

# METHODOLOGY AND FINAL TOPLINE

## STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY: What Do Americans Think?

September 14 and October 15, 2018, National General Public Survey

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The survey results below appear in the Public Agenda research brief “Strengthening Democracy: What Do Americans Think?” The data are based on a nationally representative survey of 1,000 American adults 18 and older. All interviews were conducted from September 14 through October 15, 2018. All 1,000 interviews were included in the analysis. The survey was conducted by telephone, including cell phones, and online. Respondents completed the surveys in English.

The Kettering Foundation served as a collaborator in this research. The survey was fielded by Wiese Research Associates, Inc.. WRA was responsible for data collection only. Public Agenda designed the survey instrument and analyzed the data. When using the data, please cite Public Agenda.

### The survey

This study used a multimodal design. Data were collected via telephone interviews, including cell phone interviews, and online. A total of 750 interviews were conducted by phone and 250 were completed online. Using the questionnaire designed by Public Agenda, WRA programmed the survey for both computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) and online administration.

In an attempt to interview a representative sample of adults in the United States, quota sampling was employed. Target quotas were established based on population statistics by census region and within each region by state, age, gender and race/ethnicity.

## Phone sample

Phone samples were drawn from a variety of list types obtained from Marketing Systems Group. These sample list types included RDD (random digit dial), listed household landline, enhanced cell, age-targeted landline and cell and samples targeted to enhance the probability of reaching black and Hispanic respondents. About 75 percent of the phone interviews were completed with respondents reached by cell phone and 25 percent were completed with respondents reached by landline.

## Web sample

An opt-in, nonprobability online panel was used after the phone sampling was completed to aid in coming as close as possible to achieving the desired demographic quotas that were established based on census benchmarks. Dynata provided the panel members for the online phase. Dynata's panel is managed to allow the selection of samples to reflect the target population. Participants were contacted via notifications including emails directly from Dynata. Invitations included an opt-out link. Once in Dynata's system, participants were randomly matched with the survey. Security checks and quality verifications were used before panelists could start the survey including digital fingerprinting to prevent duplication, spot checking via third party verification to prove identity, reward redemption quality procedures, and benchmarking against known external data points.

## Fielding

The survey was designed to be compatible with web and phone interviews. Respondents to both could refuse to answer any question. Questions that allowed the telephone respondent to volunteer "Don't know" as a response included "Don't know" as an explicit response category in the web version.

Before the fielding period, the survey was programmed using CATI software. This software was used to produce both a web and a CATI version of the survey. WRA and members of Public Agenda's research team checked the programs extensively to ensure skip patterns followed the design of the questionnaire.

The fielding period for this survey was September 14 through October 15, 2018. Telephone interviewers received both written materials on the survey and formal training. These included information about the goals of the study, detailed explanations of why questions were being asked, the meaning and pronunciations of key terms and pointers on potential obstacles to be overcome in getting good answers to questions and respondent problems that could be anticipated, as well as strategies for addressing potential problems.

At the outset of fielding, a Public Agenda staff member reviewed a set of recorded interviews. Following the review, the wordings of a few questions were modified slightly. Interviewers were monitored throughout the fielding period and were given feedback, when appropriate, to improve their interview technique and to clarify survey questions.

Within each landline household, a single respondent was selected based on gender/age quotas still open for that region, with callbacks scheduled if the desired adult was not available. Since cell phones were treated as individual devices and the interview might take place outside the respondent's home, each cell phone interview was conducted with the person answering the phone.

The phone survey response rate was 3.3 percent overall, using the American Association for Public Opinion Research Response Rate 4 formula. The response rate was 3.6 percent for the combined landline samples and 3.2 percent for the combined cell samples.

Once the phone survey phase was completed, invitations to complete the web survey were sent directly to potential respondents by Dynata. Of the 449 panel members who accessed the survey via text message invitations and in-app alerts, 5 clicked but did not start the survey; 7 screened out of the survey; 51 started but did not complete the survey and 386 completed the survey. However, only 250 of those completes were obtained before the cutoff date and were in states, age/gender categories and race/ethnicity groups still needed to meet targeted quotas for the study when combined with the 750 phone interviews.

### Weighting

The final data were weighted to balance the sample to known national population parameters based on U.S. Census Bureau data for each of the four census regions and to correct for systematic under- or overrepresentation of key demographics. Quotas were met for each region and state, and therefore no additional weighting by geography was required to achieve a nationally representative sample of the United States.

The maximum standard error range (margin of error) for the total weighted sample is +/-3.1 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. It is higher, however, for questions that were not asked of all respondents and for subgroup results.

### Presurvey focus groups

Before developing the survey instrument, Public Agenda conducted three demographically diverse focus groups with adults in July 2018 in Hicksville, New York; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; and Earth City, Missouri. In total, 31 adults participated in these focus groups.

More information about this study can be obtained at [www.publicagenda.org/pages/strengthening-democracy-what-do-americans-think](http://www.publicagenda.org/pages/strengthening-democracy-what-do-americans-think) or by emailing [research@publicagenda.org](mailto:research@publicagenda.org).

### FULL SURVEY RESULTS

This topline indicates total and subgroup sample sizes for each question. A survey result of less than 0.5 percent is signified by an asterisk, and a result of zero is signified by a dash.

Unless otherwise stated, "Don't know" and "Refused" are responses volunteered by participants that were not explicitly offered to them. Responses may not always total 100 percent due to rounding.

# FULL SURVEY RESULTS

		Republican/ Republican leaning	Democrat/ Democrat leaning	Independents
<b>SQ1. First, in what state do you reside?</b>				
Alabama	2%	2%	*	3%
Alaska	*	*	*	1%
Arizona	2%	3%	2%	2%
Arkansas	1%	1%	1%	-
California	12%	11%	12%	10%
Colorado	2%	2%	2%	1%
Connecticut	1%	1%	1%	1%
Delaware	*	*	*	1%
District of Columbia	*	-%	1%	-
Florida	6%	5%	8%	5%
Georgia	3%	3%	5%	1%
Hawaii	*	*	*	-
Idaho	1%	1%	*	1%
Illinois	4%	4%	4%	3%
Indiana	2%	3%	1%	3%
Iowa	1%	2%	*	2%
Kansas	1%	1%	*	1%
Kentucky	1%	2%	1%	1%
Louisiana	2%	1%	2%	1%
Maine	*	-	*	1%
Maryland	2%	1%	3%	2%
Massachusetts	2%	1%	3%	5%
Michigan	3%	3%	4%	4%
Minnesota	2%	2%	2%	1%
Mississippi	1%	2%	*	-
Missouri	2%	3%	1%	2%
Montana	*	*	-	-
Nebraska	1%	1%	*	-
Nevada	1%	1%	1%	-
New Hampshire	*	*	*	1%
New Jersey	3%	2%	3%	3%

		Republican/ Republican leaning	Democrat/ Democrat leaning	Independents
New Mexico	1%	1%	1%	1%
New York	6%	4%	9%	5%
North Carolina	3%	3%	2%	5%
North Dakota	*	*	-	1%
Ohio	3%	3%	3%	3%
Oklahoma	1%	2%	*	1%
Oregon	1%	1%	1%	3%
Pennsylvania	4%	4%	5%	3%
Rhode Island	*	*	*	-
South Carolina	2%	1%	1%	2%
South Dakota	*	*	-	1%
Tennessee	2%	3%	2%	2%
Texas	8%	9%	6%	9%
Utah	1%	2%	*	1%
Vermont	*	-	*	1%
Virginia	3%	3%	3%	2%
Washington	2%	2%	2%	2%
West Virginia	1%	1%	*	-
Wisconsin	2%	1%	3%	3%
Wyoming	*	-	-	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

### SQ2. And may I please have your age?

18 to 24	13%	12%	13%	14%
25 to 34	17%	13%	20%	20%
35 to 44	17%	16%	19%	17%
45 to 54	19%	21%	16%	20%
55 to 64	15%	20%	13%	13%
65 to 74	9%	8%	12%	6%
75 or above	8%	9%	7%	10%
Refused	1%	1%	*	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>SQ3. Do you consider yourself to be...?</b>				
White	62%	81%	49%	61%
Black or African-American	12%	2%	22%	6%
Hispanic or Latino	14%	8%	16%	14%
Asian	4%	2%	4%	6%
Mixed	5%	4%	5%	6%
Something else	2%	2%	2%	1%
Refused	2%	1%	*	5%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>SQ4. What is your gender?</b>				
Male	49%	55%	42%	55%
Female	51%	45%	58%	45%
Refused	-	-	-	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q1. The United States is meant to be a democracy, where citizens have a voice, rights are protected and laws are fairly enforced. These days, would you say that our country's democracy is...?</b>				
In crisis	39%	25%	54%	33%
Facing serious challenges but not in crisis	42%	46%	38%	45%
Doing well	15%	27%	5%	15%
Don't know	3%	1%	2%	5%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q2. And would you say this...? [Base: Those who say our country's democracy is in crisis or facing serious challenges.]</b>				
Has started in the past few years	47%	33%	64%	29%
Has been going on for a long time	51%	65%	34%	67%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	4%
Refused	-	-	-	*
	n=811	n=253	n=388	n=116
<b>Q3. And would you say this is likely to...? [Base: Those who say our country's democracy is in crisis or facing serious challenges or doing well.]</b>				
Get better in the next few years	24%	37%	16%	22%
Get worse in the next few years	44%	29%	55%	40%
Say the same	20%	22%	16%	29%
Don't know	12%	12%	12%	9%
Refused	*	-	*	-
	n=959	n=352	n=409	n=137

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<b>Q4. When it comes to challenges facing our democracy, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following:</b>				
<b>Q4A. Too much of the news is false or deliberately misleading—we need more honest information from reliable sources.</b>				
Strongly agree	56%	78%	35%	62%
Somewhat agree	22%	15%	26%	21%
Somewhat disagree	9%	4%	17%	5%
Strongly disagree	10%	2%	19%	5%
Don't know	3%	1%	3%	5%
Refused	1	-	*	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q4B. Political discussions today are too often rude and disrespectful—political discussions should be more civil and respectful.</b>				
STRONGLY AGREE	66%	63%	69%	70%
SOMEWHAT AGREE	22%	26%	20%	18%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	5%	5%	5%	5%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4%	4%	3%	3%
DON'T KNOW	2%	1%	3%	3%
REFUSED	1%	-	*	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q4C. Money is corrupting our elections and laws—we need to reduce its influence on our government.</b>				
Strongly agree	64%	50%	74%	73%
Somewhat agree	23%	31%	19%	17%
Somewhat disagree	5%	10%	1%	5%
Strongly disagree	3%	5%	2%	1%
Don't know	4%	4%	3%	4%
Refused	1	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q4D. Our political leaders are too divided to get anything done—they need to be more willing to compromise.</b>				
Strongly agree	65%	58%	71%	67%
Somewhat agree	23%	26%	21%	21%
Somewhat disagree	5%	8%	3%	3%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	2%	5%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	4%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q4E. Too few people participate in the political process—more people need to get involved in elections and public affairs.</b>				
Strongly agree	63%	59%	71%	59%
Somewhat agree	25%	28%	22%	27%
Somewhat disagree	5%	8%	3%	6%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	2%	4%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	5%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q4F. People with extreme views are getting too much attention in public life—we need to have more moderate and reasonable voices.</b>				
Strongly agree	59%	62%	59%	58%
Somewhat agree	25%	24%	25%	23%
Somewhat disagree	8%	6%	8%	11%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	4%	4%
Don't know	3%	4%	3%	3%
Refused	1%	*	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q4G. Our elections are too vulnerable to cyber-attacks and hacking—we need to protect the integrity of our election system.</b>				
Strongly agree	53%	41%	66%	46%
Somewhat agree	27%	33%	24%	27%
Somewhat disagree	9%	14%	4%	12%
Strongly disagree	5%	7%	4%	7%
Don't know	5%	6%	2%	8%
Refused	1%	-	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q4H. People rely too much on government to solve community problems—we need to rely more on local groups and involved citizens.</b>				
Strongly agree	46%	65%	29%	55%
Somewhat agree	32%	27%	36%	31%
Somewhat disagree	11%	3%	19%	9%
Strongly disagree	6%	2%	10%	4%
Don't know	4%	4%	5%	2%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146



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<b>Q4I. Too few people get involved in their communities—more people need to take responsibility for what happens locally.</b>				
Strongly agree	63%	67%	61%	61%
Somewhat agree	27%	25%	27%	27%
Somewhat disagree	4%	4%	5%	4%
Strongly disagree	2%	1%	2%	5%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	3%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5. When you are trying to make up your mind about a problem facing your community or the nation, how helpful is each of the following:</b>				
<b>Q5A. Examining facts, data and research.</b>				
Very helpful	68%	65%	73%	75%
Somewhat helpful	23%	28%	19%	19%
Not too helpful	3%	3%	2%	3%
Not at all helpful	3%	2%	2%	1%
Not applicable	1%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%	-
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5B. Reading posts on Facebook, Twitter or other social media.</b>				
Very helpful	5%	4%	5%	5%
Somewhat helpful	22%	21%	23%	21%
Not too helpful	27%	26%	30%	22%
Not at all helpful	40%	45%	34%	44%
Not applicable	4%	2%	5%	4%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	4%
Refused	1%	-	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5C. Discussing it with friends, family or neighbors.</b>				
Very helpful	29%	27%	30%	34%
Somewhat helpful	46%	49%	47%	42%
Not too helpful	13%	14%	14%	13%
Not at all helpful	7%	7%	6%	9%
Not applicable	1%	2%	1%	2%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	1%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q5D. Learning about the pros and cons of different solutions.</b>				
Very helpful	61%	60%	63%	68%
Somewhat helpful	30%	33%	30%	21%
Not too helpful	3%	4%	2%	6%
Not at all helpful	2%	1%	2%	3%
Not applicable	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	*	1%	1%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5E. Hearing what public officials think.</b>				
Very helpful	21%	18%	22%	23%
Somewhat helpful	44%	49%	46%	34%
Not too helpful	19%	17%	20%	23%
Not at all helpful	12%	12%	8%	17%
Not applicable	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	2%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5F. Hearing debates between people with strongly opposing views.</b>				
Very helpful	28%	30%	26%	32%
Somewhat helpful	42%	40%	45%	42%
Not too helpful	15%	17%	16%	13%
Not at all helpful	11%	11%	10%	10%
Not applicable	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	3%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5G. Listening to a wide range of different perspectives.</b>				
Very helpful	53%	51%	55%	60%
Somewhat helpful	35%	40%	34%	30%
Not too helpful	5%	3%	5%	7%
Not at all helpful	3%	4%	3%	1%
Not applicable	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	1%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q5H. Hearing a completely new perspective.</b>				
Very helpful	40%	34%	42%	46%
Somewhat helpful	48%	57%	46%	42%
Not too helpful	4%	5%	4%	5%
Not at all helpful	4%	2%	4%	4%
Not applicable	1%	1%	*	1%
Don't know	3%	1%	4%	3%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q5I. Reading, watching or listening to the news.</b>				
Very helpful	23%	14%	33%	19%
Somewhat helpful	42%	43%	46%	39%
Not too helpful	16%	21%	11%	20%
Not at all helpful	14%	20%	6%	19%
Not applicable	1%	1%	1%	2%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q6. When it comes to problems facing communities or the nation, do you think it's generally easier to get things done...?</b>				
At the national level	11%	8%	14%	9%
At the local level	63%	72%	58%	61%
Depends on the problem	21%	16%	23%	23%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	7%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q7. When it comes to problems facing communities or the nation, which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?</b>				
It's mostly our responsibility as Americans to help find solutions—it's not enough to just vote and pay taxes	67%	78%	60%	67%
It's mostly the government's responsibility to find solutions—that's why we vote and pay taxes	23%	17%	30%	17%
Don't know	8%	5%	10%	11%
Refused	1%	*	*	5%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q8. When it comes to how problems are addressed at the NATIONAL level, which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?</b>				
Ordinary people have little influence over how the nation addresses problems	41%	40%	40%	48%
When enough people get involved, they have a lot of influence over how the nation addresses problems	53%	55%	54%	47%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	5%
Refused	1%	-	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q9. When it comes to how problems are addressed in COMMUNITIES, which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?</b>				
Ordinary people have little influence over how their community addresses problems	16%	17%	16%	13%
When enough people get involved, they have a lot of influence over how their community addresses problems	80%	81%	82%	84%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	2%
Refused	1%	1%	*	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q10. How connected do you feel to the people in your community—very connected, somewhat connected, not too connected or not connected at all?</b>				
Very connected	18%	20%	18%	12%
Somewhat connected	47%	48%	46%	50%
Not too connected	23%	24%	25%	21%
Not connected at all	9%	7%	8%	15%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%
Refused	1%	-	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q11. Generally speaking, how involved are you in the life of your community through such things as volunteering, joining civic groups or watching out for your neighbors—very involved, somewhat involved, not too involved or not at all involved?</b>				
Very involved	21%	23%	20%	21%
Somewhat involved	47%	50%	47%	48%
Not too involved	19%	18%	20%	21%
Not at all involved	11%	9%	11%	10%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	-
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q12. If you needed help from a public official in your community, would you know how to get in touch with them, or not?</b>				
Yes	72%	79%	70%	65%
No	24%	18%	26%	29%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	6%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q13. And have you ever gotten in touch with a public official in your community, or not?</b> [Base: Those who know how to get in touch with a public official in their community.]				
Yes	64%	68%	63%	61%
No	35%	32%	36%	39%
Don't know	1%	-	1%	-
Refused	-	-	-	-
	n=725	n=287	n=300	N=94
<b>Q14. There are communities in the United States that have come up with new ways to address problems they face. If your community did each of the following, do you think it would be very helpful, somewhat helpful, not too helpful or not helpful at all?</b>				
<b>Q14A. Bringing community members together to develop ideas about how to spend some local tax dollars, and then having the entire community vote on which ideas to fund.</b>				
Very helpful	47%	45%	49%	56%
Somewhat helpful	38%	41%	37%	31%
Not too helpful	7%	7%	7%	7%
Not helpful at all	4%	4%	3%	3%
My community already does that/we already do that	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	3%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q14B. Requiring high school students to get involved in the election process, such as registering residents to vote or volunteering at polling places.</b>				
Very helpful	40%	30%	49%	39%
Somewhat helpful	36%	39%	37%	32%
Not too helpful	13%	20%	7%	16%
Not helpful at all	7%	9%	4%	9%
My community already does that/we already do that	*	1%	1%	-
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	4%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q14C. Having local government conduct surveys that ask community members about their priorities and concerns, so that public officials will know which issues to focus on.</b>				
Very helpful	48%	44%	51%	50%
Somewhat helpful	39%	43%	37%	38%
Not too helpful	6%	7%	5%	5%
Not helpful at all	3%	3%	1%	3%
My community already does that/we already do that	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	2%	1%	3%	3%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q14D. Having public officials hold online forums so people who can't attend a meeting in person can still express their views about an issue.</b>				
Very helpful	42%	38%	46%	48%
Somewhat helpful	39%	42%	39%	36%
Not too helpful	9%	11%	7%	5%
Not helpful at all	5%	6%	3%	8%
My community already does that/we already do that	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	2%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q14E. Holding community events where local residents get together to discuss solutions to local problems and experts are there to answer questions.</b>				
Very helpful	52%	48%	55%	60%
Somewhat helpful	35%	40%	32%	30%
Not too helpful	5%	6%	6%	3%
Not helpful at all	2%	3%	1%	2%
My community already does that/we already do that	2%	2%	3%	2%
Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q15. Suppose that your community actually did hold an event where local residents got together to discuss solutions to local problems and experts were there to answer questions. How likely would you be to participate?</b>				
Very likely	39%	36%	40%	41%
Somewhat likely	40%	44%	38%	39%
Not too likely	13%	13%	13%	14%
Not at all likely	5%	3%	4%	4%
I have done this	*	1%	*	-
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	3%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q15A-E. Please tell me if each of the following would make you more likely to participate, less likely to participate, or would it make no difference:</b>				
<b>Q15A. If you knew you could contribute your skills and experiences to solving the problem.</b>				
More likely to participate	74%	74%	75%	78%
Less likely to participate	5%	7%	4%	3%
Would make no difference	18%	17%	17%	15%
Don't know	3%	1%	3%	3%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q15B. If you knew that public officials would be there to listen to people's recommendations.</b>				
More likely to participate	75%	76%	77%	76%
Less likely to participate	6%	4%	5%	9%
Would make no difference	16%	17%	14%	11%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	4%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q15C. If someone you respected invited you.</b>				
More likely to participate	73%	73%	77%	74%
Less likely to participate	3%	2%	4%	2%
Would make no difference	20%	21%	16%	21%
Don't know	3%	4%	1%	3%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q15D. If it began with refreshments and a chance to see friends and meet new people.</b>				
More likely to participate	39%	39%	40%	37%
Less likely to participate	10%	10%	8%	14%
Would make no difference	47%	48%	48%	43%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	5%
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q15E. If the meeting was online instead of in person.</b>				
More likely to participate	30%	30%	33%	30%
Less likely to participate	39%	41%	37%	37%
Would make no difference	27%	27%	25%	31%
Don't know	3%	2%	4%	2%
Refused	1%	*	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q16. There are reports that some places in the United States may be trying to make it harder for African-Americans and Hispanics to vote by doing such things as understaffing polling places or changing district lines for voting. Do you think this is ...?</b>				
Definitely happening	32%	10%	55%	26%
Might be happening	19%	16%	22%	19%
Is not happening	14%	27%	4%	13%
You don't know enough to say	34%	46%	19%	42%
Refused	1%	1%	*	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q19. What best describes the area where you live? Would you say it is urban, suburban, rural or a mix?</b>				
Urban	26%	19%	34%	22%
Suburban	33%	35%	34%	34%
Rural	19%	26%	14%	19%
A mix	20%	19%	18%	22%
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	2%
Refused	1%	-	*	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146



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<b>Q20. How long have you lived in the community where you live now?</b>				
Less than 1 year	7%	6%	8%	5%
1 to 5 years	21%	18%	23%	23%
6 to 10 years	14%	14%	15%	13%
11 to 20 years	21%	21%	21%	22%
More than 20 years	35%	40%	32%	35%
Don't know	*	1%	-	1%
Refused	1%	-	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q21. Are you married, living with a partner, divorced, separated, widowed or never married?</b>				
Married	48%	65%	39%	39%
Living with a partner	8%	5%	10%	8%
Divorced	9%	6%	11%	12%
Separated	3%	3%	3%	3%
Widowed	6%	3%	7%	9%
Never married	25%	19%	29%	28%
Refused	2%	1%	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q22. Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18, or not?</b>				
Yes	31%	31%	29%	38%
No	67%	69%	70%	61%
Don't know	*	-	*	1%
Refused	1%	-	1%	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q23. Do you attend religious services...?</b>				
At least once a week	26%	39%	20%	15%
Once or twice a month	13%	16%	13%	12%
A few times a year	18%	18%	16%	25%
Seldom or never	39%	26%	48%	45%
Refused	3%	1%	3%	2%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q24. What is the last grade of school you completed?</b>				
Less than high school graduate or GED	3%	2%	3%	3%
High school graduate or GED, including technical/vocational training or a certificate that doesn't count toward college credit	18%	19%	16%	19%
Some college but no degree	23%	23%	22%	28%
Graduated from a two-year college (associate degree)	12%	11%	13%	16%
Graduated from a four-year college (bachelor's degree)	26%	29%	25%	23%
Graduate school or more	16%	15%	21%	10%
Don't know	1%	1%	*	1%
Refused	1%	1%	*	1%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q25. Currently, are you yourself employed full-time, part-time, self-employed or not employed?</b>				
Full-time	44%	47%	42%	46%
Part-time	12%	10%	12%	12%
Self-employed	11%	10%	10%	15%
Not employed	32%	32%	34%	25%
Refused	2%	1%	1%	2%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q26. Are you...? [Base: Those not employed.]</b>				
Retired	49%	54%	51%	43%
A homemaker	19%	22%	16%	16%
A student	7%	8%	7%	3%
Temporarily unemployed	11%	6%	10%	27%
Disabled/handicapped	13%	10%	15%	11%
Don't know	*	-	1%	-
Refused	1%	-	1%	-
	n=321	n=116	n=144	n=33
<b>Q28. In the last 12 months, have you ever had trouble getting all the money together to pay your regular bills, or has that not happened to you?</b>				
Yes, have had trouble	31%	22%	32%	44%
No, has not happened	66%	77%	66%	54%
Don't know	*	1%	*	-
Refused	2%	1%	2%	2%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q29. Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes...?</b>				
Less than \$15,000	8%	4%	10%	7%
\$15,000 but less than \$25,000	8%	7%	8%	9%
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	7%	5%	8%	9%
\$30,000 but less than \$40,000	9%	7%	10%	8%
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	7%	6%	9%	7%
Less than \$50,000 (unspecified)	1%	1%	1%	2%
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	16%	15%	19%	15%
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	12%	18%	10%	8%
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000 (unspecified)	*	-	*	-
\$100,000 or over	22%	28%	20%	23%
Don't know	2%	1%	1%	4%
Refused	7%	7%	4%	7%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q31. In politics today, do you consider yourself...?</b>				
A Republican	26%	75%	-	-
A Democrat	32%	-	75%	-
An Independent	33%	24%	24%	100%
Other	3%	1%	*	-
Don't know	2%	*	1%	-
Refused	3%	-	-	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146
<b>Q32. As of today do you lean more to the...? [Base: Those who consider themselves Independent/Other/Don't know.]</b>				
Democratic Party	28%	-	100%	-
Republican Party	23%	100%	-	-
Do not lean	48%	-	-	97%
Refused	2%	-	-	3%
	n=380	n=93	n= 103	n=146
<b>Q33. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the 2016 election for president or not?</b>				
Yes, voted	82%	89%	87%	67%
No, did not vote	16%	11%	12%	31%
Don't know	1%	-	*	2%
Refused	2%	-	1%	-
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

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<b>Q34. For whom did you vote in the 2016 election for president? [Base: Those who voted in the 2016 election.]</b>				
Hillary Clinton	41%	3%	82%	22%
Donald Trump	38%	84%	2%	30%
Gary Johnson	3%	4%	2%	8%
Jill Stein	2%	1%	1%	4%
Someone else	7%	3%	7%	14%
Did not vote	1%	1%	1%	-
Don't know	1%	*	1%	3%
Refused	8%	4%	5%	19%
	n=822	n=324	n=370	n=95
<b>Q35. Even though you did not vote in the election, which candidate did you support and want to win? [Base: Those who did not vote in the 2016 election.]</b>				
Hillary Clinton	20%	8%	36%	20%
Donald Trump	15%	47%	2%	10%
Gary Johnson	2%	3%	2%	2%
Jill Stein	1%	-	-	2%
None of them	34%	32%	40%	33%
Someone else	13%	5%	16%	18%
Did not vote	6	-	4%	2%
Don't know	7%	5%	-	10%
Refused	1%	-	-	2%
	n=155	n=36	n=48	n=48
Region (Determined by...)				
Northeast	18%	13%	22%	21%
Midwest	21%	23%	20%	23%
South	37%	40%	36%	33%
West	23%	24%	23%	23%
	N=1,000	n=360	n=422	n=146

