PRRI/The Atlantic 2018 Pluralism Survey
Total = 1,073
December 17 – 23, 2018

Q.1   Thinking about the 2018 election, a lot of people have been telling us they didn't get a chance to vote in this election. How about you… did things come up that kept you from voting, or did you happen to vote?

Dec. 2018	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2010	
72	67	88	80	Yes, I voted
27	31	11	20	No, I did not vote
-	2	1	-	Not eligible to vote (VOL.)
-	*	-	-	Attempted to vote but could not (VOL.)
1	*	*	*	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

IF YES [Q1=1], ASK [N=817]:
Q.2   In the race for Congress did you happen to vote for the **[INSERT 1 OR 2; ROTATE]** or the **[INSERT 2 AND 1; ROTATE]** in your election district?

Dec. 2018	Nov. 2014	Nov. 2012	Nov. 2010	
40	46	45	47	Republican candidate
54	45	47	42	Democratic candidate
3	2	1	4	Other candidate
2	-	3	-	I did not vote for a congressional candidate
-	-	-	-	Tea Party candidate (VOL.)
1	7	3	7	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

IF NO [Q1=2], ASK [N=226]:
Q.3   If you had voted, for which congressional candidate would you have voted?
        [ROTATE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]

19	Republican candidate
29	Democratic candidate
5	Other candidate
45	Not sure
2	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:
Q.4   Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household experienced any of the following the last time they tried to vote… **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Was told I did not have the correct identification

Dec. 2018	June 2018	
1	1	Yes, happened to me
1	1	Yes, happened to someone in my household
1	3	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
90	93	Did not happen to anyone in household
7	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Was unable to find the correct polling place

Dec. 2018	June 2018	
1	3	Yes, happened to me
1	3	Yes, happened to someone in my household
1	2	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
89	89	Did not happen to anyone in household
7	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Missed the registration deadline

Dec. 2018	June 2018	
3	2	Yes, happened to me
2	3	Yes, happened to someone in my household
*	2	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
87	91	Did not happen to anyone in household
8	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Was harassed or bothered while trying to vote

Dec. 2018	June 2018	
1	2	Yes, happened to me
1	2	Yes, happened to someone in my household
1	2	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
89	91	Did not happen to anyone in household
7	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Couldn't get off work to vote when polls were open

Dec. 2018	June 2018	
2	4	Yes, happened to me
2	3	Yes, happened to someone in my household
1	3	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
87	86	Did not happen to anyone in household
8	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Was told my name was not on the list even though I am registered

Dec. 2018	June 2018	
1	3	Yes, happened to me
1	2	Yes, happened to someone in my household
1	2	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
90	90	Did not happen to anyone in household
7	3	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

g. Had to wait in long lines

6	Yes, happened to me
3	Yes, happened to someone in my household
3	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
82	Did not happen to anyone in household
7	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

h. Found the ballot confusing

5	Yes, happened to me
3	Yes, happened to someone in my household
2	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household
82	Did not happen to anyone in household
8	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

	Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Have not heard of (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Dec. 2018	14	22	16	44	-	4=100
Oct. 2018	14	21	13	47	2	2=100
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

NO QUESTION 6

In 2020, the U.S. government will conduct the official Census, in which every single household in America will receive a form to fill out to list the number of people living in each house, their age, gender, and race or ethnicity, so the government can count the total number of people living in each state.

Q.7   Do you think the government will use these Census records to check on an individual's immigration status, or do you think this information will only be used for counting the population?

   33   The government will check on an individual's immigration status
   26   It will only be used for counting the population
   39   Don't know
   2   Refused (VOL.)
   100   Total

Q.8   For the first time, the 2020 Census may include a new question that asks individuals if they are a legal citizen of the United States. In your opinion, how likely do you think it is that the Census will NOT get an accurate count because some people will be worried about answering this question?

   53   Very likely
   23   Somewhat likely
   5   Somewhat unlikely
   5   Very unlikely
   11   Don't know
   3   Refused (VOL.)
   100   Total

Q.9   Thinking about your interactions with other people, how frequently do you interact with those who do NOT share your **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

a. race or ethnicity

   52   More than once a week0
   10   Once a week
   8   Once or twice a month
   6   A few times a year
   11   Seldom
   10   Never
   3   Refused (VOL.)
   100   Total

b. sexual orientation

31	More than once a week
10	Once a week
12	Once or twice a month
11	A few times a year
16	Seldom
15	Never
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. political party

48	More than once a week
9	Once a week
9	Once or twice a month
7	A few times a year
14	Seldom
10	Never
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. religion

50	More than once a week
10	Once a week
8	Once or twice a month
8	A few times a year
13	Seldom
9	Never
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF Q9x=1,2,3,4,5, ASK [N=933]:
Q.10   Where do you frequently interact with people who do NOT share your **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q9]**? (Please check all that apply)

a. race or ethnicity

22	In my family
46	In my friendship circles
53	In my workplace
7	In a school I am attending
9	In a school my child is attending
14	At religious services
17	At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings

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

b. sexual orientation

26	In my family
42	In my friendship circles
43	In my workplace
5	In a school I am attending
4	In a school my child is attending
7	At religious services
14	At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings

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

c. political party

39	In my family
48	In my friendship circles
53	In my workplace
5	In a school I am attending
6	In a school my child is attending
12	At religious services
14	At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings

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

d. religion

32	In my family
48	In my friendship circles
51	In my workplace
5	In a school I am attending
7	In a school my child is attending
5	At religious services
14	At local civic gatherings such as club or PTA meetings

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

ASK ALL:
Q.11   Would you describe your interactions with people who differ from you in the following ways as mostly positive or mostly negative? **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS Q9]**

a. race or ethnicity

48	Mostly positive
11	Somewhat positive
30	Neither positive nor negative
3	Somewhat negative
3	Mostly negative
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. sexual orientation

44	Mostly positive
11	Somewhat positive
33	Neither positive nor negative
4	Somewhat negative
3	Mostly negative
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. political party

    24   Mostly positive
    16   Somewhat positive
    36   Neither positive nor negative
    13   Somewhat negative
     6   Mostly negative
     4   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

d. religion

    40   Mostly positive
    14   Somewhat positive
    35   Neither positive nor negative
     5   Somewhat negative
     3   Mostly negative
     4   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

NO QUESTION 12

Q.13   How would you feel if you had a son or daughter who married **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**?

a. someone who is a different race or ethnicity

    23   Very happy
     9   Somewhat happy
    52   Neither happy nor unhappy
     9   Somewhat unhappy
     4   Very unhappy
     4   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

b. someone who is the same gender as your son or daughter

    16   Very happy
     8   Somewhat happy
    36   Neither happy nor unhappy
    17   Somewhat unhappy
    20   Very unhappy
     3   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

c. someone who identifies as transgender

    11   Very happy
     7   Somewhat happy
    34   Neither happy nor unhappy
    18   Somewhat unhappy
    27   Very unhappy
     3   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

d. a supporter of the Democratic Party

    25   Very happy
    12   Somewhat happy
    45   Neither happy nor unhappy
     8   Somewhat unhappy
     6   Very unhappy
     3   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

e. a supporter of the Republican Party

    21   Very happy
    11   Somewhat happy
    45   Neither happy nor unhappy
    13   Somewhat unhappy
     8   Very unhappy
     3   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

f. someone who belongs to a different religious group

    18   Very happy
     8   Somewhat happy
    56   Neither happy nor unhappy
    10   Somewhat unhappy
     6   Very unhappy
     3   Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

[ROTATE QUESTION 14 AND QUESTION 15]

Q.14   Thinking about what would be your own ideal for the country, please place yourself
on the following scale. **[1-10 Slider]**

32	1 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation made up of people from all over the world.
7	2
8	3
5	4
21	5
7	6
6	7
4	8
2	9
3	10 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation primarily made up of people from western European heritage.
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.15   Thinking about what would be your own ideal for the country, please place yourself
on the following scale. **[1-10 Slider]**

25	1 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation made up of people belonging to a wide variety of religions.
4	2
5	3
5	4
19	5
7	6
6	7
8	8
4	9
12	10 – I would prefer the U.S. to be a nation primarily made up of people who follow the Christian faith.
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.16   Do you think the following institutions are mostly bringing people together
       or mostly pushing people apart? **[RANDOMIZE]**

a. Public schools

41	Bringing people together
21	Pushing people apart
35	Neither
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Workplaces

40	Bringing people together
13	Pushing people apart
43	Neither
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Religious organizations

40	Bringing people together
30	Pushing people apart
27	Neither
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Colleges and universities

43	Bringing people together
25	Pushing people apart
29	Neither
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. The media

9	Bringing people together
64	Pushing people apart
23	Neither
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. The military

41	Bringing people together
16	Pushing people apart
39	Neither
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Community organizations and nonprofits

54	Bringing people together
12	Pushing people apart
31	Neither
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

h. Political parties

5	Bringing people together
78	Pushing people apart
13	Neither
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.17   The United States has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country much stronger, moderately stronger, neither stronger nor weaker, moderately weaker, or much weaker?

36	Much stronger
26	Moderately strongly
23	Neither stronger nor weaker
8	Moderately weaker
5	Much weaker
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.18 These days, how divided do you think Americans are over the following? Are Americans very divided, somewhat divided, not that divided or not at all divided by **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Race or ethnicity

35	Very divided
48	Somewhat divided
10	Not that divided
3	Not at all divided
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Religion

27	Very divided
50	Somewhat divided
16	Not that divided
3	Not at all divided
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Politics

74	Very divided
17	Somewhat divided
3	Not that divided
2	Not at all divided
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.19 These days, do you feel optimistic that Americans who **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** can still come together and solve the country's problems, or are you pessimistic that Americans can do that now?

a. Hold different political views

38	Optimistic
59	Pessimistic
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Belong to different racial or ethnic groups

Dec. 2018	Sept. 2018	
66	36	Optimistic
30	62	Pessimistic
4	2	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Belong to different religious groups

66	Optimistic
30	Pessimistic
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.20   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 the following? **[RANDOMIZE LIST]**

a. Increasing the minimum wage from $7.25 an hour to $15 an hour

	Strongly favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Refused (VOL.)
Dec. 2018	35	28	23	10	4=100
Oct. 2016	34	26	20	17	4=100
Sept. 2016	32	28	25	14	*=100
Oct. 2015	34	25	25	15	*=100

b. Allowing immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status

Dec. 2018	Oct. 2018	Mar. 2018	
24	25	24	Strongly favor
33	37	38	Favor
24	21	20	Oppose
15	14	13	Strongly oppose
3	2	5	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

c. Protecting health care coverage for people with pre-existing conditions

61	Strongly favor
28	Favor
4	Oppose
3	Strongly oppose
3	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Enacting stricter gun control laws

44	Strongly favor
22	Favor
17	Oppose
14	Strongly oppose
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. A law in your state requiring drug treatment instead of jail time for people convicted of illegal drug use for the first or second offense

Dec. 2018	Oct. 2016	
34	37	Strongly favor
44	37	Favor
12	13	Oppose
6	8	Strongly oppose
4	5	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. Changing the Constitution to prevent children who are born in the United States to non-U.S. citizens from automatically being granted American citizenship.

19	Strongly favor
23	Favor
27	Oppose
27	Strongly oppose
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.21   Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration
        system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally?
        The immigration system should... **(FORM 1 READ IN ORDER 1-3; FORM 2 READ IN
        REVERSE ORDER 3-1)**

	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens	Identify and deport them	None of these (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Dec. 2018	62	16	18	-	3=100
Oct. 2018	62	16	21	-	2=100
Oct. 2016	63	16	17	1	2=100
Sept. 2016	65	15	16	2	2=100
Late Aug. 2016	64	14	18	1	3=100
Early Aug. 2016	66	13	16	1	4=100
July 2016	61	13	21	1	3=100
June 2016	64	14	17	1	4=100
Late May 2016	62	16	18	1	3=100
Early May 2016	61	17	21	-	1=100
Dec. 2015	63	15	18	2	2=100
Nov. 2015	64	14	16	1	5=100
Oct. 2015	66	13	19	1	2=100
Sept. 2015	63	12	21	1	3=100
Late Aug. 2015	63	16	19	1	2=100
Early Aug. 2015	60	16	19	2	3=100
July 2015	64	14	17	2	3=100
Late June 2015	64	15	16	1	4=100
Early June 2015	61	17	18	2	3=100
May 2015	60	14	21	1	3=100
Feb. 2015	59	19	18	1	3=100
Dec. 2014	65	18	15	1	1=100
Late Nov. 2014	58	19	20	1	2=100
Early Nov. 2014	59	16	22	1	3=100
Oct. 2014	60	17	20	1	2=100
Sept. 2014	57	17	23	1	2=100
Aug. 2014	57	19	21	1	2=100
Late July 2014	58	17	22	1	2=100
Early July 2014	58	18	19	2	4=100
June 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
May 2014	64	16	17	1	2=100
April 2014	61	16	20	1	2=100
Nov. 2013	63	14	18	1	4=100
Aug. 2013	63	12	19	1	4=100
Feb. 2013	63	14	21	1	1=100

ASK ALL:
Q.22   Some people say the following things are important for being truly American. In your opinion, do you think the following is a very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important part of being truly American? **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

a. Being a Christian

Dec. 2018	June 2015	
19	33	Very important
20	20	Somewhat important
23	16	Not too important
33	27	Not at all important
4	5	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

b. Being born in America

Dec. 2018	June 2015	
24	33	Very important
26	25	Somewhat important
27	18	Not too important
19	22	Not at all important
4	2	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

c. Being able to speak English

Dec. 2018	June 2015	
54	66	Very important
29	23	Somewhat important
8	5	Not too important
4	4	Not at all important
4	1	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

d. Believing in God

Dec. 2018	June 2015	
31	52	Very important
21	17	Somewhat important
17	9	Not too important
26	20	Not at all important
4	2	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

e. Being of Western European heritage

3	Very important
14	Somewhat important
31	Not too important
47	Not at all important
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Accepting people of diverse racial and religious backgrounds

58	Very important
28	Somewhat important
7	Not too important
3	Not at all important
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Respecting American political institutions and laws

66	Very important
24	Somewhat important
4	Not too important
2	Not at all important
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

h. Believing in individual freedoms, such as freedom of speech

73	Very important
18	Somewhat important
3	Not too important
1	Not at all important
4	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

i. Believing that capitalism is the best economic system

20	Very important
36	Somewhat important
26	Not too important
12	Not at all important
5	Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.23   Now, please read the following statements on a few different topics and indicate if you agree or disagree with each one. **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**

[NO QUESTIONS 23a-23d]

e. Mandatory minimum prison sentences for non-violent offenders should be eliminated so that judges can make sentencing decisions on a case-by-case basis

Dec. 2018	Nov. 2014	
31	35	Completely agree
44	42	Mostly agree
16	13	Mostly disagree
6	7	Completely disagree
4	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

f. A person who has been convicted of a felony should be allowed to vote after they have served their sentence

Dec. 2018	June 2018	Sept. 2016	
32	38	33	Completely agree
39	34	41	Mostly agree
15	14	14	Mostly disagree
9	10	12	Completely disagree
4	4	1	Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

Q.24   Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

       84   Born in the U.S.
       13   Born in another country
       *   Born in Puerto Rico (VOL.)
       *   Born in U.S. territories (Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands) (VOL.)
       2   Refused (VOL.)
      100   Total

Q.25   Thinking about your family, were one or more of your **[INSERT]** born outside of the
       U.S.?

a. Parents

       25   Yes, at least one was born outside of the U.S.
       72   No, none of them were born outside of the U.S.
       2   Refused (VOL.)
      100   Total

b. Grandparents

       39   Yes, at least one was born outside of the U.S.
       58   No, none of them were born outside of the U.S.
       3   Refused (VOL.)
      100   Total

ATTEND   Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious
            services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few
            times a year, seldom, or never?

       8   More than once a week
       20   Once a week
       6   Once or twice a week
       15   A few times a year
       22   Seldom
       26   Never
       2   Refused (VOL.)
      100   Total

Survey Methodology

The PRRI/The Atlantic 2018 Pluralism Survey was conducted by PRRI in partnership with The Atlantic among a random sample of adults (age 18 and up) living in the United States and who are part of Ipsos's Knowledge Panel. The survey included a national sample (N=1,073) representing all 50 states. The survey also over-sampled those living in Ohio (338), Illinois (356), Michigan (354), Wisconsin (338), and Minnesota (360). Interviews were conducted online in both English and Spanish between December 17 and 23, 2018. The survey was made possible by generous grants from The Joyce Foundation, The Kresge Foundation, and McKnight Foundation.

Respondents are recruited to the KnowledgePanel using an addressed-based sampling methodology from the Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery addresses in the U.S. As such, it covers all households regardless of their phone status, providing a representative online sample. Unlike opt-in panels, households are not permitted to "self-select" into the panel; and are generally limited to how many surveys they can take within a given time period.

The initial sample drawn from the KnowledgePanel was adjusted using pre-stratification weights so that it approximates the adult U.S. population defined by the latest March supplement of the Current Population Survey. Next, a probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling scheme was used to select a representative sample. Once assigned to the survey, panel participants received additional email notification reminders on December 19 and December 23 to complete the survey.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, gender, Census division, metro area, education, and income. The sample weighting was 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. In addition to an overall national weight, separate weights were computed for each state to ensure that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations. The state-level post-stratification weights rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, gender, education, and income.

The margin of error for the national survey is +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.2. Table 1 includes margin of error information for the state samples. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

Table 1. State Sample Sizes and Margins of Error		
State	Sample Size	Margin of Error
Ohio	N=338	+/- 6.0
Illinois	N=356	+/- 6.4
Michigan	N=354	+/- 6.2
Wisconsin	N=338	+/- 6.5
Minnesota	N=360	+/- 6.7

Additional details about the KnowledgePanel can be found on the Ipsos website: https://www.ipsos.com/en-us/solution/knowledgepanel

Appendix

Table 2. Demographic, Political, Religious, and Geographic Subgroup Sample Sizes
(All figures are unweighted)

	N=
Total Sample	1,073
Male	544
Female	529
Republican	303
Independent	424
Leans Republican	*159*
No Lean	*49*
Leans Democrat	*216*
Democrat	335
White, non-Hispanic	758
Black, non-Hispanic	110
Hispanic	123
Age 18-29	127
30-49	319
50-64	341
65+	286
White evangelical Protestant	185
White mainline Protestant	192
Nonwhite Protestant	127
Catholic	220
White Catholic	*143*
Religiously unaffiliated	217