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NATIONAL: STATE OF THE UNION WEAKENS

Political distrust affects willingness to compromise

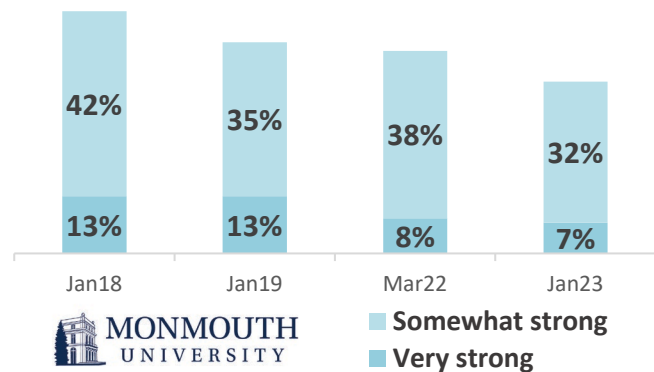
West Long Branch, NJ – Barely 4 in 10 Americans say the state of the union is strong, which is down from a majority who felt that way five years ago. The *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* also finds most of the public feels the federal government has a negative impact on people’s lives. More tend to say Washington’s problems are due to a lack of compromise among elected officials rather than them sticking to principles. At the same time, a majority fear the country would suffer significant damage if politicians at the opposite end of the political spectrum were able to control policymaking.

About 4 in 10 Americans say the state of the union is strong – although just 7% call it very strong while 32% say it is somewhat strong. Another 32% say the union is not too strong and 26% deem it not at all strong. The number who feel the state of the union is at least somewhat strong has steadily declined over the past five years, from 55% in 2018 to 39% in the current poll.

There is a clear partisan divide on the strength of the union, with Republicans being more optimistic when Donald Trump was president and Democrats being more optimistic now that Joe Biden is in office. Most Republicans gave the union a “strong” rating in 2018 (76%) and 2019 (71%), but turned more negative last year (24%) and in the current poll (29%). By comparison, Democrats were slightly

more positive about the union under Trump (42% in 2018 and 34% in 2019) than Republicans are now under Biden. Still, Democrats’ optimism about the state of the union has ebbed slightly over the past year (from 68% in 2022 to 58% now). Independents’ opinion of the strength of the union has dropped more

Is the State of the Union Strong?



steadily from 52% in 2018, briefly plateauing at 44% in 2019 and 46% in 2022, and then dropping to 33% in the current poll.

“Fundamental faith in the American system continues to erode, even when taking into account the fact that partisan views shift depending on who occupies the White House,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Most Americans (59%) say the current government in Washington has a negative impact on most people’s lives. Overall, just 16% of the public says Washington has more of a positive impact and 22% say it has little impact either way. The negative impact number has ticked up from 50% in June 2015. In the current poll, this view includes 78% of Republicans and 65% of independents, but just 38% of Democrats. However, very few Democrats (26%) say the government’s impact is actually positive. Among those who say the impact is negative, more than 2 in 3 (69%) feel that Washington could be turned around, including similar numbers of Republicans and Democrats.

“Washington is not seen as a force for good, but it doesn’t have to be this way according to most Americans. The question is whether Washington specifically and the country more generally can overcome the lack of trust that permeates our current political climate,” said Murray.

A majority of Americans (58%) say the country would suffer a great deal of lasting damage if people who hold core political principles different from their own are able to enact their preferred policies. This opinion has hovered at a similar 50% to 56% level in Monmouth polls conducted between 2016 and 2021. When partisan identifiers are combined with independents who lean toward either party, the poll shows this sense that the other side’s policies would cause lasting damage is shared equally by Republicans (61%) and Democrats (60%).

About half the public (51%) says the federal government’s problems stem from elected officials who are not willing to compromise, but a sizable 4 in 10 (42%) say officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles is the bigger problem. These results have been fairly consistent, with a slight variation, since Monmouth first asked this question in 2015. In general, Republicans have been more likely to put the blame on officials who won’t stand by their principles (57% in the current poll), while Democrats point the finger at an unwillingness to compromise (67%). That attitude was slightly different, though, at a point in the middle of Trump’s term when both Republicans (41% principles and 47% compromise) and Democrats (44% principles and 42% compromise) were more evenly divided (September 2019).

In the current poll, among those who say a lack of principle is a bigger problem in Washington, 69% feel the other side having control over policy would cause a great deal of lasting damage. However, even among those who desire more compromise, half (49%) are similarly worried about the negative consequences of policies implemented by those with whom they fundamentally disagree.

“Americans are not entirely in agreement whether Washington needs more compromise. There is a deep-seated distrust of folks at the other end of the political spectrum. That’s not a good situation for a functioning democracy to be in. You need a critical mass of the public to feel the world won’t fall apart if the other side has the upper hand from time to time. We just don’t have that right now,” said Murray.

The poll also finds just 24% of Americans feel the country is headed in the right direction while 73% say things have gotten off on the wrong track. The right direction number has ranged between 10% and 28% over the past year. It briefly hit 46% in April 2021 near the start of Biden’s term, before declining to 30% at the end of 2021. Currently, 41% of Democrats, 22% of independents, and just 6% of Republicans say the country is headed in the right direction.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from January 26 to 30, 2023 with 805 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 5.7 percentage points for the full sample. 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.)

[Q1-14 previously released.]

15. Would you say the state of the union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?

TREND:	Jan. 2023	March 2022	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2018
Very strong	7%	8%	13%	13%
Somewhat strong	32%	38%	35%	42%
Not too strong	32%	27%	27%	24%
Not at all strong	26%	24%	22%	14%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	3%	6%
(n)	(805)	(809)	(805)	(806)

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

TREND:	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Right direction	24%	28%	23%	15%	10%	18%	24%	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37%	46%	34%	42%
Wrong track	73%	68%	74%	82%	88%	79%	73%	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57%	50%	61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
(n)	(805)	(805)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
<i>Continued</i>										
Right direction	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%	74%	74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND:	Dec.	Nov.	Sept.	Aug.	June	May	April	March	Nov.	Aug.	June	April	March	Jan.
<i>Continued</i>	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	63%	55%	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND:	Dec.	Aug.	May	March	Jan.	Aug.	Oct.	July	June	April	Dec.	July
<i>Continued</i>	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016*	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2013
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

17. As you may know, the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives this month. Do you think they are starting off better than you expected, worse than you expected, or about the same as you expected?

	Jan.
	2023
Better	11%
Worse	23%
About the same	60%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(805)

18. What causes more problems in the federal government – elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles OR elected officials who are not willing to compromise?

[CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

TREND:	Jan.	Jan.	Nov.	Sept.	Aug.	Jan.	Jan.
	2023	2021	2020	2019	2016*	2016	2015
Not willing to stand up for principles	42%	41%	42%	41%	36%	40%	36%
Not willing to compromise	51%	55%	51%	45%	55%	50%	54%
(VOL) Depends	3%	3%	4%	9%	8%	6%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	5%	2%
(n)	(805)	(809)	(810)	(1,161)	(803)	(1,003)	(1,003)

* Registered voters

19. Overall, do you think the current government in Washington has more of a positive impact or more of a negative impact on most people's lives, or does it have little impact either way?

TREND:	Jan.	Aug.	June
	2023	2016*	2015
Positive impact	16%	19%	21%
Negative impact	59%	54%	50%
Little impact either way	22%	21%	23%
(VOL) Mixed/ depends	1%	4%	2%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	3%
(n)	(805)	(803)	(1,002)

* Registered voters

[The following question was asked of those who said “NEGATIVE IMPACT” to Q19; n=484, moe=+/- 7.4%.]

19A. Do you think it is possible to improve Washington to have a positive impact on people’s lives or do you think it is unlikely that anything can be done to improve Washington?

TREND:	Jan. 2023	Aug. 2016*	June 2015
Possible to improve	69%	75%	69%
Unlikely that anything can be done	30%	23%	30%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	2%	1%
(n)	(484)	(451)	(539)

* Registered voters

20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place – would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

TREND:	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2021	Nov. 2020	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2016*	Jan. 2016
A great deal	58%	52%	56%	56%	50%	50%
Some	31%	36%	29%	28%	34%	33%
Not much	6%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%
Not at all	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	1%	3%	4%	3%	4%
(n)	(805)	(809)	(810)	(1,161)	(803)	(1,003)

* Registered voters

[Q21-39 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from January 26 to 30, 2023 with a probability-based national random sample of 805 adults age 18 and older. This includes 281 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 524 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Troldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n= 569), Aristotle (list, n= 152) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n= 84). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2021 one-year survey). 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 5.7 percentage points (adjusted for sample design effects). 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
 27% Republican
 42% Independent
 31% Democrat

49% Male
 51% Female

28% 18-34
 33% 35-54
 39% 55+

61% White
 12% Black
 17% Hispanic
 10% Asian/Other

67% No degree
 33% 4 year degree

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
TOTAL		805	5.7%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	757	5.9%
	No	48	23.3%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	206	11.3%
	Independent	322	9.0%
	Democrat	259	10.0%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	190	11.7%
	Moderate	306	9.2%
	Conservative	273	9.8%
GENDER	Male	384	8.3%
	Female	421	7.9%
AGE	18-34	138	13.8%
	35-54	264	10.0%
	55+	399	8.1%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	199	11.5%
	No	605	6.6%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	563	6.8%
	Other	217	11.0%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	355	8.6%
	4 year degree	448	7.6%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	242	10.4%
	White, 4 year degree	320	9.0%
INCOME	<\$50K	203	11.3%
	\$50 to <\$100K	221	10.9%
	\$100K+	322	9.0%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
15. Would you say the state of the union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?	Very strong	7%	7%	3%	1%	7%	11%	6%	9%	4%
	Somewhat strong	32%	33%	28%	28%	26%	47%	36%	41%	23%
	Not too strong	32%	30%	50%	30%	34%	32%	40%	28%	32%
	Not at all strong	26%	28%	13%	38%	32%	10%	17%	19%	39%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
15. Would you say the state of the union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?	Very strong	7%	7%	4%	7%	8%	8%	6%	6%	8%
	Somewhat strong	31%	34%	34%	31%	33%	30%	33%	32%	34%
	Not too strong	31%	34%	35%	33%	29%	35%	31%	34%	29%
	Not at all strong	30%	23%	23%	28%	27%	26%	27%	26%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
15. Would you say the state of the union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?	Very strong	7%	7%	5%	8%	11%	3%	7%
	Somewhat strong	30%	37%	28%	38%	31%	35%	31%
	Not too strong	30%	36%	35%	33%	31%	29%	36%
	Not at all strong	30%	19%	30%	20%	24%	32%	25%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
16. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	24%	24%	17%	6%	22%	41%	36%	29%	9%
	Wrong track	73%	73%	75%	93%	75%	55%	60%	67%	91%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	6%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
16. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	22%	25%	23%	25%	23%	23%	24%	20%	30%
	Wrong track	74%	72%	74%	72%	73%	75%	72%	76%	68%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
16. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	22%	27%	15%	29%	26%	20%	25%
	Wrong track	75%	69%	81%	68%	71%	78%	72%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17. As you may know, the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives this month. Do you think they are starting off better than you expected, worse than you expected, or about the same as you expected?	Better	11%	11%	3%	25%	9%	1%	1%	6%	23%
	Worse	23%	24%	17%	7%	23%	38%	41%	24%	7%
	About the same	60%	60%	61%	60%	60%	61%	56%	63%	64%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	5%	18%	9%	7%	1%	2%	7%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
17. As you may know, the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives this month. Do you think they are starting off better than you expected, worse than you expected, or about the same as you expected?	Better	12%	9%	8%	10%	13%	12%	10%	12%	7%
	Worse	22%	24%	27%	20%	23%	20%	24%	22%	25%
	About the same	59%	62%	58%	65%	57%	61%	60%	60%	60%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	5%	7%	5%	7%	7%	6%	5%	8%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
17. As you may know, the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives this month. Do you think they are starting off better than you expected, worse than you expected, or about the same as you expected?	Better	10%	11%	13%	12%	9%	7%	14%
	Worse	21%	27%	19%	28%	24%	24%	24%
	About the same	61%	58%	62%	57%	58%	63%	59%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	5%	6%	4%	9%	6%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
18. What causes more problems in the federal government – elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles OR elected officials who are not willing to compromise?	Elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles	42%	41%	53%	57%	43%	29%	31%	37%	54%
	Elected officials who are not willing to compromise	51%	52%	36%	35%	48%	67%	66%	56%	36%
	(VOL) Depends	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	1%	2%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	9%	6%	4%	2%	2%	5%	4%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 2/06/23

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
18. What causes more problems in the federal government – elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles OR elected officials who are not willing to compromise?	Elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles	43%	41%	35%	41%	48%	43%	41%	45%	36%
	Elected officials who are not willing to compromise	50%	51%	61%	49%	44%	50%	51%	47%	58%
	(VOL) Depends	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	2%	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
18. What causes more problems in the federal government – elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles OR elected officials who are not willing to compromise?	Elected officials who are not willing to stand up for their principles	43%	40%	48%	40%	39%	49%	42%
	Elected officials who are not willing to compromise	50%	51%	44%	52%	53%	47%	51%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
19. Overall, do you think the current government in Washington has more of a positive impact or more of a negative impact on most peoples lives, or does it have little impact either way?	Positive impact	16%	16%	18%	7%	14%	26%	25%	22%	3%
	Negative impact	59%	60%	49%	78%	65%	38%	45%	49%	82%
	Little impact either way	22%	21%	25%	14%	19%	30%	24%	26%	14%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	7%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
19. Overall, do you think the current government in Washington has more of a positive impact or more of a negative impact on most peoples lives, or does it have little impact either way?	Positive impact	16%	16%	21%	10%	17%	11%	18%	17%	15%
	Negative impact	60%	59%	50%	69%	58%	69%	56%	64%	51%
	Little impact either way	21%	22%	28%	17%	21%	15%	24%	17%	29%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	1%	1%	3%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
19. Overall, do you think the current government in Washington has more of a positive impact or more of a negative impact on most peoples lives, or does it have little impact either way?	Positive impact	15%	18%	14%	20%	18%	16%	15%
	Negative impact	59%	59%	66%	60%	51%	59%	65%
	Little impact either way	23%	18%	18%	16%	29%	22%	17%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID		
			Rep	Ind	Dem
19A. [IF CURRENT IMPACT IS NEGATIVE n=484:] Do you think it is possible to improve Washington to have a positive impact on people's lives or do you think it is unlikely that anything can be done to improve Washington?	Possible to improve	69%	76%	61%	73%
	Unlikely that anything can be done	30%	24%	37%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	2%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not	Great deal	58%	58%	57%	63%	54%	58%	60%	50%	65%
	Some	31%	32%	17%	26%	32%	32%	25%	40%	25%
	Not much	6%	6%	14%	5%	8%	6%	11%	7%	3%
	Not at all	3%	3%	2%	0%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	10%	6%	2%	0%	1%	1%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not	Great deal	56%	59%	61%	51%	60%	52%	60%	63%	50%
	Some	30%	31%	31%	35%	27%	37%	28%	27%	37%
	Not much	8%	5%	4%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%
	Not at all	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	1%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
20. Thinking about people who hold core political principles that are different from yours, how much does it concern you that our country would suffer lasting damage if their policies were put into place - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not	Great deal	55%	62%	60%	67%	52%	60%	63%
	Some	31%	29%	28%	24%	33%	29%	28%
	Not much	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%
	Not at all	3%	2%	1%	1%	5%	3%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	1%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%