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# NATIONAL: UNCERTAIN EXPECTATIONS FOR PRES. TRUMP

Public expects middle class proposals, but rich will benefit

West Long Branch, NJ – As Barack Obama exits the White House with solid job approval ratings, Donald Trump enters with a much more mixed set of expectations. This is particularly true when it comes to helping middle class Americans who are not expected to do as well as the already rich and powerful. The latest national Monmouth University Poll also finds the public is split on whether the new administration will be too friendly toward Russia.

Obama leaves office with a 56% approve and 38% disapprove job rating, which is in line with where his rating has stood since August. Prior to last summer, Obama's second term job approval tended to hover in the low to mid 40s.

Trump takes the presidential oath this week with just 34% of Americans holding a favorable view of him and 46% having an unfavorable opinion. Another 20% are withholding judgment for now. The public is divided on Trump's relationship with Russia. Just under half – 48% are concerned that he will be too friendly toward that country. An identical 48% of Americans, on the other hand, are not concerned about this. This is little changed from when Russian links to the DNC hacking were first raised during the campaign. Back in August, 45% of voters were concerned about Trump's attitude toward Russia and 49% were not.

"The number of people with a positive view of Trump is about the same as it was throughout the fall campaign. However, negative views have declined from the high 50s last year as some of those critics have decided to take a wait-and-see approach as he takes the reins of power," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, New Jersey.

The public is divided on just how much Trump's presidency will help the middle class – 26% say a lot, 40% a little, and 29% not at all. This is not much different from public perceptions of how much

the middle class has benefited from the outgoing Obama administration's policy -24% say a lot, 41% a little, and 33% not at all.

These nearly identical results mask some significant demographic differences within the American population though. For example, 32% of non-Hispanic white Americans expect Trump to help the middle class a lot versus 25% who say he not will help this group at all. However, only 17% of white Americans believe Obama helped the middle class a lot compared with 42% who say his policies did not help the middle class at all. Among non-white or Hispanic Americans, only 13% expect that Trump will help the middle class a lot and 36% say not at all, compared with 38% who say Obama helped the middle class a lot and just 14% not at all.

Americans across the racial spectrum are in agreement, though, on how much wealthy families will benefit from Trump's policies. Fully 55% of the public – including 51% of whites and 63% of other Americans – believe that the wealthy will benefit a lot. Another 31% say the wealthy will benefit a little under Trump and just 7% say they will not benefit at all.

The results are similar for how much Trump is expected to help Wall Street bankers -54% a lot, 30% a little, 7% not at all - and big business interests in general -63% a lot, 27% a little, 4% not at all. By comparison, far fewer Americans feel that Obama's policies provided a lot of benefit for the wealthy (29%), Wall Street (35%), and big business (30%).

"It is not clear whether the middle class will be better off than they are now when the dust settles on the Trump presidency, but the public is largely in agreement on who they think will be – the already rich and powerful," said Murray.

One group that is expected to do worse under Trump is the poor. Just 21% of Americans believe that the new president's policies will help poor families a lot, 36% say they will help the poor a little, and 37% say they will not help the poor at all. By comparison, 39% say that Obama's policies have benefited the poor a lot, 36% a little, and 21% not at all.

Public opinion of the job Congress is doing continues to be overwhelmingly negative at 23% approve and 66% disapprove, although this is nominally better than the high-teens approval rating it received through most of the past few years. Similarly, just 29% of Americans feel the country is headed in the right direction while 65% say it is on the wrong track. This outlook is basically unchanged from prior polls in recent years.

"The nation's fundamentally negative outlook suggests that the Trump administration will not enjoy a typical honeymoon period. At the same time, most Americans believe he will make an effort on policies to boost the middle class which was a central undercurrent of last year's campaign," said Murray.

In general, half of the country is optimistic about the policies Trump will pursue – including 24% who are very optimistic and 26% who are somewhat optimistic – while just over 4-in-10 are pessimistic

(30% very and 13% somewhat). When it comes to specific policies to help the middle class, 61% say it is likely that Trump will propose these types of plans.

By comparison, when Obama made a pledge to focus on the middle class a few months after his re-election, 55% of the public felt that he would follow through on proposing those policies. There are some key partisan differences in this opinion between then and now. Today, 92% of Republicans and just 30% of Democrats believe Trump will propose policies to boost the middle class. In 2013, 84% of Democrats and 24% of Republicans thought Obama would propose such policies. Today, 65% of independents say Trump is likely to propose middle class policies. Four years ago, 50% of independents said the same about Obama.

Another thing that has changed in the past four years is whether Congress will cooperate to enact these proposals. Currently, a majority (54%) of Americans say it is likely that the legislative branch will ratify policies to help the middle class. In 2013, only 30% of the public had an expectation that Congress would take such action. The change has come mainly from Republicans – 82% believe Congress will enact middle class policies now compared to just 32% who felt that way four years ago. Independents are also more likely to expect Congress to act now (53%) than they were in 2013 (28%). Democrats' expectations for Congressional action on helping the middle class, though, has not changed – 32% say it is likely today compared with 31% four years ago.

Extended commentary from Patrick Murray:

"Trump promised to drain the swamp, but it is not clear in which direction the sludge will flow. Americans do expect to see more proposals to help the middle class than they did during the Obama years, but there is a sneaking suspicion the ultimate beneficiaries will be those segments of society who already hold all the cards.

"The fact that Trump does not start with a wealth of goodwill and high expectations may actually work to his advantage as there may be less of a backlash if he fails. A number of voters supported Trump because they felt their concerns were totally invisible to government. To these Americans, Trump was seen as a last ditch effort to get the attention of those in power rather than some sort of white knight. Therefore, if their circumstances don't change they may be more likely to shrug their shoulders than storm the barricades. Of course, this may be exactly what some in Trump's inner circle are counting on.

"It is vitally important that we listen to the voices of middle America who feel they have been left behind precisely because they believe that we – public officials, the media, pollsters – are not paying attention to them. Giving voice to the public and holding those in power accountable has been a guiding principle for the *Monmouth University Poll*. Like many, we got caught up in the bizarre spectacle that was last year's presidential election. However, our bread and butter has always been trying to channel the voice of the public on the concerns that matter to them the most. Indeed, many of the questions in this

poll were taken from one we did four years ago as a reality check on Obama's stated commitment to focus on the middle class. The public was skeptical then as now.

"We see it as our responsibility as pollsters to take our lead from what the public is telling us they are worried about and not necessarily what fleeting headlines the media or punditry is chasing at any given moment. As such, we are making a renewed commitment to focus a large segment of our polling output in the coming months and years on the bread and butter issues Americans face every day as well as the wedges that divide and threaten our civil society."

The Monmouth University Poll was conducted by telephone from January 12 to 15, 2017 with 801 adults in the United States. The results in this release have a margin of error of  $\pm$  3.5 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 Barack Obama is doing as president?

TREND:	Jaı	n. Se	ept.	Aug.	June	March	Jan.	Dec.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	April	Jan.	Dec.	July
I KEND.	201	<b>7</b> 20	16*	2016*	2016*	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2013
Approve	569	<b>%</b> 53	3%	56%	49%	49%	46%	40%	47%	45%	45%	47%	44%	42%	43%	41%	42%
Disapprove	389	<b>%</b> 43	3%	40%	46%	43%	46%	51%	45%	49%	50%	46%	46%	48%	48%	49%	51%
(VOL) No opini	ion <b>6</b> %	6 4	%	4%	5%	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%	6%	7%	10%	10%	8%	10%	6%
Unwtd N	(80	1) (8	02)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

<sup>\*</sup> Registered voters

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

TREND:	Jan.	Sept.	Aug.	June	March	Jan.	Dec.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	April	Jan.	Dec.	July
IKEND.	2017	2016*	2016*	2016*	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2013
Approve	23%	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	18%	19%	21%	18%	17%	14%
Disapprove	66%	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%	71%	67%	70%	73%	76%
(VOL) No opinion	11%	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%
Unwtd N	(801)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

<sup>\*</sup> Registered voters

Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

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TREND:	January	August	October	July	June	April	December	July
I KEND:	2017	2016*	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2013
Right direction	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

<sup>\*</sup> Registered voters

Is your general impression of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of him?

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	January
	2017
Favorable	34%
Unfavorable	46%
No opinion	20%
(n)	(801)

Trump will pursue	? [Is tha	t very or somewhat optimistic/pessimistic?]
	January	
	2017	
Very optimistic	24%	
Somewhat optimistic	26%	
Somewhat pessimistic	13%	
Very pessimistic	30%	
(VOL) Don't Know	6%	
(n)	(801)	

I'm going to ask you about how some different groups have done over the last few years. [QUESTION GROUPS 6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 & 14/15 WERE ROTATED]

6. How much did middle class families benefit from President Obama's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

TREND:	January 2017	July 2013
A lot	24%	12%
A little	41%	39%
Not at all	33%	46%
(VOL) Don't Know	2%	2%
(n)	(801)	(1,012)

7. And how much do you think middle class families will benefit from President Trump's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

	January
	2017
A lot	26%
A little	40%
Not at all	29%
(VOL) Don't Know	5%
(n)	(801)

8. How much did wealthy families benefit from President Obama's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

January	July
2017	2013
29%	35%
43%	31%
17%	23%
10%	10%
(801)	(1,012)
	2017 29% 43% 17% 10%

9. And how much do you think wealthy families will benefit from President Trump's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

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		January
		2017
A lot		55%
A little	е	31%
Not a	t all	7%
(VOL	) Don't Know	7%
(n)		(801)

TREND:	January	July
IKLIND.	2017	2013
A lot	39%	20%
A little	36%	39%
Not at all	21%	37%
(VOL) Don't Know	4%	4%
(n)	(801)	(1,012)
(n)	(801)	(1,012)

11. And how much do you think poor families will benefit from President Trump's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

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	January
	2017
A lot	21%
A little	36%
Not at all	37%
(VOL) Don't Know	6%
(n)	(801)

12. How much did Wall Street bankers benefit from President Obama's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

TREND:	January	July
IREND.	2017	2013
A lot	35%	44%
A little	40%	26%
Not at all	11%	14%
(VOL) Don't Know	15%	17%
(n)	(801)	(1,012)

13. And how much do you think Wall Street bankers will benefit from President Trump's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

	January
	2017
A lot	54%
A little	30%
Not at all	7%
(VOL) Don't Know	9%
(n)	(801)

14. How much did big business interests benefit from President Obama's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

	January
	2017
A lot	30%
A little	48%
Not at all	14%
(VOL) Don't Know	8%
(n)	(801)

15. And how much do you think big business interests will benefit from President Trump's policies – a lot, a little, or not at all?

	January
	2017
A lot	63%
A little	27%
Not at all	4%
(VOL) Don't Know	6%
(n)	(801)

16. How likely is it that President Trump will propose policies to help the middle class – very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?

	TRUMP	OBAMA
	January	July
	2017	2013*
Very likely	28%	25%
Somewhat likely	33%	30%
Not too likely	16%	15%
Not at all likely	21%	29%
(VOL) Don't Know	2%	1%
(n)	(801)	(1,012)

<sup>\*</sup>Trend from 2013 was asked regarding President Obama's proposed policies

17. How likely is it that Congress will enact policies to help the middle class – very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?

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TREND:	January	July					
IKLIND.	2017	2013					
Very likely	18%	4%					
Somewhat likely	36%	26%					
Not too likely	20%	30%					
Not at all likely	24%	38%					
(VOL) Don't Know	2%	2%					
(n)	(801)	(1,012)					

18. On another topic, are you concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump will be too friendly toward Russia? [If CONCERNED: Is that a lot or a little concerned?]

TREND:	January	August
IKLIND.	2017	2016*
Concerned, a lot	33%	32%
Concerned, a little	15%	13%
Not concerned	48%	49%
(VOL) Don't Know	3%	3%
(n)	(801)	(803)

<sup>\*</sup> Registered voters

[Q19-35 held for future release]

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The Monmouth University Poll was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from January 12 to 15, 2017 with a national random sample of 801 adults age 18 and older. This includes 400 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 401 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. 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 3.5 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.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)
Self-Reported
30% Republican
37% Independent
33% Democrat

49% Male
51% Female
31% 18-34
37% 35-54
32% 55+

67% White
12% Black
14% Hispanic
7% Asian/Other

MARGIN OF ERROR			
		unweighted	moe
TOTAL		sample 801	(+/-) 3.5%
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REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	708	3.7%
	No	93	10.2%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	225	6.5%
PARTY ID	Independent	301	5.7%
	Democrat	256	6.1%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	189	7.1%
	Moderate	337	5.3%
	Conservative	255	6.1%
GENDER	Male	408	4.9%
	Female	393	5.0%
AGE	18-34	274	5.9%
	<i>35-54</i>	204	6.9%
	<i>55</i> +	320	5.5%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	592	4.0%
	Other	189	7.1%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	421	4.8%
	4 year degree	374	5.1%
INCOME	<\$50K	295	5.7%
	\$50 to <100K	257	6.1%
	\$100K+	200	6.9%

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		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1/A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?	Approve	56%	54%	66%	13%	57%	94%	93%	62%	29%
	Disapprove	38%	40%	29%	81%	36%	4%	6%	31%	65%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	2%	1%	7%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			R/	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
1/A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?	Approve	54%	58%	64%	52%	53%	44%	79%	54%
	Disapprove	40%	37%	30%	44%	41%	49%	16%	40%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
1/A1. Do you approve or	Approve	61%	60%	53%	56%
disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?			34%	41%	40%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	5%	6%	6%	4%

		TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2/A2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	23%	22%	29%	22%	22%	28%	22%	24%	24%
	Disapprove	66%	67%	58%	66%	68%	66%	72%	67%	63%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	11%	10%	13%	12%	10%	6%	6%	9%	13%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			R/	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
2/A2. Do you approve or	Approve	24%	23%	32%	21%	17%	18%	34%	26%
disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Disapprove	67%	65%	56%	68%	73%	73%	53%	61%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	8%	13%	12%	10%	9%	10%	13%	13%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2/A2. Do you approve or	Approve	16%	31%	16%	19%
disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Disapprove	79%	58%	70%	79%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	5%	11%	14%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE		PARTY ID		POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3/A3. Would you say things in the	Right direction	29%	27%	35%	32%	29%	27%	27%	29%	30%
country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off	Wrong track	65%	67%	56%	67%	63%	67%	70%	61%	68%
on the wrong track?	[VOL] Depends	4%	3%	9%	1%	5%	4%	2%	6%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	3%	0%	0%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%

		GEN	DER		AGE 3-WAY		R.A	CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
3/A3. Would you say things in the	Right direction	29%	28%	29%	31%	24%	27%	32%	31%
country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off	Wrong track	64%	67%	63%	63%	70%	68%	59%	64%
on the wrong track?	[VOL] Depends	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3/A3. Would you say things in the	Right direction	23%	26%	33%	25%
country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off	Wrong track	70%	70%	61%	66%
on the wrong track?	[VOL] Depends	4%	3%	4%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	4%	2%	2%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
	Favorable	34%	35%	27%	75%	28%	4%	8%	27%	58%	35%
of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no	Unfavorable	46%	45%	48%	8%	48%	78%	83%	50%	20%	41%
opinion of him?	No opinion	20%	19%	25%	17%	24%	18%	9%	24%	22%	24%

		GENDER AGE 3-WAY			R.A	CE	COLLEG	INCOME		
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K
4/A4. Is your general impression	Favorable	34%	23%	41%	37%	44%	14%	38%	24%	32%
of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no	Unfavorable	50%	55%	39%	46%	39%	59%	40%	61%	42%
opinion of him?	No opinion	16%	23%	21%	17%	17%	27%	22%	15%	26%

		INCO	OME
		\$50-100K	\$100K+
4/A4. Is your general impression	Favorable	36%	33%
of Donald Trump favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no	Unfavorable	50%	54%
opinion of him?	No opinion	14%	13%

		TOTAL	TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE			PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	
5/A5. Thinking about the next few	Very optimistic	24%	26%	17%	53%	20%	4%	5%	17%	45%	
years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies	Somewhat optimistic	26%	26%	29%	37%	30%	14%	12%	32%	29%	
Trump will pursue? [PROBE] Is that very or somewhat	Somewhat pessimistic	13%	12%	14%	3%	14%	19%	15%	14%	9%	
optimistic_pessimistic?	Very pessimistic	30%	30%	32%	3%	29%	56%	66%	30%	11%	
	[VOL] Dont Know _ Refused	6%	6%	8%	4%	7%	7%	2%	8%	6%	

		GEN	DER		AGE 3-WAY		R.A	/CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
5/A5. Thinking about the next few	Very optimistic	25%	24%	16%	29%	27%	30%	13%	28%
years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies	Somewhat optimistic	29%	24%	29%	28%	22%	30%	21%	27%
Trump will pursue? [PROBE] Is that very or somewhat	Somewhat pessimistic	15%	10%	17%	11%	9%	9%	19%	13%
optimistic_pessimistic?	Very pessimistic	24%	36%	31%	28%	32%	26%	38%	25%
	[VOL] Dont Know _ Refused	7%	6%	6%	4%	10%	5%	9%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5/A5. Thinking about the next few	Very optimistic	16%	21%	28%	26%
years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies	Somewhat optimistic	25%	27%	25%	27%
Trump will pursue? [PROBE] Is that very or somewhat	Somewhat pessimistic	11%	15%	10%	12%
optimistic_pessimistic?	Very pessimistic	44%	28%	34%	34%
	[VOL] Dont Know _ Refused	5%	8%	4%	2%

		TOTAL	TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE			PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	
6/A6A. How much did middle	A lot	24%	23%	27%	6%	20%	44%	47%	22%	14%	
class families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	41%	41%	43%	33%	41%	49%	43%	47%	33%	
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	33%	34%	28%	59%	36%	6%	8%	30%	50%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	

		GENDER			AGE 3-WAY		RA	CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
6/A6A. How much did middle	A lot	22%	26%	29%	21%	22%	17%	38%	24%
class families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	40%	42%	41%	40%	42%	39%	45%	40%
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	36%	30%	28%	38%	32%	42%	14%	33%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
6/A6A. How much did middle	A lot	25%	26%	23%	22%	
class families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	43%	42%	35%	48%	
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	31%	30%	40%	28%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	2%	2%	2%	2%	

		TOTAL	TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE			PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	
7/A7A. And how much do you	A lot	26%	27%	21%	56%	21%	4%	6%	18%	47%	
think middle class families will benefit from President Trumps	A little	40%	38%	51%	38%	44%	36%	42%	43%	34%	
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	29%	30%	26%	2%	28%	54%	52%	33%	12%	
an:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	5%	6%	2%	3%	7%	5%	1%	6%	6%	

		GENDER			AGE 3-WAY		R <i>A</i>	/CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
7/A7A. And how much do you think middle class families will benefit from President Trumps	A lot	25%	27%	18%	30%	28%	32%	13%	29%
	A little	43%	37%	47%	41%	32%	38%	42%	39%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	27%	31%	32%	24%	33%	25%	36%	26%
all:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	5%	6%	3%	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7/A7A. And how much do you	A lot	17%	25%	26%	27%
think middle class families will benefit from President Trumps	A little	42%	40%	40%	38%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	37%	27%	32%	31%
aii:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	4%	8%	3%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8/A6B. How much did wealthy	A lot	29%	30%	24%	44%	25%	21%	22%	31%	32%
families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot, a little, or	A little	43%	44%	40%	26%	44%	62%	60%	44%	35%
not at all?	Not at all	17%	17%	23%	23%	18%	11%	11%	16%	23%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	10%	9%	13%	8%	13%	6%	7%	9%	10%

		GEN	DER		AGE 3-WAY		R <i>A</i>	\CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
8/A6B. How much did wealthy	A lot	30%	29%	18%	34%	35%	34%	22%	30%
families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot, a little, or	A little	45%	41%	47%	41%	43%	39%	54%	41%
not at all?	Not at all	17%	18%	25%	16%	12%	18%	15%	17%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	8%	11%	10%	8%	11%	10%	9%	12%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8/A6B. How much did wealthy	A lot	28%	28%	30%	29%
families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot, a little, or	A little	50%	47%	44%	44%
not at all?	Not at all	18%	14%	18%	23%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	4%	11%	9%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE		PARTY ID		POLI	TICAL IDEOL	OGY
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9/A7B. And how much do you	A lot	55%	55%	58%	33%	50%	80%	82%	58%	36%
think wealthy families will benefit from President Trumps policies -	A little	31%	31%	28%	53%	32%	10%	10%	29%	46%
a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	7%	7%	5%	8%	9%	4%	5%	5%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	7%	7%	9%	6%	9%	5%	3%	7%	9%

		GEN	DER		AGE 3-WAY		R <i>A</i>	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
9/A7B. And how much do you	A lot	55%	55%	57%	54%	56%	51%	63%	51%
think wealthy families will benefit from President Trumps policies -	A little	31%	31%	31%	32%	29%	37%	19%	34%
a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	5%	10%	7%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	7%	7%	6%	6%	9%	6%	8%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
9/A7B. And how much do you	A lot	67%	55%	55%	59%	
think wealthy families will benefit from President Trumps policies -	A little	24%	30%	32%	32%	
a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	6%	8%	5%	7%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	3%	7%	8%	2%	

		TOTAL	TOTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
10/A6C. How much did poor	A lot	39%	38%	46%	30%	33%	56%	60%	37%	32%
families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot, a little, or	A little	36%	37%	26%	30%	38%	36%	33%	44%	27%
not at all?	Not at all	21%	21%	21%	36%	23%	7%	5%	15%	38%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	4%	3%	6%	4%	6%	1%	2%	4%	4%

		GEN	DER		AGE 3-WAY		RA	CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
10/A6C. How much did poor	A lot	36%	43%	53%	35%	32%	33%	51%	38%
families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot, a little, or	A little	36%	35%	28%	38%	39%	37%	33%	33%
not at all?	Not at all	24%	19%	16%	23%	25%	27%	11%	24%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
10/A6C. How much did poor families benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot, a little, or	A lot	42%	35%	46%	41%
	A little	42%	36%	35%	37%
not at all?	Not at all	14%	26%	15%	18%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	3%	3%	4%	4%

		TOTAL	OTAL REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
11/A7C. And how much do you think poor families will benefit from President Trumps policies -	A lot	21%	21%	20%	41%	20%	5%	3%	14%	39%
	A little	36%	37%	33%	47%	35%	28%	24%	39%	39%
a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	37%	36%	45%	6%	39%	63%	69%	42%	14%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	6%	6%	2%	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	7%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	
11/A7C. And how much do you	A lot	18%	23%	12%	25%	24%	25%	13%	24%	
think poor families will benefit from President Trumps policies -	A little	38%	34%	44%	35%	31%	38%	34%	38%	
a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	37%	37%	42%	35%	36%	31%	47%	32%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	6%	5%	3%	5%	10%	6%	6%	6%	

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
11/A7C. And how much do you	A lot	12%	22%	21%	16%	
think poor families will benefit from President Trumps policies -	A little	32%	39%	39%	28%	
a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	51%	33%	36%	50%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	5%	6%	4%	6%	

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	
12/A6D. How much did Wall Street bankers benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A lot	35%	35%	29%	37%	38%	30%	27%	36%	38%	
	A little	40%	39%	43%	34%	37%	50%	52%	41%	31%	
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	11%	10%	19%	14%	11%	8%	10%	9%	14%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	15%	16%	8%	15%	14%	13%	11%	14%	17%	

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			R <i>A</i>	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
12/A6D. How much did Wall	A lot	43%	26%	28%	38%	38%	36%	31%	33%
Street bankers benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	35%	44%	45%	39%	36%	37%	45%	39%
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	12%	10%	12%	10%	11%	11%	10%	11%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	10%	20%	16%	14%	15%	16%	13%	16%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
12/A6D. How much did Wall Street bankers benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A lot	37%	32%	33%	39%
	A little	41%	37%	46%	39%
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	10%	13%	8%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	11%	18%	12%	11%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13/A7D. And how much do you	A lot	54%	54%	55%	38%	54%	70%	75%	55%	41%
think Wall Street bankers will benefit from President Trumps	A little	30%	30%	32%	45%	30%	19%	15%	32%	37%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	7%	7%	7%	6%	9%	5%	8%	5%	9%
un:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	9%	9%	6%	11%	8%	6%	2%	8%	12%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY		RA	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
13/A7D. And how much do you	A lot	58%	51%	54%	53%	55%	50%	63%	50%
think Wall Street bankers will benefit from President Trumps	A little	30%	30%	34%	30%	28%	35%	21%	33%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	6%	7%	6%	9%	5%	6%	9%	8%
an:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	6%	11%	6%	8%	12%	9%	7%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
13/A7D. And how much do you	A lot	65%	53%	53%	60%
think Wall Street bankers will benefit from President Trumps	A little	24%	30%	35%	25%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	4%	10%	4%	6%
aii:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	8%	8%	8%	9%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE		PARTY ID		POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
14/A6E. How much did big	A lot	30%	31%	19%	30%	33%	27%	23%	32%	31%
business interests benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	48%	48%	50%	42%	43%	62%	64%	48%	41%
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	14%	14%	18%	23%	14%	4%	6%	13%	21%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	8%	7%	14%	5%	10%	7%	7%	8%	7%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY		R <i>A</i>	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
14/A6E. How much did big	A lot	32%	27%	28%	31%	30%	29%	30%	30%
business interests benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	49%	48%	51%	47%	48%	46%	53%	47%
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	13%	16%	13%	15%	15%	18%	7%	14%
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	6%	9%	8%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
14/A6E. How much did big	A lot	29%	29%	32%	26%	
business interests benefit from President Obamas policies - a lot,	A little	52%	47%	47%	56%	
a little, or not at all?	Not at all	15%	13%	16%	13%	
	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	3%	11%	5%	4%	

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE		PARTY ID		POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		OGY
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
15/A7E. And how much do you	A lot	63%	63%	61%	58%	60%	72%	84%	62%	50%
think big business interests will benefit from President Trumps	A little	27%	27%	28%	34%	30%	18%	13%	28%	35%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	5%	1%	4%	7%
an:	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	2%	6%	8%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY		R/	CE	COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
15/A7E. And how much do you	A lot	62%	63%	64%	60%	65%	62%	65%	59%
think big business interests will benefit from President Trumps	A little	29%	25%	28%	31%	22%	29%	22%	29%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%	8%	5%
all!	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	4%	8%	4%	5%	10%	7%	5%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
15/A7E. And how much do you	A lot	72%	61%	62%	70%
think big business interests will benefit from President Trumps	A little	23%	24%	30%	25%
policies - a lot, a little, or not at all?	Not at all	2%	7%	2%	2%
all!	[VOL] Dont Know_Refused	3%	8%	5%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
16/A8. How likely is it that	Very likely	28%	29%	20%	56%	26%	5%	5%	21%	49%
President Trump will propose policies to help the middle class -	Somewhat likely	33%	33%	37%	36%	39%	25%	22%	40%	32%
very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Not too likely	16%	16%	18%	3%	16%	27%	29%	17%	7%
all likely!	Not at all likely	21%	21%	24%	4%	18%	41%	43%	20%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	
16/A8. How likely is it that	Very likely	30%	25%	18%	34%	30%	34%	15%	30%	
President Trump will propose policies to help the middle class -	Somewhat likely	34%	33%	43%	32%	25%	35%	31%	34%	
very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Not too likely	15%	17%	18%	13%	17%	12%	23%	15%	
all likely!	Not at all likely	19%	23%	20%	20%	24%	17%	28%	20%	
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
16/A8. How likely is it that	Very likely	22%	27%	27%	28%
President Trump will propose policies to help the middle class -	Somewhat likely	33%	32%	36%	31%
very, somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Not too likely	19%	16%	16%	17%
all likely :	Not at all likely	24%	21%	19%	24%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	3%	1%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17/A9. How likely is it that	Very likely	18%	19%	16%	39%	13%	3%	5%	12%	34%
Congress will enact policies to help the middle class - very.	Somewhat likely	36%	36%	41%	43%	40%	29%	22%	39%	41%
somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Not too likely	20%	20%	21%	10%	22%	29%	29%	24%	11%
likely!	Not at all likely	24%	24%	22%	7%	24%	37%	42%	24%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY		R/	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
17/A9. How likely is it that	Very likely	20%	17%	10%	24%	19%	21%	13%	19%
Congress will enact policies to help the middle class - very,	Somewhat likely	35%	38%	42%	38%	29%	39%	33%	37%
somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Not too likely	19%	21%	24%	11%	26%	18%	24%	20%
iikely :	Not at all likely	26%	22%	21%	26%	23%	20%	28%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
17/A9. How likely is it that	Very likely	15%	16%	18%	22%
Congress will enact policies to help the middle class - very,	Somewhat likely	35%	36%	38%	33%
somewhat, not too, or not at all likely?	Not too likely	21%	24%	21%	15%
iikely :	Not at all likely	28%	21%	22%	30%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	1%	3%	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERE	D TO VOTE	PARTY ID		POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		OGY	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
18/A10. On another topic, are you	Concerned, a lot	33%	33%	33%	6%	28%	66%	61%	36%	16%
concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump will be too friendly	Concerned, a little	15%	15%	16%	12%	17%	17%	21%	17%	10%
toward Russia? [IF CONCERNED] Is that a lot or a	Not concerned	48%	49%	46%	81%	53%	14%	16%	43%	72%
little concerned?	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	3%	3%	5%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%

		GEN	GENDER		AGE 3-WAY		R <i>A</i>	COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
18/A10. On another topic, are you	Concerned, a lot	29%	38%	30%	32%	39%	27%	47%	30%
concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump will be too friendly	Concerned, a little	16%	14%	19%	14%	13%	16%	15%	15%
toward Russia? [IF CONCERNED] Is that a lot or a	Not concerned	53%	44%	48%	51%	45%	55%	34%	52%
little concerned?	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
18/A10. On another topic, are you concerned or not concerned that Donald Trump will be too friendly toward Russia? [IF CONCERNED] Is that a lot or a little concerned?	Concerned, a lot	42%	34%	31%	38%
	Concerned, a little	17%	17%	15%	15%
	Not concerned	39%	44%	51%	46%
	[VOL] Dont know _ Refused	2%	5%	3%	1%