

National Public Opinion Survey

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Conducted with a probability-based panel. Your answers are confidential.

Section 1 — The national mood

1. **Generally, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or off on the wrong track?**
 - ☐ Right direction
 - ☐ Wrong track
 - ☐ Not sure
2. **Do you approve or disapprove of the way the President is handling the job?**
 - ☐ Strongly approve
 - ☐ Somewhat approve
 - ☐ Somewhat disapprove
 - ☐ Strongly disapprove
 - ☐ No opinion
3. **What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?**
 - ☐ Economy
 - ☐ Health care
 - ☐ Immigration
 - ☐ Climate / environment
 - ☐ Crime
 - ☐ Foreign policy
 - ☐ Other

Section 2 — Policy (please indicate favor or oppose)

4. **Do you favor or oppose increasing the federal minimum wage?**

☐
Strongly
favor

☐
Favor

☐
Neither

☐
Oppose

☐
Strongly
oppose
5. **[SPLIT-BALLOT] Do you favor or oppose increased federal spending on <assistance to the poor / welfare>?**

☐
Strongly
favor

☐
Favor

☐
Neither

☐
Oppose

☐
Strongly
oppose

Wording experiment: a random half of respondents see 'assistance to the poor' (Form A) and half see 'welfare' (Form B). The form is recorded so the wording effect can be estimated.
6. **How much of the time do you trust the federal government to do what is right?**
 - ☐ Just about always
 - ☐ Most of the time
 - ☐ Some of the time

☐ Never

Section 3 — Politics & voting

7. In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

- ☐ Republican
- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Independent
- ☐ Something else

8. On most political matters, where would you place yourself?

☐ Very liberal ☐ Liberal ☐ Moderate ☐ Conservative ☐ Very conservative

9. Did you vote in the last national election?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not eligible

10. How likely are you to vote in the next national election?

☐ Definitely will ☐ Probably will ☐ 50-50 ☐ Probably won't ☐ Definitely won't

Section 4 — About you (used only for weighting)

11. Age group

- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-44
- ☐ 45-64
- ☐ 65 or older

12. Highest level of education completed

- ☐ High school or less
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Graduate degree

13. Race / ethnicity (select all that apply)

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Other

14. Total annual household income

- ☐ Under \$30,000
- ☐ 30,000–74,999
- ☐ 75,000–149,999
- ☐ \$150,000 or more

15. Region

- ☐ Northeast
- ☐ Midwest
- ☐ South
- ☐ West