PRRI March 2018 Survey
Total = 2,020 (810 Landline, 1,210 Cell)
March 14 – March 25, 2018

Q.1   I'd like to ask you about priorities for President Donald Trump and Congress. As I read from a list, please tell me if you think each should be the highest priority, high but not the highest, or a lower priority. Should **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** be the highest priority, high but not the highest, or a lower priority? What about… **[INSERT]**?

a. Enacting stricter gun control laws

Mar. 2018	Oct. 2017	Jan. 2013[1]	
33	26	26	Highest priority
30	29	29	High but not highest
33	42	43	Lower priority
4	3	2	Should not be done/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

b. Reducing healthcare costs

Mar. 2018	Oct. 2017	April 2014[2]	
43	46	45	Highest priority
43	40	40	High but not highest
12	12	13	Lower priority
2	2	2	Should not be done/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	Total

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[1] PRRI/Brookings 2013 Religion, Values & Immigration Reform Survey. Asked about President Obama.

[2] PRRI/Brookings 2014 Religion, Values, and Immigration Reform Panel Call Back Survey. Asked about President Obama.

c. Reducing the budget deficit

Mar. 2018	Oct. 2017	April 2014	Jan. 2013	
34	32	45	56	Highest priority
45	46	43	33	High but not highest
16	19	10	9	Lower priority
5	2	2	3	Should not be done /Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

d. Addressing the opioid addiction crisis

30	Highest priority
43	High but not highest
23	Lower priority
3	Should not be done/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Enacting laws that restrict access to abortion

18	Highest priority
22	High but not highest
52	Lower priority
7	Should not be done/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,014]:
f. Reforming the nation's immigration system

Mar. 2018	Oct. 2017	April 2014	Jan. 2013	
31	25	26	24	Highest priority
41	35	47	47	High but not highest
26	36	25	27	Lower priority
2	4	2	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	100	100	Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,006]:
g. Enacting a law that allows immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status

27	Highest priority
41	High but not highest
27	Lower priority
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2   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 FIRST]**? 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 favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Mar. 2018	28	32	19	14	7=100
Oct. 2017	31	30	17	16	5=100
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
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. 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.)
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

c. 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 favor	Favor	Oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
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

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

24	Strongly favor
38	Favor
20	Oppose
13	Strongly oppose
5	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,014]:

Q.3a   What do you think is the better way to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies among young people?

    67   Emphasizing safe sexual practices and birth control
    24   Emphasizing abstinence
     6   Both/Neither (VOL.)
     3   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,006]:

Q.3b   What do you think is the better way to reduce the number of STDs and STIs among young people?

    69   Emphasizing safe sexual practices and birth control
    24   Emphasizing abstinence
     4   Both/Neither (VOL.)
     3   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

ASK ALL:

Q.4   Thinking about health care coverage in general, please say what types of services you think should be covered by most health care plans. First… **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE].** Would you say this should or should NOT be covered by most health insurance plans? What about… **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Abortion services

    43   Yes, should be covered
    53   No, should not be covered
     4   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

b. Testing and screening for HIV and other STDs or STIs

    92   Yes, should be covered
     6   No, should not be covered
     2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

c. Erectile dysfunction medication such as Viagra

    50   Yes, should be covered
    47   No, should not be covered
     3   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

d. Infertility treatments

72	Yes, should be covered
24	No, should not be covered
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Prescription birth control

85	Yes, should be covered
12	No, should not be covered
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5   In your view, should government health insurance programs for low-income women, like Medicaid, cover the cost of birth control, or not?

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

Q.6   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)]**

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
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.7   Compared to your views five years ago, are your current views about abortion generally more supportive, more opposed or have they not changed?

    12   More supportive
    11   More opposed
    76   Have not changed
    1   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

Q.8   In your view, should government health insurance programs for low-income women, like Medicaid, cover abortion, or not?

46   Yes
51   No
 3   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100   Total

Q.9   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?

	Candidate must share views on abortion	Abortion is one of many important factors	Abortion is not a major issue	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
Mar. 2018	18	47	31	4=100
May 2016[3]	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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[3] Trend from Gallup

Q.10   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]**

27	Yes, close friend
18	Yes, family member
5	Yes, myself
11	Yes, someone else
47	No
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

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

Q.11   Do you personally believe that abortion is a complicated issue or would you say the
        issue is simple and straightforward?

62	Complicated issue
36	Simple and straightforward
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.12   In your community, how difficult do you think it is to get an abortion? Very difficult,
        somewhat difficult, not too difficult, or not at all difficult?

16	Very difficult
22	Somewhat difficult
24	Not too difficult
22	Not at all difficult
16	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

And…

Q.13   How difficult do you think it should be to get an abortion? Would you say it should
        be… **[FORM 1 READ CATEGORIES IN ORDER (1-5), FORM 2 READ IN REVERSE
        ORDER (5-1)]**

12	Not available at all
19	Very difficult
27	Somewhat difficult
19	Not too difficult
21	Not at all difficult
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.14   Thinking about your community, or the place where you live… Do you think at least
some health care professionals in your community should provide legal abortions,
or not?

55	Yes
41	No
2	Not sure/Other/Depends (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.15   In your lifetime, how likely do you think it is that no woman will be able to obtain a
legal abortion in the U.S.? Would you say this is… **[READ IN ORDER]**

11	Very likely
27	Somewhat likely
32	Not too likely
28	Not at all likely
3	Don't know/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?

11	More than once a week
22	Once a week
13	Once or twice a month
18	A few times a year
16	Seldom
18	Never
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.16   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. Most sexual harassment claims are just the result of a misunderstanding between women and men.

6	Completely agree
21	Mostly agree
38	Mostly disagree
31	Completely disagree
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Sex education classes should include discussions of same-sex relationships.

31	Completely agree
28	Mostly agree
16	Mostly disagree
22	Completely disagree
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Sex outside of marriage is morally wrong.

30	Completely agree
18	Mostly agree
20	Mostly disagree
30	Completely disagree
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Lawmakers are spending too much time on the issue of abortion at the expense of other issues.

37	Completely agree
33	Mostly agree
17	Mostly disagree
10	Completely disagree
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Abortion goes against my personal beliefs.

    33   Completely agree
    21   Mostly agree
    15   Mostly disagree
    29   Completely disagree
     2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

Q.17   What is a bigger problem in the U.S. today… **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

    65   Real experiences of sexual harassment or assault that are not reported or are not
            believed
    26   False accusations made about sexual harassment or assault
     3   Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
     6   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

Q.18   As I read a pair of statements please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the
        SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly
        right. **[ROTATE OPTIONS]**

    38   There are clear and absolute standards for what is right and wrong
    59   Whether something is right or wrong often depends on the situation
     1   Neither/Both equally (VOL.)
     2   Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
    100   Total

On a different topic...
PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION: FORM 1 ASK IN CURRENT ORDER; FORM 2 ASK Q19 LAST

Q.19   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.)	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
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.20   How would you rate your chances of voting in the 2018 congressional election in November? Would you say you are... **[READ IN ORDER]**

Mar. 2018	Apr. 2014[4]	
58	51	Absolutely certain to vote
13	21	Probably will vote
12	13	Chances are 50-50
12	12	Less than 50-50 chance
3	3	Definitely not voting (VOL.)
1	*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	100	Total

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[4] PRRI/Brookings 2014 Religion, Values, and Immigration Reform Panel Call Back Survey. Asked about the 2014 congressional election.

Q.21   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?

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

IF OTHER OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED (Q21=4,9), ASK: [N=379]
Q.22   As of TODAY, do you LEAN more towards **[READ, ROTATE IN SAME ORDER AS Q6]**?

19	The Republican candidate
25	The Democratic candidate
15	Other (VOL.)
41	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

ASK ALL:
Q.23   As of now, would you prefer Trump to be the Republican Party's nominee for the 2020 election, or would you prefer another Republican candidate?

31	Prefer Trump be the nominee
58	Prefer someone else
10	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

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

25	Republican
27	Democrat
43	Independent
4	Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

IF INDEPENDENT, OTHER, OR DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [PARTY=3,4,9], ASK [N=904]:

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

    35   Republican
    40   Democrat
    <u>25</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 the Nathan Cummings Foundation and additional support from an anonymous donor. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) RDD telephone interviews conducted between March 14, 2018 and March 25, 2018 by professional interviewers under the direction of SSRS. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 2,020 adults 18 years of age or older living in the United States (1,210 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 +/- 2.6 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, and Religious Subgroup Sample Sizes
(All figures are unweighted)

	N=
Total Sample	2,020
Male	1,028
Female	992
Republican	549
Independent	836
Democrat	567
White, non-Hispanic	1,382
Black, non-Hispanic	194
Hispanic	221
Age 18-29	248
30-49	471
50-64	618
65+	676
White evangelical Protestant	364
White mainline Protestant	311
Black Protestant	145
Catholic	422
White Catholic	*296*
Religiously unaffiliated	433