THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BATTLEGROUNDS POLL

A national survey of 1,000 Registered Voters
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?

![Graph showing the percentage of people feeling the country is going in the right direction, wrong track, and unsure over time.]

Q1
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?
Thinking now about the elections for Congress that will be held in November 2018…
If the election for Congress were being held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for…
the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate, in your district?

- Republican: 38% (8/17/2017), 40% (3/8/2018)
- Undecided: 18% (8/17/2017), 12% (3/8/2018)
- Democrat: 44% (8/17/2017), 49% (3/8/2018)
How would you rate the job Donald Trump has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

43% Approve
42% Disapprove
4% Unsure

54% Approve
55% Disapprove

8/17/2017
3/8/2018
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.”
(If values 1-2 in Q3, Asked of N= 420 Respondents, or 41.5% of Sample)

- Agree: 37%
- Unsure: 5%
- Disagree: 59%
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.”

(If values 3-5 in Q3, Asked of N= 591 Respondents, or 58.5% of Sample)
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.

The economy

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| 3/8/2018  | 51% | 4% | 45% |

Approve  Unsure  Disapprove
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**Foreign affairs**

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**Dealing with North Korea**

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- **Taxes**
  - Approve: 47%
  - Unsure: 5%
  - Disapprove: 48%

- **Jobs**
  - Approve: 52%
  - Unsure: 7%
  - Disapprove: 41%

- **Dealing with Congress**
  - Approve: 38%
  - Unsure: 6%
  - Disapprove: 57%
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.

- **Immigration**: 42% Approve, 2% Unsure, 56% Disapprove
- **Health care**: 38% Approve, 6% Unsure, 56% Disapprove
- **National security**: 48% Approve, 5% Unsure, 48% Disapprove
- **Dealing with gun violence**: 39% Approve, 6% Unsure, 55% Disapprove
Would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable impression about Congress as a whole?

- Favorable: 17%
- Unsure: 5%
- Unfavorable: 78%
Do you approve or disapprove of the job that your Member of Congress is doing?

- Approve: 42% (8/17/2017), 50% (3/8/2018)
- Unsure: 13% (8/17/2017), 13% (3/8/2018)
- Disapprove: 46% (8/17/2017), 37% (3/8/2018)
Do you think your Member of Congress has been too supportive of President Donald Trump or not supportive enough of President Trump, or just about right?

- Too supportive: 20% (8/17/2017), 20% (3/8/2018)
- Not supportive enough: 33% (8/17/2017), 26% (3/8/2018)
- Just about right: 31% (8/17/2017), 41% (3/8/2018)
- Unsure: 16% (8/17/2017), 14% (3/8/2018)
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.

- The ongoing discussions about discrimination and harassment of women in the workplace: 47% Closely, 31% Somewhat, 10% A little, 13% Not at all

- Efforts by Congress to reform our immigration system, including how to deal with “dreamers”, illegal immigrants who were brought to America as minors: 56% Closely, 32% Somewhat, 7% A little, 5% Not at all

- The opioid epidemic: 37% Closely, 38% Somewhat, 10% A little, 15% Not at all

- The school shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida: 72% Closely, 22% Somewhat, 2% A little, 4% Not at all
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The conflict with North Korea over their attempts to develop nuclear weapons.

- Closely: 53%
- Somewhat: 35%
- A little: 7%
- Not at all: 5%
- Unsure: 0%

The ongoing investigation by the FBI and a special counsel into Russian attempts to influence the outcome of the 2016 Presidential election.

- Closely: 50%
- Somewhat: 29%
- A little: 10%
- Not at all: 11%
- Unsure: 0%

The tax reform law passed in December 2017.

- Closely: 51%
- Somewhat: 31%
- A little: 9%
- Not at all: 8%
- Unsure: 1%
Thinking a bit more about the tax reform law passed in December 2017…
Would you say that you favor or oppose this law?

- Favor: 45%
- Unsure: 12%
- Oppose: 44%
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: 31% (8/17/2017) vs 39% (3/8/2018)
- Members of the Trump campaign behaved unethically but did not commit any crimes: 21% (8/17/2017) vs 16% (3/8/2018)
- Members of the Trump campaign behaved just as any campaign staffer would: 37% (8/17/2017) vs 34% (3/8/2018)
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%
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.

- In America, anyone can get ahead if they work hard enough.
- I think the next generation will be better off economically than I am now.
- Our economy makes it too tough for the middle class to make ends meet.
- I am optimistic about where I will be financially five years from now.
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<td>I think Congress and the President are working to improve my financial situation.</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>Most of the time, elected officials get in the way of economic growth</td>
<td>72%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Federal policies are helping to improve my financial situation.</td>
<td>37%</td>
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<td>The next generation will have more opportunities in life that I had.</td>
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Journalists sometimes talk about red states and blue states. When they do this, do you think they mean:

- 6% Red states elect Democrats
- 73% Red states elect Republicans
- 19% Unsure

Q35
Over the past few months, many public figures have said or done very offensive things. Do you think that:

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.

- 36% Society has changed/how things are now
- 49% Temporary change
- 6% Both/neither
- 9% Unsure