the campaign. Indeed the average result among likely voters in ABC/Post polls since June is 47-42-5-2 percent, almost identical to where it is today.

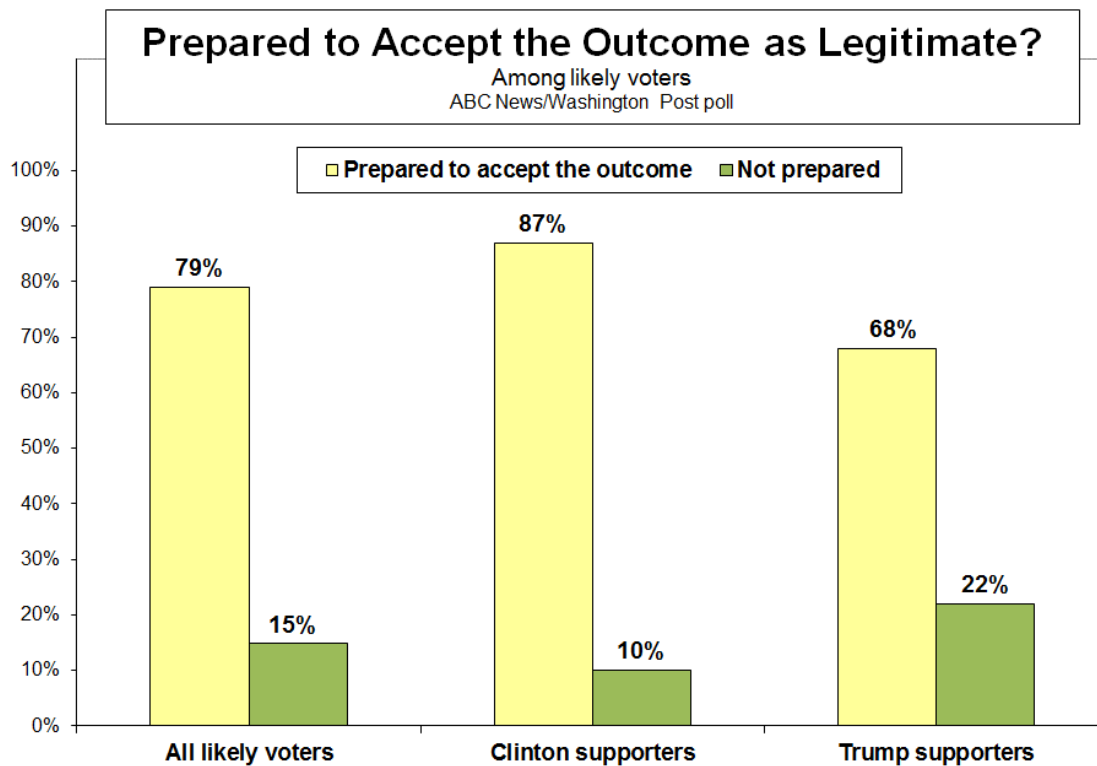


That said, given the reluctant nature of their support, results have fluctuated with events – better for Clinton after Trump's most prominent controversies, better for Trump in Clinton's roughest periods and settling to a close race at other points.

That makes turnout critical, with preference among racial groups among the most prominent factors. Trump holds a 16-point advantage among whites – 37-53 percent, Clinton-Trump. Clinton responds with a vast 77-15 percent among nonwhites, including 89-7 percent among blacks (typical for a Democrat) and 71-19 among Hispanics (a bit better than typical).

OUTCOME – Trump has refused to say whether he’d accept Clinton as the legitimate winner, raising the question of broader post-election comity. Unlike Trump, 79 percent of likely voters say they’re prepared to accept the outcome of the election as legitimate, including large majorities across demographic, political and ideological lines.

There is a wide gap on the basis of candidate support in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#): Eighty-seven percent of Clinton supporters say they’re ready to accept the outcome, compared with 68 percent of Trump’s.



POPULARITY – One of the most striking elements of the campaign has been both candidates’ consistent unpopularity – the highest on record for major-party candidates in ABC/Post polling back to 1984 and in Gallup polling (to the extent comparable) since the 1940s. That remains so: Sixty percent of likely voters see Trump unfavorably and 56 percent feel that way about Clinton.

Two factors in those results are particularly remarkable. One is the depth of strong sentiment. Fifty percent of likely voters see Trump not only unfavorably, but strongly so, and 46 percent feel strongly negatively about Clinton.

The other is the degree of partisan hostility: A nearly unanimous 97 percent of Trump supporters see Clinton unfavorably, 92 percent strongly so. An identical 97 percent of Clinton supporters see Trump unfavorably, 91 percent strongly so. This depth of animosity is unprecedented in available data from previous elections.

While both are unpopular, an advantage for Trump emerges in one group: independents, whose weaker partisan affiliation has made them swing voters in some (but not the most recent) elections. Sixty-six percent of independents see Clinton unfavorably, vs. 58 percent for Trump.

NEGATIVE AND EARLY VOTING – At the same time, the extent of negative voting – one feature of voter discontent with both candidates – is more of a challenge for Trump. Fifty-one percent of his backers say they're voting chiefly to oppose Clinton, rather than to support Trump. A minority of Trump's supporters, 44 percent, are affirmatively for their candidate.

Clinton has more affirmative support, potentially a boost to her in turnout. Fifty-five percent of her supporters chiefly support her. Still, a sizable share, 42 percent, mainly oppose Trump.

Another aid to Clinton comes by dint of the record level of early voting. Thirty-six percent of likely voters in the latest (in this case, single-day) results say they've already voted, favoring Clinton by 53-43 percent, suggesting greater success for her ground game, at least in this respect.

Also consistent with the campaign all season, Clinton holds substantial leads on key attributes; she's seen as more qualified than Trump by 55-37 percent and as having the better personality and temperament for the job by 57-34 percent. She has smaller advantages on having stronger moral character (46-39 percent) and understanding the voters' problems (48-41 percent).

That said, in a persistent comparative weakness for her, likely voters divide by 40-44 percent, Clinton-Trump, in who's more honest and trustworthy.

After months of speculation about their potential impact, the presence of Johnson and Stein in the race seems to make little difference. When their supporters are asked to choose between Clinton and Trump, overall preferences go to 49-45 percent, the same 4-point gap as in the four-way estimate.

FAMILY ASSETS – An additional result finds a slight edge to Trump in whose family has been the greatest asset to them in the campaign: By 46-41 percent, likely voters pick his family over hers on this question. The chief reason is that 85 percent of Trump supporters see his family as the greater asset, while fewer Clinton supporters, 75 percent, say the same of her family.

In another gap, women divide essentially equally, 43-44 percent, while men are more apt to see Trump's family as having been asset to him in the campaign, 39-48 percent, Clinton-Trump. In the sharpest division, non-college educated whites, Trump's core support group, see his family as

a better asset by 27-60 percent. College-educated whites pick his family far more narrowly, 39-48 percent, again Clinton-Trump.

GROUPS – Results among groups, beyond the racial groups described above, underscore the country’s deep – if typical – political divisions. Among Democrats and independents who lean toward the Democratic Party, 85 percent back Clinton; among Republicans and GOP-leaning independents, 82 percent favor Trump, matching his low in tracking. Pure independents – those who don’t lean toward either party, 7 percent of the electorate – divide closely, 36-40 percent, Clinton-Trump, with 18 percent for other candidates (chiefly, Johnson or Stein).

Education is another key factor. Clinton leads by 54-35 percent among those who have a four-year college degree. Among those with less education, nearly six in 10 likely voters, it’s 43-48 percent, Clinton-Trump.

The education gap is especially wide among whites. Among those with a college degree, it’s 47-41 percent, Clinton-Trump. Among whites without a college degree – Trump’s mainstay, it’s a vast 29-62 percent, Clinton-Trump. On this result, as in others, what matters ultimately is how many in each group – whether with positive motivations or negative ones – get out and vote.

	Size of group	Vote preference			C-T diff.
		Clinton	Trump	Johnson-Stein	
All	100	47-43-	4-	2%	+4 pts.
Democrats	38	87-	8-	2- 1	+79
Republicans	31	7-84-	4-	1	-77
Independents	27	40-45-	8-	2	-5
Leaned Democrats	48	85-	8-	2- 2	+77
Leaned Republicans	44	7-82-	5-	1	-75
Liberals	24	85-	9-	1- 2	+76
Moderates	36	50-36-	6-	2	+14
Conservatives	36	19-73-	4-	1	-54
Men	46	43-45-	6-	2	-2
Women	54	51-41-	3-	1	+10
Whites	73	37-53-	5-	2	-16
Nonwhites NET	27	77-15-	3-	1	+62
Blacks	11	89-	7-	0- 2	+82
Hispanics	9	71-19-	5-	2	+52
Other nonwhites	6	63-25-	6-	1	+38
18-29	11	50-31-	9-	1	+19
65+	25	48-47-	1-	1	+1
College grads	41	54-35-	5-	2	+19
No college degree	59	43-48-	3-	2	-5
White, college grad.	31	47-41-	6-	2	+6
White, no degree	41	29-62-	4-	2	-33

Among whites:

Men, college grad.	15	43-42-	8- 2	+1
Women, college grad.	15	51-39-	3- 1	+12
Men, no college degree	18	29-60-	5- 3	-31
Women, no college degree	23	29-64-	3- 1	-35
<\$50K	36	53-38-	3- 2	+15
\$50K-\$100K	34	45-43-	5- 2	+2
\$100K+	29	46-45-	5- 1	+1
White evan. Protestant	17	25-66-	3- *	-41
White Catholics	17	35-54-	4- 2	-19
No religion	17	63-22-	7- 4	+41
Urban	36	58-32-	5- 2	+26
Suburban	47	46-44-	5- 1	+2
Rural	17	30-61-	3- 3	-31

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Nov. 2-5, 2016, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,937 likely voters. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 2.5 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 38-31-27 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

Q7, Q10 and Q11 were asked Nov. 3-5 among 1,773 likely voters; those results also have a 2.5-point error margin.

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
11/5/16	LV	94	64	29	6	4	2	*
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.
11/5/16	RV	63	6	5	3	1	22	*
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
11/5/16	LV	53	10	36	*
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 vol=already voted in Q2. 11/5 result is one-night only.

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
11/5/16	47	43	4	2	1	1	0	2
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 opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all		
Clinton:								
11/5/16	LV	86	50	37	13	8	5	*
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:								
11/5/16	LV	87	54	33	13	6	6	1
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
11/5/16	49	45	2	2	1	1
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	
11/5/16	LV	55	42	3
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
11/5/16	LV	44	51	5
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) Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

11/5/16 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. Hillary Clinton	42	23	18	56	9	46	3
b. Donald Trump	38	21	17	60	10	50	3

Trend:

a. Hillary Clinton

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/5/16	LV	42	23	18	56	9	46	3
10/29/16	LV	38	20	18	60	11	49	2
10/13/16		43	21	21	53	13	40	4
9/30/16		45	26	20	53	11	42	2
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

Call for full trend.

b. Donald Trump

		----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No opinion
		NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/5/16	LV	38	21	17	60	10	50	3
10/29/16	LV	39	21	17	58	10	48	3
10/13/16		31	17	14	66	11	54	4
9/30/16		34	18	17	64	13	51	2
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."

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

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/5/16 LV	40	44	1	14	2
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

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

11/5/16 - Summary Table

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. is more qualified to serve as president	55	37	*	7	1
b. better understands the problems of people like you	48	41	*	10	1
c. has the stronger moral character	46	39	1	12	2
d. has a better personality and temperament to serve effectively as president	57	34	1	7	1

Trend:

a. is more qualified to serve as president

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/5/16 LV	55	37	*	7	1
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
11/5/16 LV	48	41	*	10	1
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
11/5/16	LV	46	39	1	12	2
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
11/5/16	LV	57	34	1	7	1
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	*

10. (ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS) Regardless of whom you support, are you prepared to accept the outcome of the election as legitimate, or are you not prepared to do that at this time?

		Prepared	Not prepared	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
11/5/16	LV	79	15	3	3

11. (ASKED OF LIKELY VOTERS) Whose family has been a greater asset to them in the campaign - (Clinton's) or (Trump's)?

		Clinton's	Trump's	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/5/16	LV	41	46	2	3	8

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