

PRRI August 2017 Survey
Total = 2,024 (818 Landline, 1,206 Cell phone)
August 2 – 8, 2017

Q.1 Now we'd like your views on a few things. Please say whether your overall opinion of each of the following is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. First... **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Russian President Vladimir Putin

4	Very favorable
11	Mostly favorable
28	Mostly unfavorable
38	Very unfavorable
6	Have not heard of
<u>13</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Donald Trump

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Mostly favorable</u>	<u>Mostly unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>Have not heard of (VOL.)</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2017	18	20	15	41	1	5=100
Feb. 2017	16	27	16	34	*	6=100
Jan. 2017	17	26	17	35	1	5=100
Sept. 2016	10	23	15	50	2	1=100
May 2016	10	18	16	53	1	1=100
April 2016	8	16	18	52	*	6=100
Jan. 2016	12	19	22	42	*	5=100
Nov. 2015	11	16	21	44	2	6=100
Oct. 2015	9	21	21	45	3	1=100

c. George W. Bush

	<u>Very favorable</u>	<u>Mostly favorable</u>	<u>Mostly unfavorable</u>	<u>Very unfavorable</u>	<u>Have not heard of</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2017	14	39	26	15	1	5=100
Sept. 2016	10	35	26	27	1	1=100
Aug. 2012	13	30	26	28	-	3=100
Sept. 2010	12	30	26	30	-	2=100

d. Ronald Reagan

30	Very favorable
35	Mostly favorable
15	Mostly unfavorable
10	Very unfavorable
3	Have not heard of
<u>7</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
100	Total

e. Russia

<u>Aug. 2017</u>	<u>Oct. 2013¹</u>	
5	2	Very favorable
20	30	Mostly favorable
34	34	Mostly unfavorable
24	20	Very unfavorable
2	-	Have not heard of
<u>16</u>	15	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
100	100	Total

¹ Pew Research Center for the People and the Press/Council on Foreign Relations, America's Place in the World Survey, October 2013.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,002]:

Q.2 Based on what you have read or heard, do you believe that President Donald Trump should be impeached and removed from office, or don't you feel that way?

Aug. <u>2017</u>	Feb. <u>2017</u>	Nov. <u>2014</u> ²	Sept. <u>2006</u> ³	
40	30	29	30	Should be impeached
53	65	70	69	Don't feel that way
<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,022]:

Q.3 Based on what you have read or heard, do you believe that President Donald Trump has acted in ways that violate the U.S. Constitution, or don't you think so?

Aug. <u>2017</u>	Feb. <u>2017</u>	
49	47	Yes, has violated the constitution
43	46	No, don't think so
<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK ALL:

Q.4 Do you consider Russia an ally of the United States, friendly but not an ally, unfriendly, or an enemy of the United States?

Aug. <u>2017</u>	Apr. <u>2017</u> ⁴	Jul. <u>2016</u> ⁵	May <u>2014</u> ⁶	May <u>2011</u> ⁷	May <u>2003</u> ⁸	
8	8	8	6	16	15	Ally
26	33	31	15	45	50	Friendly
31	32	37	52	28	20	Unfriendly
24	25	21	25	9	10	Enemy
<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	100	100	Total

² CNN/ORC International Poll, November 2014. Question was asked about Barack Obama.

³ CNN Poll, September 2006. Question was asked about George W. Bush.

⁴ CNN/ORC International Poll, April 2017.

⁵ CNN/ORC International Poll, July 2016.

⁶ CNN/ORC International Poll, May 2014.

⁷ CNN/Opinion Research Corporation Poll, May 2011.

⁸ Gallup/CNN/USA Today Poll, May 2003.

PARTY Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as...?

23	A Republican
30	A Democrat
39	An independent
<u>8</u>	Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER [PARTY=3,4,0,8,9], ASK [N=922]:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more towards the Republican Party or more towards the Democratic Party?

29	Republican
38	Democrat
<u>33</u>	Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF IDENTIFY AS REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN = 1), ASK [N=803]:

Q.5 Who do you think better represents the core principles and values of the Republican Party [INSERT; RANDOMIZE] or [INSERT]?

25	Donald Trump
68	Ronald Reagan
3	Both equally (VOL.)
1	Neither (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=865]:

Q.6 How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married a **[IF REPUBLICAN OR LEANS REPUBLICAN INSERT: “Democrat” IF DEMOCRAT OR LEANS DEMOCRAT, INSERT: “Republican?”]** Would you be... **[READ IN ORDER]**

6	Very upset
8	Somewhat upset
83	Not upset at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=884]:

Q.7 How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married **[IF REPUBLICAN OR LEANS REPUBLICAN INSERT: “an opponent of Donald Trump” IF DEMOCRAT OR LEANS DEMOCRAT, INSERT: “a supporter of Donald Trump?”]** Would you be...

15	Very upset
18	Somewhat upset
63	Not upset at all
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Now, as I read some statements on a few different topics, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next...

ASK FORM 1: [N=1,002]

a. There is clear evidence that Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election to help Donald Trump's campaign.

24	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
19	Mostly disagree
24	Completely disagree
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1022]:

b. Most people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol could get clean and sober if they just tried harder.

25	Completely agree
29	Mostly agree
29	Mostly disagree
14	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1022]:

c. Most serious health conditions can be traced back to people making poor lifestyle choices.

17	Completely agree
44	Mostly agree
25	Mostly disagree
12	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1022]:

d. Today, too many people say they have mental health problems to avoid taking responsibility for their lives.

18	Completely agree
34	Mostly agree
29	Mostly disagree
14	Completely disagree
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1022]:

Q.9 How worried, if at all, are you that you or someone in your family will lose their health insurance coverage in the next 12 months?

26	Very worried
19	Somewhat worried
21	Not too worried
33	Not at all worried
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

Turning to a different topic...

Q.10 If a business owner provides wedding services, such as catering, flowers or wedding cakes, should that business owner... **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

Aug. 2017	Sep. 2016 ⁹	
41	48	Be allowed to refuse to provide those services to same-sex couples if it violates their religious beliefs
53	49	Be required to provide the same services to same-sex couples as they would to all other customers
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.11 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT; RANDOMIZE]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY: Do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose this?]**

ASK ALL:

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2017	38	28	12	16	6=100
Feb. 2017	36	27	15	19	4=100
Jan. 2017	30	30	17	14	9=100
Dec. 2016	29	29	19	15	8=100
Nov. 2016	33	26	17	15	10=100
Oct. 2016	31	26	16	19	8=100
Late Sept. 2016	34	30	16	18	1=100
Early Sept. 2016	28	29	16	16	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	31	31	15	15	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	29	28	19	14	11=100
July 2016	28	28	21	13	10=100
June 2016	25	30	20	15	10=100
Late May 2016	25	30	17	19	8=100
Early May 2016	32	30	18	18	2=100
Dec. 2015	22	30	19	19	10=100
Nov. 2015	32	24	17	20	8=100
Late Oct. 2015	27	28	19	19	6=100
Early Oct. 2015	31	29	17	22	1=100

⁹ Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel Poll, September 2016. The Pew question did not include a reference to "wedding cakes."

Sept. 2015	28	27	16	21	7=100
Late Aug. 2015	26	29	15	20	9=100
Early Aug. 2015	28	25	16	23	8=100
July 2015	24	28	16	24	8=100
June 2015	27	28	18	19	9=100
May 2015	26	27	20	19	9=100
Dec. 2014	25	32	18	18	7=100
Nov. 2014	25	29	20	19	7=100
Oct. 2014	24	32	18	17	9=100
Sept. 2014	22	33	18	19	8=100
Late Aug. 2014	24	25	20	22	9=100
Early Aug. 2014	28	28	17	20	7=100
July 2014	24	29	18	20	10=100
June 2014	25	28	14	26	7=100
May 2014	26	24	19	21	10=100
April 2014	27	27	18	22	5=100
Dec. 2013	22	31	21	20	5=100
Oct. 2013	25	27	19	25	4=100
June 2013	22	30	21	20	7=100
May 2013	24	28	22	21	5=100
March 2013	23	27	18	21	10=100
Feb. 2013	25	27	19	23	7=100
Sept. 2012	24	25	18	27	7=100
Aug. 2012	24	25	17	28	6=100
June 2012	25	24	18	26	7=100
March 2012	22	30	19	25	5=100
Oct. 2011	24	24	20	26	6=100
Aug. 2011	19	29	21	25	6=100
July 2011	18	29	21	26	6=100

b. Allowing a small business owner in your state to refuse to provide products or services to gay or lesbian people, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2017	16	23	24	32	5=100
Feb. 2017	16	16	24	40	4=100
Jan. 2017	12	17	29	34	8=100
Dec. 2016	14	14	30	35	8=100
Nov. 2016	11	16	26	36	11=100
Oct. 2016	14	17	25	37	7=100
Sept. 2016	10	21	25	33	11=100
Late Aug. 2016	14	16	28	35	7=100
Early Aug. 2016	9	20	31	30	9=100
July 2016	9	22	29	31	8=100

June 2016	13	17	29	31	9=100
May 2016	13	21	28	32	6=100
Dec. 2015	15	21	32	26	7=100
Nov. 2015	15	20	23	36	7=100
Oct. 2015	14	20	27	32	6=100
Sept. 2015	17	18	28	32	5=100
Late Aug. 2015	14	21	29	28	8=100
Early Aug. 2015	17	21	28	28	5=100
July 2015	17	19	27	28	7=100
June 2015	16	18	28	32	5=100
May 2015	14	18	30	32	5=100

c. Laws that would protect gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people against discrimination in jobs, public accommodations, and housing

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
Aug. 2017	42	30	13	11	5=100
Feb. 2017	42	28	11	15	5=100
Aug. 2016	38	34	13	10	5=100
Dec. 2015	32	37	16	10	5=100
Nov. 2015	39	33	12	11	6=100
Oct. 2015	34	35	15	11	4=100
Sept. 2015	37	34	15	10	4=100
Late Aug. 2015	37	33	15	9	6=100
Early Aug. 2015	35	36	13	11	5=100
July 2015	34	34	14	11	6=100
June 2015	40	29	13	12	6=100
May 2015	35	36	15	9	5=100

d. Laws that require transgender individuals to use bathrooms that correspond to their sex at birth rather than their current gender identity

Aug. 2017	Feb. 2017	Aug. 2016	
19	19	15	Strongly favor
19	20	20	Favor
22	22	23	Oppose
28	31	30	Strongly oppose
<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,022]

e. Reducing federal funding for the Medicaid program that covers health care for lower income people

12	Strongly favor
16	Favor
23	Oppose
46	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

f. Allowing transgender people to serve in the U.S. military

32	Strongly favor
32	Favor
14	Oppose
16	Strongly oppose
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,002]

g. Allowing illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Aug. 2017	32	35	13	14	5=100
June 2015	33	33	15	14	4=100
Feb. 2015	21	47	18	10	5=100
Dec. 2014	26	38	20	14	2=100
March 2013	21	40	21	13	4=100
Oct. 2012	25	35	20	17	4=100
Sept. 2012	23	37	18	18	4=100
June 2012	23	32	21	20	4=100
Sept. 2011	18	39	24	16	3=100

ASK ALL:

Q.12 In some states there is a debate over whether religiously affiliated adoption agencies should be able to use their religious beliefs to determine which families are eligible to adopt children. Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** should be able to refuse to place children with qualified gay and lesbian couples, or not? What about...**[INSERT]**

a. Religiously affiliated agencies that receive federal funding

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Mar.</u> <u>2012</u>	
28	32	Yes, should be able to refuse
68	63	No, should not be able to refuse
<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Religiously affiliated agencies that receive NO federal funding

<u>Aug.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Mar.</u> <u>2012</u>	
44	44	Yes, should be able to refuse
51	50	No, should not be able to refuse
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI. The survey was made possible by generous grants from the Arcus Foundation, the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, the Gill Foundation and the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between August 2, 2017, and August 8, 2017, by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,024 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (1,206 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone). The selection of respondents within households was accomplished by randomly requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female currently living in the household.

Data collection is based on stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) sample of landline telephone households and randomly generated cell phone numbers. The sample is designed to represent the total U.S. adult population and includes respondents from all 50 states, including Hawaii and Alaska. The landline and cell phone samples are provided by Marketing Systems Group.

The weighting is accomplished in two separate stages. The first stage of weighting corrects for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns. In the second stage, sample demographics are balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2010 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the July-December 2016 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's May 2016 Current Population Survey.

The sample weighting is accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IFP) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.7 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.5. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context and order effects.

Appendix

**Table 1. Demographic, Political, Religious,
and Issue Subgroup Sample Sizes**

(All figures are unweighted)

	<u>General Public</u>
Total sample	2,024
Male	1,031
Female	993
Republican	511
Independent	796
Democrat	591
White, non-Hispanic	1,388
Black, non-Hispanic	194
Hispanic	211
Age 18-29	277
30-49	453
50-64	573
65+	715
White evangelical Protestant	367
White mainline Protestant	309
Black Protestant	126
Catholic	403
<i>White Catholic</i>	<i>259</i>
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	<i>109</i>
Religiously unaffiliated	469