

PRRI February 2017 Survey
Total = 2,031 (820 Landline, 1,211 Cell phone)
February 10 – February 19, 2017

Q.1 Do you think the Democrats in Washington have been too partisan in their early opposition to Donald Trump’s appointments or that they have been correctly representing the views of half the public that did not support Trump for president?

Feb. <u>2017</u>	Jan. <u>2001</u> ¹	
48	44	Too partisan
35	40	Correctly representing
<u>17</u>	<u>16</u>	Don’t know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

Q.2 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>
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

¹ PSRA/Newsweek Poll, January 2001. Question was asked about George W. Bush’s appointments.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,050]:

Q.3 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?

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

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=981]:

Q.4 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?

47	Yes, has violated the Constitution
46	No, don't think so
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:

On another subject...

Q.5 What worries you more... **[READ; ROTATE OPTIONS]**

Feb. <u>2017</u>	Aug. <u>2014</u>	
43	46	The government interfering with the ability of people to freely practice their religion
42	46	Religious groups trying to pass laws that force their beliefs on others
5	2	Neither (VOL.)
6	2	Both equally (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
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.

Q.6 How familiar are you with the term transgender? Do you know what this term means, have you heard of it but are not sure what it means, or have you never heard of the term transgender before?

<u>Feb.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2011</u>	
84	70	Know what the term means
11	24	Heard of it but not sure what it means
5	5	Never heard of the term before
*	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

Q.7 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/Next), **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**.

READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY: Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,034]:

a. Religious groups are alienating young people by being too judgmental about gay and lesbian issues

<u>Feb.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Dec.</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2011</u>	
19	25	23	Completely agree
31	33	31	Mostly agree
25	20	23	Mostly disagree
20	15	18	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

b. Legal protections that apply to gay and lesbian people should also apply to transgender people

<u>Feb.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Aug.</u> <u>2011</u>	
43	49	Completely agree
30	32	Mostly agree
10	7	Mostly disagree
12	6	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=997]:

c. Bullying of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender teenagers is a major problem in our schools

35	Completely agree
30	Mostly agree
18	Mostly disagree
11	Completely disagree
<u>6</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Sex is only morally acceptable if it is between a married man and woman

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

ASK ALL:

Q.8 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. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

	Strongly <u>favor</u>	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
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
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>
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 churches and places of worship to endorse political candidates while retaining their tax-exempt status

8	Strongly favor
14	Favor
29	Oppose
42	Strongly oppose
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,020]:

d. Requiring employers to provide employees with health care plans that cover contraception or birth control at no cost

38	Strongly favor
29	Favor
15	Oppose
15	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Temporarily banning Muslims from other countries from entering the U.S.

<u>Feb.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Sept.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2016</u>	
16	20	17	Strongly favor
19	23	23	Favor
23	30	34	Oppose
36	26	24	Strongly oppose
<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,011]:

f. 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 <u>(VOL.)</u>
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

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

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

ASK ALL:

And thinking about American society...

Q.9 Just your impression, in the United States today, is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT ITEMS; RANDOMIZE]**, or not? And is there a lot of discrimination against **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**, or not?

a. Gay and lesbian people

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Feb. 2017	61	36	3=100
Jan. 2017	60	35	5=100
Dec. 2016	57	39	4=100
Nov. 2016	53	40	6=100
Oct. 2016	62	34	4=100
Sept. 2016	55	41	4=100
Late Aug. 2016	61	35	4=100
Early Aug. 2016	55	39	6=100
July 2016	59	35	6=100
June 2016	60	37	2=100
Oct. 2015	68	31	2=100
June 2015	62	32	7=100
Dec. 2013	68	27	4=100

b. Transgender people

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Feb. 2017	64	30	6=100
Jan. 2017	65	27	8=100
Dec. 2016	60	32	8=100
Nov. 2016	62	28	10=100
Oct. 2016	63	27	9=100
Sept. 2016	57	33	10=100
Late Aug. 2016	65	26	8=100
Early Aug. 2016	60	31	9=100
July 2016	61	30	9=100
June 2016	66	29	5=100
June 2015	62	27	11=100
Dec. 2013	71	19	9=100

c. Immigrants

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Feb. 2017	64	33	3=100
Jan. 2017	63	33	4=100
Dec. 2016	61	36	3=100
Nov. 2016	62	33	5=100
Oct. 2016	64	31	5=100
Sept. 2016	58	38	4=100
Late Aug. 2016	66	31	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	60	34	6=100
July 2016	60	34	6=100
June 2016	68	28	4=100

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1004]:

d. Blacks

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Feb. 2017	58	41	1=100
Jan. 2017	60	36	3=100
Dec. 2016	56	42	2=100
Nov. 2016	54	42	4=100
Oct. 2016	64	32	4=100
Sept. 2016	55	40	5=100
Late Aug. 2016	60	37	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	56	39	5=100
July 2016	55	40	5=100
June 2016	57	40	3=100
Oct. 2015	63	36	1=100
Dec. 2013	52	44	3=100

e. Muslims

	Yes, there is a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	No, not a lot of <u>discrimination</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Feb. 2017	66	30	4=100
Oct. 2016	67	27	6=100
Oct. 2015	70	28	2=100
Dec. 2013	65	27	8=100

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,027]:

f. Whites

<u>Feb.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2015</u>	
30	29	25	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
68	68	73	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

g. Christians

<u>Feb.</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct.</u> <u>2016</u>	
33	35	Yes, there is a lot of discrimination
63	61	No, not a lot of discrimination
<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,039]:

Q.10 Now thinking about the people that you know...Please tell me whether you have a close friend or family member who is **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? And do you have a close friend or family member who is **[INSERT]**? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

a. Gay or lesbian

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Feb. 2017	70	30	1=100
June 2015	65	34	2=100
Dec. 2013	65	35	1=100
Aug. 2011	58	39	2=100
May 2011	54	45	1=100

b. Transgender

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Feb. 2017	21	77	2=100
June 2015	11	85	4=100
Dec. 2013	9	89	2=100
Aug. 2011	11	86	3=100

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by PRRI. The survey was made possible by generous grants from the Gill Foundation, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, and the Arcus Foundation. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between February 10, 2017, and February 19, 2017, by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,031 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (1,211 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. Questions 1-4 and 8e were previously released on February 24, 2017.

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 2015 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 +/- 2.6 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, Religious,
and Issue Subgroup Sample Sizes**
(All figures are unweighted)

	<u>General Public</u>
Total sample	2,031
Male	1,036
Female	995
Republican	512
Independent	789
Democrat	628
White, non-Hispanic	1,356
Black, non-Hispanic	230
Hispanic	246
Age 18-29	312
30-49	502
50-64	599
65+	617
White evangelical Protestant	349
White mainline Protestant	316
Non-white Protestant	273
Catholic	406
<i>White Catholic</i>	<i>255</i>
<i>Hispanic Catholic</i>	<i>123</i>
Non-Christian religion	118
Religiously unaffiliated	473