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NATIONAL: DOES TRUMP-RUSSIA RELATIONSHIP POSE SECURITY THREAT? PUBLIC SPLIT

President's job approval moves decidedly downward

West Long Branch, NJ – Donald Trump's approval rating has slipped into majority negative territory since the last *Monmouth University Poll*. The public is split over whether the president's attitude toward Russia poses a national security threat for the U.S., although the level of concern increased after news broke about Trump's conversation with Russian officials in the White House. A majority feel our allies will now be less willing to share sensitive intelligence information with the U.S. government after hearing these reports. The poll also found that most Americans believe that FBI director James Comey was fired in order to hinder the ongoing investigation into Russian ties with the Trump campaign during the 2016 election.

The president's job rating currently stands at a net negative 39% approve and 53% disapprove. It was more evenly divided two months ago at 43% approve and 46% disapprove. Trump's rating has dropped slightly among residents of the nearly 2,500 counties that gave him a victory margin of ten points or more, from 55%-33% in March to 51%-41% today. It has also dipped in the 400+ counties he *lost* by ten points or more – from 33%-57% to 28%-64% in the current poll. Trump's biggest decline, though, came among residents of swing counties – the 300 counties where 2016's winning margin was in the single digits – dropping from 41%-46% in March to 34%-54% in the current poll.

“Trump has been losing support in the places that matter most,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

When interviewing for the poll began on Saturday, the big news was the Comey firing. By the time the poll wrapped up, the headlines had moved to reports of Trump casually sharing sensitive intelligence information with Russian officials and the appointment of a special counsel. The *Monmouth University Poll* found an insignificant shift in Trump's job rating during this period, going from 39%-

51% in Saturday-Monday interviews to 39%-54% in Tuesday-Wednesday interviews. [Note: the poll did not take an independent sample on each day of interviewing. The poll results-by-day reported here reflect weighting adjustments to key demographic variables for each day's interviews in order to make appropriate comparisons.]

Half (51%) of the public say they are concerned that the president is too friendly toward Russia, including 39% who are concerned a lot and 12% who are concerned a little. Another 45% are not concerned. Concern is just slightly higher than when Monmouth asked this question in March (48%), in January right before Trump took office (48%), and in August during the election campaign (45%). However, there was some movement in opinion while this poll was being conducted. In Saturday-Monday interviews, 35% said they are *concerned a lot* Trump is too friendly toward Russia, which increased to 43% in Tuesday-Wednesday interviews.

The public is divided on whether President Trump's attitude toward Russia does (48%) or does not (46%) present a threat to national security. This opinion shifted dramatically, though, over the course of interviewing for this poll, going from 43% on Saturday-Monday who felt Trump's approach to Russia poses a national security threat, to 52% who felt this way on Tuesday-Wednesday.

"Most Americans have been ambivalent about Trump's overt admiration for Russia, even after he opened the White House to Russian officials who may have helped interfere in our election. That ambivalence may be evaporating now that the public found out what he shared with them, whether it was by design or by accident," said Murray.

The *Monmouth University Poll* added additional questions to the poll on Tuesday and Wednesday, after it was revealed that Trump shared intelligence information with Russian officials during a White House visit last week. Most Americans (73%) have heard about this incident and 37% are aware of published reports that the information was obtained from Israel.

Americans tend to disagree with national security adviser H.R. McMaster's view that what Trump shared in that meeting was "wholly appropriate." In fact, 42% say it was definitely not appropriate and 22% say it was probably not appropriate. Only 1-in-4 feel the information Trump shared with Russia was definitely (9%) or probably (17%) appropriate.

Over half (53%) say that this news is likely to hurt the U.S. relationship with Israel either a lot (33%) or a little (20%). Another 31% believe it will have no impact on U.S.-Israeli relations and 6% think it will actually help the relationship. Nearly two-thirds (64%) say that our other allies in the world will now be less willing to share sensitive intelligence information with the U.S. government because of this incident. Another 29% feel it will have no impact and 5% think it will actually make other countries more willing to share intelligence with the U.S.

On the FBI director’s firing, more Americans disapprove (50%) than approve (36%) of the president’s action. Only 20% of the public buys the original administration line that Comey’s mishandling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation was the main reason for his dismissal. An overwhelming 72% say that other factors were more important, a view shared by majorities of Democrats (86%), independents (72%), and Republicans (53%) alike.

In fact, nearly 6-in-10 Americans think it is either very (40%) or somewhat (19%) likely that Comey was fired in order to slow down or stop the FBI investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign. Only 1-in-4 (24%) support ending this investigation, while 73% say it should continue. More than 4-in-10 say the probe should be transferred to an independent investigator alone (40%) or in partnership with the FBI (4%), while 26% say the Russia investigation should be left entirely with the FBI. Support for an independent investigator increased from 41% on Saturday-Monday to 49% on Tuesday-Wednesday. Last night’s news about the appointment of a special counsel broke too late to significantly impact these results.

“It’s getting very difficult to write topical poll questions when the lead stories are displaced in a matter of hours. We could write an entirely new survey script every day,” said Murray.

RESULTS BY DAY OVER POLLING PERIOD		
	Sat-Mon	Tue-Wed
Trump job rating?		
--Approve	39	39
--Disapprove	51	54
Comey firing opinion?		
--Approve	36	38
--Disapprove	46	51
Appoint independent investigator on Russia?		
--Yes	41	49
--No	28	21
--End investigation	25	25
Concerned Trump too friendly to Russia?		
--Lot	35	43
--Little	13	11
--None	46	44
Trump re Russia national security threat?		
--Yes	43	52
--No	48	44

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from May 13 to 17, 2017 with 1,002 adults in the United States, although no interviews were conducted on Sunday May 14. The results in this

release have a margin of error of +/- 3.1 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

TREND:	May 2017	March 2017
Approve	39%	43%
Disapprove	53%	46%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	11%
(n)	(1,002)	(801)

[Q2-4 held for future release.]

5. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's decision to fire FBI director James Comey?

	May 2017
Approve	36%
Disapprove	50%
(VOL) Haven't heard	3%
(VOL) Don't know	11%
(n)	(1,002)

6. The stated reason for firing Comey was his mishandling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. Do you think this really is the main reason Comey was fired or were other factors more important?

	May 2017
Main reason Comey was fired	20%
Other factors more important	72%
(VOL) Don't know	8%
(n)	(1,002)

7. Trump said he had already decided to fire Comey even before he received a recommendation from the Justice Department. Does that make you more likely or less likely to think that other factors besides the Clinton investigation were behind Comey's dismissal, or doesn't it change your opinion?

	May 2017
More likely	33%
Less likely	4%
Doesn't change opinion	59%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(1,002)

8. Have you heard that the FBI has been conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or haven't you heard about this?

	May 2017
Heard	89%
Not heard	11%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(n)	(1,002)

9. How likely do you think it is that James Comey was fired in order to slow down or stop that investigation – is this very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	May 2017
Very likely	40%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not too likely	10%
Not at all likely	27%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(1,002)

10. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?

	May 2017
Continue	73%
End	24%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(1,002)

11. Should an independent investigator be appointed to take over the investigation or should the investigation remain with the FBI?

	May 2017
Independent investigator	40%
Remain with FBI	26%
(VOL) Both	4%
(VOL) Don't know who	3%
End investigation (Q10)	24%
Don't know about investigation (Q10)	3%
(n)	(1,002)

12. Are you concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump may be too friendly toward Russia? [*If CONCERNED: Are you concerned a lot or a little?*]

TREND:	May 2017	March 2017	January 2017	August 2016*
Concerned, a lot	39%	37%	33%	32%
Concerned, a little	12%	11%	15%	13%
Not concerned	45%	49%	48%	49%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	3%	3%	3%
(n)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)

* Registered voters

13. Do you think Trump's attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?

	May 2017
Does	48%
Does not	46%
(VOL) Don't know	7%
(n)	(1,002)

[NOTE: QUESTIONS X13A-E WERE ONLY ASKED ON 5/16 AND 5/17; n=455, m.o.e=+/-4.6%]

X13A. Have you heard that President Trump shared intelligence information with the Russian ambassador and foreign minister when they visited the White House last week, or have you not heard about this? [If HEARD: Have you heard a lot or just a little?]

	May 2017
Heard, a lot	47%
Heard, a little	26%
Not heard	27%
(n)	(455)

X13B. Have you heard the reports that this information was gathered by the Israeli intelligence services, or have you not heard this?

	May 2017
Heard	37%
Not heard	36%
Not heard about Russia incident (Q14)	27%
(n)	(455)

X13C. According to reports, Israel shared classified terrorism information with the U.S. and the president decided to pass that information on to the Russians. In your opinion, were Donald Trump's actions definitely appropriate, probably appropriate, probably not appropriate, or definitely not appropriate?

	May 2017
Definitely appropriate	9%
Probably appropriate	17%
Probably not appropriate	22%
Definitely not appropriate	42%
(VOL) Don't know	10%
(n)	(455)

X13D. Do you think this situation will help or hurt our relationship with Israel, or will it have no impact? *PROBE*: Will it [help/hurt] a lot or just a little?

	May 2017
Help a lot	3%
Help a little	3%
Hurt a lot	33%
Hurt a little	20%
No impact	31%
(VOL) Don't know	10%
(n)	(455)

X13E. After hearing these reports do you think our other allies will be more willing or less willing to share sensitive intelligence information with the U.S. government, or will there be no impact on their willingness to share intelligence?

	May 2017
More willing	5%
Less willing	64%
No impact	29%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(455)

[Q14-24 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from May 13 to 17, 2017 with a national random sample of 1,002 adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 501 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 501 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Troidahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and SSI (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
24% Republican	
45% Independent	
31% Democrat	
49% Male	
51% Female	
32% 18-34	
37% 35-54	
31% 55+	
66% White	
12% Black	
15% Hispanic	
7% Asian/Other	

<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>		1,002	3.1%
<i>REGISTERED VOTER</i>	Yes	896	3.3%
	No	106	9.5%
<i>SELF-REPORTED</i>	Republican	239	6.3%
<i>PARTY ID</i>	Independent	425	4.8%
	Democrat	321	5.5%
<i>IDEOLOGY</i>	Liberal	262	6.1%
	Moderate	374	5.1%
	Conservative	332	5.4%
<i>GENDER</i>	Male	491	4.4%
	Female	511	4.3%
<i>AGE</i>	18-34	256	6.1%
	35-54	298	5.7%
	55+	444	4.7%
<i>RACE</i>	White non-Hispanic	764	3.6%
	Other	210	6.8%
<i>COLLEGE GRADUATE</i>	No degree	518	4.3%
	4 year degree	475	4.5%
<i>INCOME</i>	<\$50K	324	5.5%
	\$50 to <100K	323	5.5%
	\$100K+	278	5.9%
<i>2016 VOTE BY</i>	Trump 10+ pts.	392	5.0%
<i>COUNTY</i>	Swing < 10 pts.	213	6.7%
	Clinton 10+ pts.	397	4.9%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	39%	39%	34%	83%	36%	8%	6%	31%	68%
	Disapprove	53%	54%	49%	10%	54%	85%	91%	59%	22%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	8%	7%	17%	7%	10%	7%	3%	10%	10%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	44%	34%	29%	41%	45%	47%	23%	42%
	Disapprove	50%	56%	62%	49%	49%	45%	69%	49%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	7%	10%	9%	9%	7%	8%	8%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	29%	32%	43%	42%	51%	34%	28%
	Disapprove	64%	59%	47%	52%	41%	54%	64%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	8%	8%	10%	6%	8%	12%	7%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
5. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trumps decision to fire FBI director James Comey?	Approve	36%	38%	28%	74%	35%	10%	10%	30%	61%
	Disapprove	50%	49%	54%	10%	50%	80%	83%	56%	22%
	(VOL) Havent heard	3%	3%	6%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	4%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	11%	10%	12%	12%	13%	6%	5%	10%	13%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
5. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trumps decision to fire FBI director James Comey?	Approve	42%	31%	28%	40%	40%	41%	25%	37%
	Disapprove	49%	51%	58%	44%	49%	43%	64%	47%
	(VOL) Havent heard	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	7%	14%	10%	13%	8%	12%	8%	12%

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		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
5. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trumps decision to fire FBI director James Comey?	Approve	34%	30%	42%	42%	43%	31%	32%
	Disapprove	57%	56%	44%	50%	39%	54%	59%
	(VOL) Havent heard	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	7%	10%	11%	7%	15%	12%	6%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6. The stated reason for firing Comey was his mishandling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. Do you think this really is the main reason Comey was fired or were other factors more important?	Main reason Comey was fired	20%	21%	18%	39%	18%	10%	5%	19%	33%
	Other factors more important	72%	72%	72%	53%	72%	86%	92%	74%	57%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	8%	7%	10%	8%	10%	4%	3%	7%	9%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
6. The stated reason for firing Comey was his mishandling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. Do you think this really is the main reason Comey was fired or were other factors more important?	Main reason Comey was fired	21%	20%	17%	24%	19%	23%	14%	22%
	Other factors more important	73%	71%	75%	69%	71%	68%	79%	69%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	6%	9%	7%	6%	10%	8%	7%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
6. The stated reason for firing Comey was his mishandling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. Do you think this really is the main reason Comey was fired or were other factors more important?	Main reason Comey was fired	16%	20%	23%	19%	23%	19%	19%
	Other factors more important	79%	73%	70%	75%	70%	71%	74%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	5%	7%	8%	6%	8%	10%	7%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. Trump said he had already decided to fire Comey even before he received a recommendation from the Justice Department. Does that make you more likely or less likely to think that other factors besides the Clinton investigation were behind ...	More likely	33%	33%	34%	21%	38%	37%	44%	36%	25%
	Less likely	4%	4%	7%	3%	5%	4%	2%	6%	3%
	Doesnt change opinion	59%	60%	55%	74%	54%	56%	53%	55%	69%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
7. Trump said he had already decided to fire Comey even before he received a recommendation from the Justice Department. Does that make you more likely or less likely to think that other factors besides the Clinton investigation were behind ...	More likely	33%	34%	32%	33%	35%	31%	38%	31%
	Less likely	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%
	Doesnt change opinion	62%	57%	60%	61%	58%	63%	52%	60%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	2%	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
7. Trump said he had already decided to fire Comey even before he received a recommendation from the Justice Department. Does that make you more likely or less likely to think that other factors besides the Clinton investigation were behind ...	More likely	38%	35%	34%	32%	30%	31%	37%
	Less likely	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	2%	5%
	Doesnt change opinion	57%	58%	58%	63%	60%	63%	57%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. Have you heard that the FBI has been conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	89%	91%	73%	91%	89%	86%	92%	87%	89%
	Not heard	11%	8%	27%	8%	11%	14%	8%	13%	11%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
8. Have you heard that the FBI has been conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	90%	87%	81%	92%	92%	91%	84%	86%
	Not heard	10%	13%	19%	8%	7%	9%	16%	14%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
8. Have you heard that the FBI has been conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	96%	80%	94%	97%	91%	86%	88%
	Not heard	4%	20%	6%	3%	9%	14%	12%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. How likely do you think it is that James Comey was fired in order to slow down or stop that investigation - is this very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	Very likely	40%	42%	29%	7%	39%	67%	71%	43%	15%
	Somewhat likely	19%	16%	35%	16%	20%	20%	21%	24%	15%
	Not too likely	10%	9%	14%	16%	10%	4%	3%	12%	13%
	Not at all likely	27%	28%	17%	55%	27%	5%	4%	17%	53%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	1%	4%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
9. How likely do you think it is that James Comey was fired in order to slow down or stop that investigation - is this very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	Very likely	35%	45%	43%	37%	40%	33%	54%	37%
	Somewhat likely	22%	17%	28%	18%	12%	20%	18%	19%
	Not too likely	10%	10%	9%	8%	12%	12%	6%	10%
	Not at all likely	31%	23%	16%	32%	31%	31%	17%	29%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	2%	6%	3%	4%	6%	4%	6%	5%

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		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
9. How likely do you think it is that James Comey was fired in order to slow down or stop that investigation - is this very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	Very likely	47%	45%	36%	38%	30%	43%	48%
	Somewhat likely	21%	21%	18%	20%	22%	14%	18%
	Not too likely	9%	6%	14%	12%	12%	10%	7%
	Not at all likely	21%	22%	31%	28%	31%	25%	23%
	(VOL) Dont Know_Refused	2%	5%	1%	3%	4%	7%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
Q10\11. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end? Should an independent investigator be appointed to take over the investigation or should the investigation remain with the FBI?	Continue, indep	40%	42%	29%	16%	42%	56%	61%	46%	22%	38%
	Continue, FBI	26%	23%	39%	28%	26%	23%	20%	24%	30%	28%
	Continue, both	4%	4%	2%	1%	4%	6%	5%	5%	2%	3%
	Continue, not sure who	3%	3%	3%	5%	1%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%
	Should end	24%	24%	25%	47%	23%	8%	11%	20%	37%	25%
	Dont know	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	1%	1%	2%	5%	3%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K
Q10\11. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end? Should an independent investigator be appointed to take over the investigation or should the investigation remain with the FBI?	Continue, indep	42%	44%	35%	42%	39%	43%	36%	52%	42%
	Continue, FBI	24%	26%	29%	22%	24%	29%	28%	20%	28%
	Continue, both	5%	6%	4%	2%	3%	6%	3%	6%	2%
	Continue, not sure who	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
	Should end	22%	17%	27%	27%	27%	17%	26%	17%	21%
	Dont know	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	1%	4%	2%	3%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
Q10\11. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end? Should an independent investigator be appointed to take over the investigation or should the investigation remain with the FBI?	Continue, indep	38%	44%	35%	43%	44%
	Continue, FBI	25%	22%	24%	26%	27%
	Continue, both	4%	6%	1%	5%	7%
	Continue, not sure who	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%
	Should end	29%	22%	31%	21%	18%
	Dont know	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
12. Are you concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump may be too friendly toward Russia? [Are you concerned a lot or a little?]	Concerned, a lot	39%	40%	34%	5%	36%	70%	69%	40%	18%
	Concerned, a little	12%	11%	17%	8%	12%	14%	11%	16%	9%
	Not concerned	45%	45%	42%	84%	48%	12%	17%	41%	69%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	4%	3%	7%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
12. Are you concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump may be too friendly toward Russia? [Are you concerned a lot or a little?]	Concerned, a lot	33%	45%	41%	38%	39%	32%	52%	36%
	Concerned, a little	9%	15%	17%	10%	10%	12%	13%	12%
	Not concerned	55%	36%	40%	48%	47%	53%	29%	47%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
12. Are you concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump may be too friendly toward Russia? [Are you concerned a lot or a little?]	Concerned, a lot	46%	43%	36%	39%	31%	42%	46%
	Concerned, a little	12%	16%	10%	7%	10%	11%	14%
	Not concerned	40%	37%	52%	51%	55%	42%	37%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13. Do you think Trumps attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?	Does	48%	47%	54%	10%	46%	79%	76%	53%	24%
	Does not	46%	48%	35%	85%	46%	16%	18%	41%	70%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	7%	6%	11%	5%	8%	5%	6%	6%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
13. Do you think Trumps attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?	Does	41%	54%	54%	45%	46%	42%	60%	46%
	Does not	53%	38%	39%	49%	49%	53%	31%	47%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	5%	8%	8%	7%	5%	5%	9%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
13. Do you think Trumps attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?	Does	54%	53%	44%	44%	37%	49%	57%
	Does not	41%	38%	52%	52%	56%	42%	38%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	5%	9%	4%	4%	7%	9%	5%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
[2day sample n=455] 13A. Have you heard that President Trump shared intelligence information with the Russian ambassador and foreign minister when they visited the White House last week, or have you not heard about this? Have you heard a lot or just a little?	Heard, a lot	47%	50%	29%	41%	46%	52%	56%	42%	45%	49%
	Heard, a little	26%	27%	21%	26%	27%	26%	22%	26%	32%	30%
	Not heard	27%	23%	50%	33%	27%	22%	22%	32%	23%	21%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K
[2day sample n=455] 13A. Have you heard that President Trump shared intelligence information with the Russian ambassador and foreign minister when they visited the White House last week, or have you not heard about this? Have you heard a lot or just a little?	Heard, a lot	45%	34%	52%	57%	51%	39%	42%	59%	39%
	Heard, a little	23%	26%	31%	20%	25%	28%	28%	22%	27%
	Not heard	32%	39%	17%	24%	24%	33%	30%	19%	34%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
[2day sample n=455] 13A. Have you heard that President Trump shared intelligence information with the Russian ambassador and foreign minister when they visited the White House last week, or have you not heard about this? Have you heard a lot or just a little?	Heard, a lot	50%	64%	48%	41%	48%
	Heard, a little	27%	24%	28%	20%	28%
	Not heard	23%	12%	24%	39%	23%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
[2day sample n=455] 13B. Have you heard the reports that this information was gathered by the Israeli intelligence services, or have you not heard this?	Heard	37%	41%	16%	34%	36%	41%	42%	36%	34%
	Not heard	36%	37%	35%	33%	37%	37%	36%	32%	43%
	Not heard of incident [13A]	27%	23%	50%	33%	27%	22%	22%	32%	23%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
[2day sample n=455] 13B. Have you heard the reports that this information was gathered by the Israeli intelligence services, or have you not heard this?	Heard	43%	32%	29%	40%	44%	41%	27%	33%
	Not heard	36%	37%	32%	43%	32%	35%	40%	37%
	Not heard of incident [13A]	21%	32%	39%	17%	24%	24%	33%	30%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
[2day sample n=455] 13B. Have you heard the reports that this information was gathered by the Israeli intelligence services, or have you not heard this?	Heard	47%	30%	33%	57%	35%	37%	39%
	Not heard	34%	36%	44%	31%	42%	24%	38%
	Not heard of incident [13A]	19%	34%	23%	12%	24%	39%	23%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
[2day sample n=455] 13C. According to reports, Israel shared classified terrorism information with the U.S. and the president decided to pass that information on to the Russians. In your opinion, were Donald Trumps actions definitely appropriate, probably appropriate, prob..	Definitely appropriate	9%	10%	3%	22%	9%	0%	3%	6%	18%
	Probably appropriate	17%	17%	18%	33%	19%	4%	1%	19%	28%
	Probably not appropriate	22%	20%	35%	17%	25%	22%	26%	28%	13%
	Definitely not appropriate	42%	43%	38%	7%	37%	70%	66%	41%	23%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	10%	11%	6%	21%	10%	4%	4%	6%	19%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
[2day sample n=455] 13C. According to reports, Israel shared classified terrorism information with the U.S. and the president decided to pass that information on to the Russians. In your opinion, were Donald Trumps actions definitely appropriate, probably appropriate, prob..	Definitely appropriate	12%	6%	6%	10%	10%	10%	5%	9%
	Probably appropriate	24%	11%	15%	21%	13%	21%	10%	18%
	Probably not appropriate	23%	21%	33%	16%	15%	23%	21%	20%
	Definitely not appropriate	32%	51%	38%	43%	47%	34%	57%	43%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	10%	11%	7%	10%	15%	12%	7%	10%

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		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
[2day sample n=455] 13C. According to reports, Israel shared classified terrorism information with the U.S. and the president decided to pass that information on to the Russians. In your opinion, were Donald Trumps actions definitely appropriate, probably appropriate, prob..	Definitely appropriate	9%	7%	10%	10%	12%	7%	6%
	Probably appropriate	15%	15%	19%	22%	25%	14%	10%
	Probably not appropriate	27%	25%	20%	23%	21%	20%	25%
	Definitely not appropriate	41%	47%	40%	32%	32%	50%	48%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	9%	7%	11%	14%	10%	9%	11%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
[2day sample n=455] 13D. Do you think this situation will help or hurt our relationship with Israel, or will it have no impact? Will it [help/hurt] a lot or just a little?	Help a lot	3%	2%	8%	5%	3%	3%	0%	2%	6%	4%
	Help a little	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
	Hurt a lot	33%	33%	36%	3%	30%	57%	48%	34%	19%	25%
	Hurt a little	20%	21%	16%	9%	23%	24%	29%	21%	13%	19%
	No impact	31%	32%	26%	65%	31%	10%	16%	30%	46%	43%
[VOL] Dont know	10%	9%	13%	15%	12%	4%	4%	10%	13%	8%	

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K
[2day sample n=455] 13D. Do you think this situation will help or hurt our relationship with Israel, or will it have no impact? Will it [help/hurt] a lot or just a little?	Help a lot	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	7%	4%	2%	3%
	Help a little	3%	2%	5%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%
	Hurt a lot	40%	38%	31%	30%	22%	55%	36%	27%	40%
	Hurt a little	21%	26%	16%	17%	21%	19%	16%	29%	20%
	No impact	21%	24%	34%	37%	39%	15%	32%	28%	27%
[VOL] Dont know	12%	8%	10%	12%	14%	3%	10%	11%	8%	

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
[2day sample n=455] 13D. Do you think this situation will help or hurt our relationship with Israel, or will it have no impact? Will it [help/hurt] a lot or just a little?	Help a lot	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%
	Help a little	5%	0%	2%	1%	4%
	Hurt a lot	32%	22%	26%	34%	41%
	Hurt a little	18%	21%	17%	20%	23%
	No impact	32%	43%	40%	32%	21%
[VOL] Dont know	11%	11%	10%	11%	9%	

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
[2day sample n=455] 13E. After hearing these reports do you think our other allies will be more willing or less willing to share sensitive intelligence information with the U.S. government, or will there be no impact on their willingness to share intelligence?	More willing	5%	5%	4%	5%	3%	7%	2%	6%	6%
	Less willing	64%	62%	70%	26%	64%	87%	88%	72%	33%
	No impact	29%	30%	24%	66%	31%	4%	10%	20%	57%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0%	2%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
[2day sample n=455] 13E. After hearing these reports do you think our other allies will be more willing or less willing to share sensitive intelligence information with the U.S. government, or will there be no impact on their willingness to share intelligence?	More willing	4%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	7%	5%
	Less willing	57%	69%	69%	61%	59%	59%	74%	59%
	No impact	37%	23%	24%	33%	31%	34%	19%	33%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	3%	1%	1%	7%	3%	1%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
[2day sample n=455] 13E. After hearing these reports do you think our other allies will be more willing or less willing to share sensitive intelligence information with the U.S. government, or will there be no impact on their willingness to share intelligence?	More willing	4%	6%	4%	3%	6%	1%	6%
	Less willing	74%	64%	67%	60%	51%	70%	73%
	No impact	20%	29%	27%	34%	41%	25%	19%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%