



**PRRI September 2018 Survey**  
**Total = 1,856 (732 Landline, 1,124 Cell)**  
**August 22 – September 2, 2018**

Q.1 Thinking about some issues that are important to people, how important are the following issues to you personally? First... [INSERT]. Would you say this is a critical issue to you, one among many important issues, or not that important compared to other issues? What about [INSERT NEXT]? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Abortion

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Feb.</u> <u>2014</u>	
41	34	31	Critical issue
33	38	35	One among many important issues
23	27	30	Not that important an issue
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. Rising cost of health care

58	Critical issue
28	One among many important issues
13	Not that important an issue
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Access to contraception

28	Critical issue
33	One among many important issues
36	Not that important an issue
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The pay gap between men and women

30	Critical issue
35	One among many important issues
31	Not that important an issue
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## e. Protecting health care coverage for pre-existing conditions

53	Critical issue
35	One among many important issues
10	Not that important an issue
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## f. LGBT rights

24	Critical issue
33	One among many important issues
39	Not that important an issue
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## g. Sexual harassment in the workplace

39	Critical issue
37	One among many important issues
22	Not that important an issue
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2018 congressional election in November? Would you say you are... **[READ IN ORDER]**

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2018</u>	
60	50	Absolutely certain to vote
15	16	Probably will vote
9	11	Chances are 50-50
3	9	Less than 50-50 chance
12	12	Definitely not voting
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.3 Now, suppose the 2018 congressional election was being held TODAY. If you had to choose between **[READ AND ROTATE]** in your election district, who would you vote for?

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2017</u>	
35	41	36	35	The Republican candidate
44	53	42	43	The Democratic candidate
6	-	5	6	Other/Third Party candidate (VOL.)
-	-	3	-	Not going to vote (VOL.)
<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>16</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

**IF OTHER OR DON'T KNOW [Q3=3,9], ASK: [N=368]**

Q.4 As of TODAY, do you LEAN more towards **[READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q3]**?

18	The Republican candidate
20	The Democratic candidate
21	Other candidate (VOL.)
<u>41</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:****ROTATE Q5 AND Q6**

Q.5 Would you say your overall opinion of Donald Trump is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable?

	<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>
Sept. 2018	20	22	15	37	1	5=100
July 2018	16	25	17	36	*	5=100
June 2018	14	23	19	41	-	2=100
Mar. 2018	13	29	18	36	*	3=100
Jan. 2018	14	23	17	42	*	5=100
Oct. 2017	15	26	18	37	*	3=100
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

Q.6 All things being equal, would you prefer to vote for a man or a woman for Congress in your district this fall?

11	Man
17	Woman
70	Doesn't matter
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.7 If a political candidate has been accused of sexual harassment by multiple people, would you still consider voting for them if you agreed with them on the issues, or would you definitely not vote for them?

32	Still consider voting for
60	Definitely not vote for
<u>8</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

On a different subject...

Q.8 Do you think Roe versus Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that affirmed a constitutional right to abortion, was the right decision and should be upheld or was the wrong decision and should be overturned?

56	Right decision
33	Wrong decision
<u>11</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.9 Do you think Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court will vote to uphold the constitutional right to abortion, or will he vote to overturn it?

25	Uphold it
48	Overturn it
<u>27</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.10 If the Supreme Court overturns Roe versus Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that affirmed a constitutional right to abortion, to the best of your knowledge would that decision make abortion illegal in your state, would it still be legal or are you not sure?

17	Still be legal
19	Make abortion illegal
60	Not sure
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.11 Now as I read a few statements please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with each one. The first statement is **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next... **[INSERT NEXT]**.

a. The country would be better off if we had more women in political office

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2016</u>	
26	16	Completely agree
34	42	Mostly agree
19	32	Mostly disagree
10	8	Completely disagree
<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Access to contraception is critical for the financial security of women

37	Completely agree
33	Mostly agree
13	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

EMPLOY1 Currently, are you yourself employed full-time, part-time, or not at all?

**IF NOT EMPLOYED [EMPLOY1=3], ASK: [N=840]**

EMPLOY2 Are you... **[READ IN ORDER]**?

47	Full-time
13	Part-time
39	Not employed
19	<i>Retired</i>
6	<i>Homemaker</i>
3	<i>A student, or</i>
6	<i>Temporarily unemployed</i>
3	<i>Disabled/handicapped (VOL.)</i>
1	<i>Other not employed(VOL.)</i>
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED [EMPLOY1=1,2], ASK: [N=1,003]**

Q.12 Do you ever worry that you will be FALSELY accused of sexual harassment at work?  
Would you say you... **[READ IN ORDER]**?

4	Worry a great deal
12	Worry somewhat
84	Do not worry
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.13 If you are sexually harassed at work, do you feel that you could safely report your experience without it negatively affecting your career or job prospects?

75	Yes, could
22	No, could not
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**NO QUESTION 14**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY: [N=933]**

Q.15 There is currently a debate over what kinds of health care plans employers, including religiously affiliated employers, should be required to provide. Do you think **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** should be required to provide their employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost, or not? What about **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

## a. Churches and other places of worship

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	
45	42	Yes, should have to provide
50	53	No, should not have to provide
<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## b. Religiously affiliated colleges and universities

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	
54	52	Yes, should have to provide
41	44	No, should not have to provide
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## c. Religiously affiliated hospitals

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	
59	56	Yes, should have to provide
36	41	No, should not have to provide
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## d. Privately owned corporations

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	
61	57	Yes, should have to provide
35	40	No, should not have to provide
<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## e. Privately owned small businesses

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	
53	51	Yes, should have to provide
43	46	No, should not have to provide
<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

## f. Publicly held corporations

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2014</u>	
66	61	Yes, should have to provide
30	35	No, should not have to provide
<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total



**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 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?]**

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

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Sept. 2018	36	29	16	14	5=100
July 2018	38	33	12	10	7=100
Mar. 2018	34	36	16	9	5=100
Oct. 2017	38	32	15	11	4=100
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

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

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Sept. 2018	17	20	24	34	5=100
July 2018	17	25	25	24	9=100
Mar. 2018	15	22	26	31	6=100
Oct. 2017	13	19	29	34	5=100
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. Allowing a pharmacist in your community to refuse to provide contraceptives to women who have a valid prescription for them, if doing so violates their religious beliefs

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

d. Laws or policies that would prevent health care providers who receive federal funding from discussing the option of abortion with their patients

11	Strongly favor
20	Favor
28	Oppose
32	Strongly oppose
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.17 As you may know, the federal government provides funding for organizations to help lower-income women afford reproductive health care. Some of these organizations also provide abortions, but federal funds are not used to pay for them. Do you favor or oppose a new rule prohibiting federal funding from going to these reproductive health care providers even though none of these funds could be used for abortions?

40	Favor
53	Oppose
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**[FORM 1 ASK Q18 HERE, FORM 2 ASK Q18 AFTER Q23]**

Q.18 In your view, should government health insurance programs for low-income women, like Medicaid, cover the cost of birth control, or not?

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar.</u> <u>2018</u>	
77	83	Yes
21	15	No
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.19 Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases, or illegal in all cases? **[FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER (1-4), FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE ORDER (4-1)]**

	<u>Legal in all cases</u>	<u>Legal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in most cases</u>	<u>Illegal in all cases</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
Sept. 2018	24	35	23	14	4=100
Mar. 2018	21	33	29	14	3=100
Sept. 2016	26	36	25	12	1=100
Oct. 2015	22	35	27	14	1=100
Aug. 2015	20	33	26	17	4=100
Dec. 2014	23	33	25	15	3=100
Nov. 2014	24	33	25	14	4=100
Oct. 2014	23	34	25	15	4=100
Late Sept. 2014	20	33	24	17	6=100
Early Sept. 2014	19	33	28	16	4=100
Aug. 2014	23	33	23	18	3=100
July 2014	20	31	27	17	6=100
June 2014	21	32	28	16	3=100
May 2014	20	32	26	17	5=100
April 2014	19	30	26	19	7=100
Feb. 2014	20	32	27	14	6=100
July 2013	19	35	28	14	4=100
March 2013	23	33	24	14	5=100
Oct. 2012	22	34	24	15	5=100
Sept. 2012	20	34	27	14	4=100
Nov. 2011	21	32	29	14	3=100
Aug. 2011	18	34	29	15	4=100
June 2011	19	37	26	14	4=100
Oct. 2010	18	37	27	15	3=100

Q.20 Compared to your views five years ago, are your current views about abortion generally more supportive, more opposed or have they not changed?

<u>Sept. 2018</u>	<u>Mar. 2018</u>	
13	12	More supportive
10	11	More opposed
76	76	Have not changed
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.21 In your view, should government health insurance programs for low-income women, like Medicaid, cover abortion, or not?

<u>Sept. 2018</u>	<u>Mar. 2018</u>	
49	46	Yes
46	51	No
<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.22 Thinking about how the abortion issue might affect your vote for major offices, would you – only vote for a candidate who shares your views on abortion (or) consider a candidate's position on abortion as just one of many important factors (or) not see abortion as a major issue?

	<u>Candidate must share views on abortion</u>	<u>Abortion is one of many important factors</u>	<u>Abortion is not a major issue</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
Sept. 2018	22	50	23	5=100
Mar. 2018	18	47	31	4=100
May 2016 <sup>1</sup>	20	49	28	4=100
May 2015	21	46	27	5=100
May 2014	19	48	28	6=100
Sept. 2012	18	44	33	5=100
May 2008	13	49	37	2=100
May 2007	16	59	23	3=100
Oct. 2004	17	46	35	2=100
May 2004	14	45	39	2=100
May 2001	20	51	27	2=100
March 2000	15	49	33	3=100
April-May 1999	19	51	27	3=100
Late July 1996	16	51	30	3=100
Mid July 1996	18	48	30	4=100

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<sup>1</sup> Trend from Gallup

Q.23 Do you personally know someone, such as a close friend, family member, or yourself, who has had an abortion? **[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]**

<u>Sept.</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Mar.</u> <u>2018</u>	
28	27	Yes, close friend
16	18	Yes, family member
4	5	Yes, myself
15	11	Yes, someone else
46	47	No
3	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

*Note: Multiple responses accepted. Numbers do not add up to 100 percent.*

Now a few questions about you...

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

7	Baptist
20	Catholic, Roman Catholic
1	Evangelical
*	Jehovah's Witness
2	Jewish/Judaism
2	Lutheran
1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Muslim/Islamic
*	Orthodox (Eastern, Greek, Russian, Armenian, etc.)
1	Pentecostal (Assemblies of God, Four Square Gospel)
1	Presbyterian
12	Protestant
*	Seventh-Day Adventist
*	Unitarian/Universalist
1	Buddhist
1	Hindu
20	Christian (Just Christian)
1	Non-denominational or Independent Church
1	Episcopalian or Anglican
2	Methodist
*	Church of Christ, or Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)
*	Church of God
*	Congregational or United Church of Christ (UCC)
15	Nothing in particular
3	Atheist
3	Agnostic
1	Other
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF CHRISTIAN OR SOMETHING ELSE (RELIG= 1, 6, 8, 13-16, 22-30), ASK [N=855]:**

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

56	Yes
40	No
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total



**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 How big a problem, if at all, is child sexual abuse by clergy in churches today?  
**[READ IN ORDER]**

76	A major problem
12	A minor problem
7	Not a problem
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF CATHOLIC [RELIG=2], ASK: [N=366]**

Q.25 How much, if anything, have you heard about a recent grand jury report documenting child sexual abuse by more than 300 priests over a period of 70 years in Pennsylvania--a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

47	A lot
32	A little
19	Nothing at all
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE [Q26=1,2], ASK: [N=304]**

Q.26 And has this report about child sexual abuse by priests made you consider leaving the Catholic Church, or not?

16	Yes, has
83	No, has not
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent?

25	Republican
31	Democrat
39	Independent
<u>5</u>	Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [PARTY=3,9], ASK: [N=795]**

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

34	Republican
38	Democrat
<u>28</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

## Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI. The survey was made possible by a generous grant from an anonymous donor with additional support from The Nathan Cummings Foundation, Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock, and The New World Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between August 22, 2018 and September 2, 2018 by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 1,856 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (1,124 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 2017 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters are derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's May 2017 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 1.4. 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, and Religious Subgroup Sample Sizes**  
*(All figures are unweighted)*

	N=
Total Sample	1,856
Male	968
Female	888
Republican	493
Independent	709
Democrat	568
White, non-Hispanic	1,237
Black, non-Hispanic	168
Hispanic	248
Age 18-29	263
30-49	471
50-64	483
65+	637
White evangelical Protestant	324
White mainline Protestant	302
Black Protestant	114
Catholic	366
<i>White Catholic</i>	<i>202</i>
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	<i>122</i>
Religiously unaffiliated	382