

# GW Battleground (LXIII)

**FINAL DRAFT**

**STUDY #15755**

**THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS**

**N = 1,000 Registered voters**

**Margin of error  $\pm$  3.1%**

**Field Dates: March 4-8, 2018**

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Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ of The Tarrance Group, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people today about public leaders and issues facing us all.

**IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK:** May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote?

**IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

CP-1. Do you currently live in (state from cell sample sheet)?

Yes (**CONTINUE TO CP-3**)

No (**CONTINUE TO CP-2**)

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**IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:**

CP-2. In what state do you currently reside?

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(**RECORD STATE NAME**)

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**IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:**

CP-3. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes (**SCHEDULE CALL BACK**)

No

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A. Are you registered to vote in your state?

**IF "NO," ASK:** Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote?

**(IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?)**

Yes (**CONTINUE**)

No (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

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\*=less than .5%

C. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

Yes **(THANK AND TERMINATE)**  
No **(CONTINUE)**

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D1-1. In order to ensure an accurate sample: What is your age, please?

18-24 .....	5%
25-29 .....	6%
30-34 .....	9%
35-39 .....	14%
40-44 .....	14%
45-54 .....	12%
55-64 .....	19%
65-69 .....	8%
70-74 .....	5%
75-79 .....	4%
80-84 .....	2%
85-89 .....	1%
90 or over .....	1%
HARD REFUSE .....	1%

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Now thinking ahead to the election for U.S. Senate and Congress that will be held in November --

E. What is the likelihood of your voting in the 2018 elections for the U.S. Senate and Congress – are you extremely likely, very likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely at all?

<b>(CONTINUE)</b>	Extremely Likely.....	65%
	Very Likely.....	23%
	Somewhat Likely .....	11%
<b>(THANK AND TERMINATE)</b>	Not Very Likely	
	<b>UNSURE (DNR)</b>	

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Now, thinking for a moment about things in the country--

1. Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

<b>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</b> And do you feel strongly or somewhat about that?	Right direction/strongly ..... 24%
	Right direction/somewhat ..... 11%
	UNSURE (DNR) ..... 7%
	Wrong track/somewhat ..... 8%
	Wrong track/strongly ..... 51%

(DIRECT)

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Thinking now about the elections for Congress that will be held in November 2018...

2. If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for - - (RANDOMIZE) --
- the Republican candidate or
  - the Democrat candidate, in your district?

<b>IF "UNDECIDED", ASK:</b> And which party's candidate do you lean toward at this time?	Republican ..... 35%
	Lean Republican ..... 5%
	UNDECIDED (DNR) ..... 12%
	Lean Democrat ..... 4%
	Democrat ..... 45%

(GENERIC)

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Now, thinking about President Donald Trump...

3. How would you rate the job Donald Trump has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

<b>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</b> And do you feel <i>strongly</i> about that?	Approve/strongly ..... 29%
	Approve ..... 13%
	UNSURE (DNR) ..... 4%
	Disapprove ..... 7%
	Disapprove/strongly ..... 48%

(DJTJA)

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**IF VALUES 1-2 IN Q3, ASK:**

- 3-1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement – “*Even though I approve of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President, I have some real questions about his agenda or his style of leadership.*”

<b>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</b> And do you strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree) with that?	Agree/strongly ..... 17%
	Agree/somewhat ..... 20%
	UNSURE (DNR) ..... 5%
	Disagree/somewhat ..... 17%
	Disagree/strongly ..... 41%

(DTNEG)

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**IF VALUES 3-5 IN Q3, ASK:**

3-2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement – “*Even though I may not approve of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President, I do like some of his policies and some of the actions he has taken.*”

<b><u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u></b>	Agree/strongly.....	6%
And do you strongly	Agree/somewhat.....	15%
(agree/disagree)	<b>UNSURE (DNR)</b> .....	3%
or somewhat (agree/	Disagree/somewhat.....	11%
disagree) with that?	Disagree/strongly .....	64%

(DTACT)

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**\*\*\*ASK OF EVERYONE\*\*\***

And, thinking about how Donald Trump has been doing on some issues,,

I am going to read you a list of issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump has been doing on this issue.

**(READ AND RANDOMIZE)**

**IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:** Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

<b>*** RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS***</b>		<b>APPROVE</b>		<b>UNSURE (DNR)</b>	<b>DISAPPROVE</b>	
		<b><u>strng</u></b>	<b><u>smwht</u></b>	<b><u>UNSURE (DNR)</u></b>	<b><u>smwht</u></b>	<b><u>strng</u></b>
4.	The economy <b>(PROMPT: DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THAT DONALD TRUMP HAS BEEN DOING ON THIS ISSUE?)</b>	37%	14%	4%	13%	32%
5.	Foreign affairs	22%	17%	5%	11%	46%
6.	Dealing with North Korea	29%	12%	6%	11%	42%
7.	Taxes	35%	12%	5%	11%	37%
8.	Jobs	38%	14%	7%	14%	27%
9.	Dealing with Congress	22%	16%	6%	17%	40%
10.	Immigration	30%	13%	2%	7%	49%
11.	Health care	22%	17%	6%	9%	47%
12.	National security	33%	15%	5%	10%	37%
13.	Dealing with gun violence	20%	19%	6%	10%	45%

(DJTIS1-10)

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**(END RANDOMIZATION)**

Now, thinking about Congress for a moment...

14. Would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable impression about Congress as a whole?

<b><u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u></b>	Favorable/strongly.....	4%
Would that be a strongly (favorable/unfavorable)	Favorable/somewhat .....	13%
impression or just a somewhat	UNSURE (DNR) .....	5%
(favorable/unfavorable) impression?	Unfavorable/somewhat .....	27%
	Unfavorable/strongly .....	51%

(CONFAV)

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Thinking specifically about your Member of Congress...

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that your Member of Congress is doing?

<b><u>IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:</u></b>	Approve/strongly.....	22%
And do you feel <i>strongly</i>	Approve.....	28%
about that?	UNSURE (DNR) .....	13%
	Disapprove.....	14%
	Disapprove/strongly .....	24%

(CONGJA)

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And,

16. Do you think your Member of Congress has been **(ROTATE)** too supportive of President Donald Trump or not supportive enough of President Trump, or just about right?

Too supportive .....	20%
Not supportive enough.....	26%
Just about right.....	41%
UNSURE (DNR) .....	14%

(MOCDT)

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Now, I am going to mention several stories that have been in the news over the past few months. For each one, please tell me if you have been following this story closely, somewhat, a little, or not at all. Here is the first one...

**(RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS)**

	<u>Closely</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>
17. The ongoing discussions about discrimination and harassment of women in the workplace. <b>(PROMPT: HAVE YOU BEEN FOLLOWING THIS STORY CLOSELY, SOMEWHAT, A LITTLE, OR NOT AT ALL?)</b>	47%	31%	10%	13%	*
18. Efforts by Congress to reform our immigration system, including how to deal with “dreamers”, illegal immigrants who were brought to America as minors.	56%	32%	7%	5%	1%
19. The opioid (“OH-pee-oyd”) epidemic	37%	38%	10%	15%	1%
20. The school shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida.	72%	22%	4%	2%	
21. The conflict with North Korea over their attempts to develop nuclear weapons.	53%	35%	7%	5%	*
22. The ongoing investigation by the FBI and a special counsel into Russian attempts to influence the outcome of the 2016 Presidential election.	50%	29%	10%	11%	

**(END RANDOMIZATION)**

23. The tax reform law passed in December 2017.	51%	31%	9%	8%	1%
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**(STOR1-7)**

Thinking a bit more about the tax reform law passed in December 2017...

24. Would you say that you favor or oppose this law?

**IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:**

And do you strongly	Favor/strongly .....	30%
(Favor/Oppose) or	Favor/somewhat .....	15%
somewhat (Favor/Oppose)?	UNSURE ( <b>DNR</b> ) .....	12%
	Oppose/somewhat .....	13%
	Oppose/strongly .....	31%

**(TAXFAV)**

And, thinking for a moment more about the investigation into attempts by Russia to influence the 2016 Presidential election...

25. As you may know, there is currently a special counsel investigating allegations that Russia attempted to influence the 2016 Presidential election and allegations that members of the Trump campaign were involved in this effort. Based on what you know about these allegations, which of these statements best describes your view:

- Members of the Trump campaign committed crimes and actively assisted Russia's efforts,
- Members of the Trump campaign behaved unethically but did not commit any crimes, OR
- Members of the Trump campaign behaved just as any campaign staffer would?

Trump campaign staffers committed crimes..... 39%  
Trump campaign staffers behaved unethically..... 16%  
Trump campaign staffers behaved normally..... 34%  
ALL/NONE/OTHER/MIXED (DNR)..... 4%  
UNSURE (DNR)..... 7%

(HCDEB)

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And,

26. How important would you say the findings from this investigation of Russian influence in the 2016 Presidential election will be to your vote decisions in 2018? Would you say that this issue is extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all important to your 2018 vote decisions?

Extremely important..... 27%  
Very important..... 13%  
Somewhat important..... 17%  
Not at all important..... 41%  
OTHER/MIXED (DNR)..... 1%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 1%

(RUSS18)

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Now, I would like to read you a list of statements that some people made about the US economy. Please listen carefully as I read each statement and tell me if you would agree or disagree with that particular statement.  
**(READ AND ROTATE)**

**IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:** Is that strongly (agree/disagree) or somewhat (agree/disagree)?

		<b>AGREE</b>		<b>UNSURE (DNR)</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	
		<b><u>strng</u></b>	<b><u>smwht</u></b>		<b><u>smwht</u></b>	<b><u>strng</u></b>
27.	In America, anyone can get ahead if they work hard enough. <b>(PROMPT: DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THIS STATEMENT?)</b>	43%	23%	2%	12%	20%
28.	I think the next generation will be better off economically than I am now.	15%	22%	7%	25%	31%
29.	Our economy makes it too tough for the middle class to make ends meet.	46%	22%	2%	18%	12%
30.	I am optimistic about where I will be financially five years from now.	45%	27%	4%	11%	14%
31.	I think Congress and the President are working to improve my financial situation.	17%	22%	3%	15%	43%
32.	Most of the time, elected officials get in the way of economic growth	42%	31%	5%	18%	5%
33.	Federal policies are helping to improve my financial situation.	15%	22%	5%	25%	34%
34.	The next generation will have more opportunities in life that I had.	22%	29%	6%	22%	22%

(AGR1-AGR8)

**(END ROTATION)**

Now, just two questions about something a little different...

35. Journalists sometimes talk about red states and blue states. When they do this, do you think they mean:

- Red states are states that usually elect Democrats,
- Red states are states that usually elect Republicans, OR
- Are you unsure what the term red state means?

Red states elect Democrats..... 6%  
 Red states elect Republicans ..... 73%  
 Unsure ..... 19%  
 REFUSED (DNR)..... 2%

(REDST)



36. Over the past few months, many public figures have said or done very offensive things. Do you think that:  
**(ROTATE CHOICES)**

- Our society has changed and this is just how things are now, OR
- This is a temporary change and our society will again no longer tolerate these behaviors.

Society has changed/how things are now ..... 36%  
 Temporary change..... 49%  
 BOTH/NEITHER/COMBINATION (DNR)..... 6%  
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 9%

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only...

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?  
**(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)**

Some grade school (1-8) ..... 1%  
 Some high school (9-11) ..... 2%  
 Graduated high school (12)..... 13%  
 Technical/vocational (12)..... 2%  
 Some college (13-15)..... 26%  
 Graduated college (16)..... 35%  
 Graduate/professional school (16 or more)..... 20%  
 Unsure/Refused..... 1%

(EDUC)

D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...  
**(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

Very conservative..... 19%  
 Somewhat conservative ..... 31%  
 MODERATE (DNR) ..... 4%  
 Somewhat liberal..... 30%  
 Very liberal..... 13%  
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 2%

(IDEOL)

And,

D4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

**IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,**  
**ASK:** Would you call yourself a  
 strong or a not very strong  
 (Republican/Democrat)?

Republican/strong..... 24%  
 Republican/not strong..... 7%  
 Lean Republican ..... 7%

Independent ..... 18%

**IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING**  
**ELSE, ASK:** Do you think  
 of yourself as closer to the  
 Republican or Democratic Party?

Lean Democrat..... 7%  
 Democrat/not strong..... 9%  
 Democrat/strong..... 26%

NO PREFERENCE (DNR) ..... 1%  
 OTHER (DNR)..... 1%  
 UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)..... 1%

(PARTYID)

D5. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

**(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

Straight Republican ..... 14%  
Mostly Republican ..... 21%  
A few more Republicans than Democrats..... 8%  
INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON **(DNR)**..... 2%  
A few more Democrats than Republicans..... 9%  
Mostly Democratic..... 23%  
Straight Democratic..... 20%  
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** ..... 4%

(PARTY)

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Now, thinking about the election for President that was held in 2016 --

D6. Which candidate for President of the United States did you vote for? Was it -- **(ROTATE)** -- •Donald Trump, or •Hillary Clinton?

Donald Trump..... 40%  
Hillary Clinton ..... 45%  
OTHER **(DNR)**..... 7%  
TOO YOUNG TO VOTE **(DNR)** ..... 1%  
DID NOT VOTE **(DNR)** ..... 4%  
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)**..... 3%

(PVOTE16)

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D7. Are you a member of a labor union, including trade unions, service employee unions, public employee unions, and teachers unions?

**IF NO, THEN ASK:** Is anyone in your household a member of one of these types of labor unions?

Labor Union Member ..... 12%  
Labor Union Household..... 3%  
Non-Union Household..... 82%  
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)**..... 3%

(UNION)

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D8. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single ..... 22%  
Married ..... 60%  
Separated ..... 1%  
Divorced ..... 8%  
Widowed ..... 8%  
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)** ..... 1%

(MARITAL)

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D9. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes..... 38%  
No ..... 62%  
UNSURE/REFUSED **(DNR)**..... \*

(CHILD)

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D10. How often do you attend church or synagogue?

More than once a week ..... 10%  
Once a week ..... 22%  
Several times a month ..... 10%  
Once a month ..... 6%  
Several times a year ..... 14%  
Only on holidays ..... 13%  
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND ..... 24%  
UNSURE/REFUSED ..... 2%

(DENOMFRQ)

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D11. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical ..... 34%  
Not born-again ..... 57%  
REFUSED (DNR) ..... 9%

(BORN)

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D12. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White ..... 77%  
Black/African-American ..... 12%  
Hispanic/Latino (TO D11) ..... 5%  
Asian/Pacific American ..... 1%  
Native American ..... 1%  
Other ..... 3%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 1%

(RACE)

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**FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT "HISPANIC/LATINO," ASK:**

D12-1. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes ..... 4%  
No ..... 95%  
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) ..... 2%

(HISP)

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**\*\*ASK OF EVERYONE\*\***

And, thinking about your economic class...

D13. Do you consider yourself to be:  
**(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

- Upper class,
- Middle class,
- Low income?

Upper class .....	9%
Middle class.....	72%
Low income.....	17%
Working class <b>(DNR)</b> .....	1%
Unemployed <b>(DNR)</b> .....	*
Refused <b>(DNR)</b> .....	1%

(ECONCLA2)

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D14. Sex/Emp **(BY OBSERVATION)**

**ASK OF EVERYONE:** Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, not in the labor force, retired, or unemployed?

Male/employed .....	26%
Male/self-employed.....	9%
Male/not in labor force .....	2%
Male/retired .....	8%
Male/unemployed.....	2%
Female/employed .....	25%
Female/self-employed.....	5%
Female/not in labor force .....	3%
Female/retired .....	15%
Female/unemployed .....	4%
MALE/REFUSED <b>(DNR)</b> .....	1%
FEMALE/REFUSED <b>(DNR)</b> .....	*

(SEXEMP)

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- D15. **REGION CODE (2)**
- D16. **STATE/COUNTY CODE (2 / 3)**
- D17. **CD CODE (2)**
- D18. **URBAN/SUBURBAN/RURAL CODE (1)**
- D19. **CELL CODE (1)**
- D20. **YOUTH CODE (1)**
- D21. **ZIP CODE (5)**

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