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## **NATIONAL: TRUMP RATING HOLDS STEADY DESPITE CAMPAIGN'S 2016 RUSSIA MEETING**

*4-in-10 support impeachment, higher than for Nixon at start of Watergate*

West Long Branch, NJ – Donald Trump's approval rating has held fairly steady since the last *Monmouth University Poll* despite recent revelations that family members and campaign aids met with Russian operatives during the 2016 campaign. In fact, concern about Russia's influence in the White House has barely budged in the past two months. About 4-in-10 Americans currently support impeaching Trump six months into his term, which is significantly higher than the number who called for Richard Nixon's impeachment six months into that president's second term.

The president's job rating currently stands at a net negative 39% approve and 52% disapprove. This is nearly identical to his 39%-53% rating in May. About one-third (32%) of the public says Pres. Trump's agenda so far has focused a lot on issues that are important to average Americans, another 31% say he has focused a little on these issues and 35% say he has not focused at all on issues important to average Americans. These results are largely unchanged from two months ago.

"Donald Trump's job rating has basically held steady amid another round of supposedly damaging news. Most Americans disapprove of his son and other advisers meeting with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, but that hasn't really moved the needle on any other public opinion metric related to the president," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

More than three-quarters (80%) of the public have heard last week's news about the 2016 meeting between Trump campaign advisers, including the president's son, and a Russian lawyer. Most Americans (59%) say the meeting was not appropriate, while just 31% say it was appropriate.

Most say that the Trump team went into the meeting expecting to obtain negative information on Hillary Clinton – 50% say this was the main purpose for the meeting and another 6% volunteer that this

was one of the reasons for the meeting. One-third (33%) believe the meeting was for some other reason. Among those who believe the Trump team walked into the meeting expecting to get dirt on Clinton, 21% say attending was appropriate and 76% say it was not appropriate. Among those who say the Trump team believed the meeting was for another reason altogether, 49% say having the meeting was appropriate while 40% still say it was inappropriate to meet with the Russians during the campaign.

The president's son-in-law Jared Kushner, who is now an unpaid White House adviser with access to classified information, was also at that 2016 meeting. The public is divided on whether Kushner should be made to resign (39%), lose his security clearance but keep his position (22%), or be able to continue in his current role with no change to his clearance (31%).

Nearly two-thirds of the public believes the Russian government either definitely (36%) or probably (29%) tried to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. Just over 1-in-4 say the Russians probably (18%) or definitely (10%) did not interfere. Given the premise that Russia did in fact try to interfere in the election, most believe this caused either a lot (47%) or a little (21%) damage to American democracy. Another 28%, on the other hand, believe that Russian interference did no damage to American democracy. This opinion is driven by a huge partisan divide. Specifically, 60% of Republicans believe that Russian interference in the election caused no damage at all to American democracy while only 28% of independents and 6% of Democrats feel the same.

"We'd like to believe that concerns about external interference in our democratic processes would unite Americans regardless of ideology. But in an era of partisan tribalism, it looks like short-term political ends justify the means," said Murray.

A majority (54%) of Americans are concerned that Trump may be too friendly toward Russia. This level of concern has been creeping up from 45% during the 2016 campaign to 48% in the first months of Trump's presidency, and 51% two months ago when Trump fired former FBI director James Comey. A similar majority (55%) of the public is concerned that other members of the Trump administration may be too friendly toward Russia. This number is up slightly from 49% in May.

The public is divided on whether Pres. Trump pressed his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, about that government's interference in the U.S. election when the two met in person earlier this month. Just under half – 46% – say it is either very likely (20%) or somewhat likely (26%) that Trump did this, while a similar number – 48% – say it is not too likely (22%) or not at all likely (26%).

The public continues to be split on whether Trump's attitude toward Russia does (48%) or does not (48%) present a national security threat to the United States. This opinion is nearly identical to the May poll results, when 48% said Trump's position toward Russia poses a security risk and 46% said it does not.

Over 6-in-10 (62%) Americans say the special counsel investigation into Russian interference should continue while 33% say it should be brought to an end. Two months ago, 73% supported continuing the related FBI investigation into Russia – before the special counsel was appointed – and 24% wanted it to end.

Currently, 41% of the public think that Trump should be impeached and compelled to leave the presidency, while 53% disagree. The *Monmouth University Poll* asked the same question used by the Gallup Poll during Nixon’s presidency. In July 1973 as the Watergate scandal started to unfold, just 24% of the public supported impeachment and 62% were opposed. Support for Nixon’s impeachment was significantly lower six months into his second term as president than it is for the incumbent today. Interestingly, Nixon’s job rating at that point in his tenure – 39% approve and 49% disapprove – was about the same as Trump’s current rating.

“Even though Trump’s approval rating is similar to Nixon’s, more Americans support impeachment today than did in 1973. That’s partly due to the current epidemic of hyper-partisanship that was simply not prevalent forty years ago,” said Murray. *[Note: the 1973 Gallup dataset was obtained from the [Roper Center for Public Opinion Research](#) archives. Murray’s blog post on the history of Gallup’s impeachment polling during Watergate can be found [here](#).]*

Just 34% of Democrats supported impeaching Nixon in the summer of 1973, compared to 70% of Democrats who support impeaching Trump today. There are much smaller differences in support for impeachment of the two presidents among independents (22% for Nixon and 32% for Trump) and Republicans (7% for Nixon and 12% for Trump). Another difference in the two polls that underlines today’s partisan tribalism is that Nixon had a higher approval rating than Trump among Democrats (24% versus 7% for Trump) and a lower approval rating than Trump among his fellow Republicans (67% versus 79% for Trump). Approval among independents was the same for Nixon in 1973 (41%) as it is for Trump today (41%).

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from July 13 to 16, 2017 with 800 adults in the United States. The results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 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 Donald Trump is doing as president?

TREND:	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017
Approve	<b>39%</b>	39%	43%
Disapprove	<b>52%</b>	53%	46%
(VOL) No opinion	<b>9%</b>	8%	11%
(n)	<b>(800)</b>	(1,002)	(801)

[Q2-6 held for future release.]

7. How much has Donald Trump’s agenda during his first months in office focused on the issues important to average Americans – a lot, a little, or not at all?

	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017
A lot	<b>32%</b>	35%	42%
A little	<b>31%</b>	30%	28%
Not at all	<b>35%</b>	32%	27%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>2%</b>	3%	4%
(n)	<b>(800)</b>	(1,002)	(801)

8. Do you think President Trump should be impeached and compelled to leave the Presidency, or not?

	July 2017
Yes, should	<b>41%</b>
No, should not	<b>53%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>6%</b>
(n)	<b>(800)</b>

9. 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:	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017	January 2017	August 2016*
Concerned, a lot	<b>38%</b>	39%	37%	33%	32%
Concerned, a little	<b>16%</b>	12%	11%	15%	13%
Not concerned	<b>44%</b>	45%	49%	48%	49%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>	4%	3%	3%	3%
(n)	<b>(800)</b>	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)

\* Registered voters

10. Are you concerned or not concerned that other members of the Trump administration may be too friendly toward Russia? [If **CONCERNED**: Are you concerned a lot or a little?]

	July 2017	March 2017
Concerned, a lot	<b>42%</b>	38%
Concerned, a little	<b>13%</b>	11%
Not concerned	<b>43%</b>	48%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>	3%
(n)	<b>(800)</b>	(801)

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

	July 2017	May 2017
Does	<b>48%</b>	48%
Does not	<b>48%</b>	46%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>4%</b>	7%
(n)	<b>(800)</b>	(1,002)

12. Have you heard that a special counsel is conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or haven’t you heard about this?

	July 2017
Heard	<b>86%</b>
Not Heard	<b>14%</b>
(n)	<b>(800)</b>

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

	July 2017	May 2017*
Continue	62%	73%
End	33%	24%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	3%
(n)	(800)	(1,002)

[\* May'17 question was asked about the then-ongoing FBI investigation.]

14. Do you think the Russian government tried to interfere in the 2016 presidential election – would you say definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not?

	July 2017
Definitely	36%
Probably	29%
Probably not	18%
Definitely not	10%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(800)

15. If Russia did interfere in the election, how much damage did it cause to American democracy – a lot, a little, or none at all?

	July 2017
A lot	47%
A little	21%
None at all	28%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(800)

16. Were you aware that President Trump had a one-on-one meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a conference of world leaders last week, or haven't you heard about this?

	July 2017
Aware	83%
Not heard	17%
(n)	(800)

17. Based on what you may know or think about it, how likely is it that that Trump really pressed Putin about Russian interference in the 2016 election at this meeting – very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?

	July 2017
Very likely	20%
Somewhat likely	26%
Not too likely	22%
Not at all likely	26%
(VOL) Don't know	6%
(n)	(800)

18. Have you heard that the president's son Donald Trump, Jr. and other advisers met with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, or haven't you heard about this?

	July 2017
Heard	80%
Not heard	20%
(n)	(800)

19. Do you think that it was appropriate or not appropriate for the Trump advisers to have this meeting?

	July 2017
Appropriate	31%
Not appropriate	59%
(VOL) Don't know	10%
(n)	(800)

20. Do you think the Trump campaign advisers agreed to this meeting because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, or were they meeting for some other reason?

	July 2017
Get negative information on Hillary Clinton	50%
For some other reason	33%
(VOL) Both	6%
(VOL) Don't know	11%
(n)	(800)

21. If the Trump campaign advisers did agree to this meeting specifically because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, do you think what they did was wrong or not wrong?

	July 2017
Wrong	62%
Not wrong	29%
(VOL) Don't know	8%
(n)	(800)

22. One of the advisers in the meeting was the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner. He is currently an unpaid White House senior aide with security clearance that gives him access to classified information. Should Kushner have to resign from his position, be able to keep his position but lose his security clearance, or be able to keep both his position and his security clearance?

	July 2017
Resign from his position	39%
Keep his position but lose his security clearance	22%
Keep both his position and his security clearance	31%
(VOL) Don't know	8%
(n)	(800)

[Q23-28 held for future release.]

**METHODOLOGY**

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from July 13 to 16, 2017 with a national random sample of 800 adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 400 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 400 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 Trol Dahl-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 3.5 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.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
26% Republican	
40% Independent	
34% Democrat	
49% Male	
51% Female	
31% 18-34	
34% 35-54	
35% 55+	
65% White	
12% Black	
15% Hispanic	
8% Asian/Other	

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		800	3.5
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	713	3.7
	No	87	10.5
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	196	7.0
PARTY ID	Independent	326	5.4
	Democrat	257	6.1
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	198	7.0
	Moderate	317	5.5
	Conservative	254	6.2
GENDER	Male	412	4.8
	Female	388	5.0
AGE	18-34	225	6.5
	35-54	237	6.4
	55+	336	5.4
RACE	White non-Hispanic	586	4.1
	Other	190	7.1
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	385	5.0
	4 year degree	403	4.9
INCOME	<\$50K	258	6.1
	\$50 to <100K	258	6.1
	\$100K+	221	6.6
2016 VOTE BY	Trump 10+ pts.	296	5.7
COUNTY	Swing < 10 pts.	177	7.4
	Clinton 10+ pts.	327	5.4

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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%	40%	33%	79%	41%	7%	6%	32%	68%
	Disapprove	52%	52%	57%	13%	47%	87%	85%	56%	26%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	9%	9%	10%	8%	12%	6%	8%	12%	5%

		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%	28%	44%	43%	46%	26%	40%
	Disapprove	46%	59%	60%	47%	50%	45%	64%	50%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	10%	7%	11%	9%	6%	9%	10%	10%

		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	35%	34%	42%	38%	50%	43%	26%
	Disapprove	60%	52%	54%	55%	43%	48%	64%
	[VOL] Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	6%	14%	4%	6%	7%	8%	10%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. How much has Donald Trumps agenda during his first months in office focused on the issues important to average Americans - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	32%	34%	18%	65%	31%	8%	8%	25%	56%
	A little	31%	29%	40%	26%	36%	30%	27%	40%	25%
	Not at all	35%	34%	38%	7%	30%	61%	64%	32%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
7. How much has Donald Trumps agenda during his first months in office focused on the issues important to average Americans - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	33%	31%	20%	38%	37%	38%	20%	32%
	A little	32%	29%	42%	26%	25%	28%	37%	32%
	Not at all	32%	38%	33%	35%	37%	31%	42%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	3%	2%	5%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%



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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
7. How much has Donald Trumps agenda during his first months in office focused on the issues important to average Americans - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	32%	26%	35%	34%	39%	38%	23%
	A little	28%	33%	29%	32%	31%	27%	33%
	Not at all	39%	37%	34%	33%	28%	32%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. Do you think President Trump should be impeached and compelled to leave the Presidency, or not?	Yes, should	41%	40%	44%	12%	32%	70%	67%	43%	20%
	No, should not	53%	54%	47%	86%	61%	24%	25%	49%	79%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	6%	5%	9%	2%	8%	6%	8%	7%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
8. Do you think President Trump should be impeached and compelled to leave the Presidency, or not?	Yes, should	30%	51%	40%	42%	40%	33%	54%	40%
	No, should not	63%	44%	51%	54%	55%	62%	37%	55%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	7%	5%	9%	4%	4%	4%	9%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
8. Do you think President Trump should be impeached and compelled to leave the Presidency, or not?	Yes, should	42%	42%	41%	41%	30%	43%	49%
	No, should not	51%	49%	57%	52%	64%	55%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	7%	9%	2%	6%	6%	2%	8%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. 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?	Concerned, a lot	38%	38%	35%	9%	31%	68%	69%	38%	19%
	Concerned, a little	16%	14%	23%	11%	15%	18%	17%	18%	12%
	Not concerned	44%	44%	42%	79%	51%	11%	11%	41%	66%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
9. 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?	Concerned, a lot	31%	44%	34%	41%	39%	34%	45%	36%
	Concerned, a little	16%	16%	21%	13%	13%	14%	20%	17%
	Not concerned	51%	37%	42%	44%	45%	51%	31%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	5%	3%

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		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
9. 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?	Concerned, a lot	45%	36%	41%	41%	26%	37%	50%
	Concerned, a little	12%	21%	13%	12%	20%	14%	12%
	Not concerned	41%	40%	45%	44%	53%	45%	35%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
10. Are you concerned or not concerned that other members of the Trump administration may be too friendly toward Russia? [IF CONCERNED] Are you concerned a lot or a little?	Concerned, a lot	42%	41%	47%	10%	37%	72%	75%	42%	24%
	Concerned, a little	13%	13%	12%	11%	12%	14%	11%	16%	9%
	Not concerned	43%	43%	40%	76%	48%	12%	12%	41%	63%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	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
10. Are you concerned or not concerned that other members of the Trump administration may be too friendly toward Russia? [IF CONCERNED] Are you concerned a lot or a little?	Concerned, a lot	36%	48%	38%	47%	41%	39%	49%	41%
	Concerned, a little	13%	13%	18%	9%	11%	9%	18%	14%
	Not concerned	49%	36%	42%	42%	44%	49%	32%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%

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10. Are you concerned or not concerned that other members of the Trump administration may be too friendly toward Russia? [IF CONCERNED] Are you concerned a lot or a little?	Concerned, a lot	46%	44%	41%	45%	32%	42%	51%
	Concerned, a little	10%	16%	11%	10%	16%	9%	12%
	Not concerned	41%	38%	46%	42%	48%	47%	35%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
11. Do you think Trumps attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?	Does	48%	48%	51%	13%	38%	85%	83%	51%	24%
	Does not	48%	48%	45%	85%	56%	11%	12%	45%	73%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	4%	4%	2%	6%	4%	5%	4%	3%

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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
11. Do you think Trumps attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?	Does	41%	55%	51%	48%	46%	41%	61%	47%
	Does not	54%	41%	44%	48%	50%	55%	34%	48%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
11. Do you think Trumps attitude toward Russia does or does not present a national security threat to the U.S.?	Does	51%	51%	48%	48%	40%	42%	59%
	Does not	46%	43%	49%	50%	57%	54%	35%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	6%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
12. Have you heard that a special counsel is conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	86%	88%	75%	92%	86%	86%	90%	84%	87%	89%	84%
	Not heard	14%	12%	25%	8%	14%	14%	10%	16%	13%	11%	16%

		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
12. Have you heard that a special counsel is conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	79%	90%	89%	89%	81%	82%	95%	79%	89%
	Not heard	21%	10%	11%	11%	19%	18%	5%	21%	11%

		INCOME	2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
12. Have you heard that a special counsel is conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	95%	87%	90%	83%
	Not heard	5%	13%	10%	17%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
13. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?	Continue	62%	62%	61%	35%	58%	86%	89%	66%	41%
	End	33%	33%	30%	59%	37%	10%	10%	25%	57%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	5%	4%	9%	6%	5%	3%	1%	9%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
13. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?	Continue	61%	63%	72%	63%	53%	58%	69%	60%
	End	34%	32%	19%	35%	42%	39%	22%	34%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	5%	5%	9%	2%	4%	3%	9%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
13. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?	Continue	68%	61%	64%	64%	55%	60%	71%
	End	28%	34%	28%	34%	41%	34%	24%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	5%	8%	3%	4%	6%	5%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
14. Do you think the Russian government tried to interfere in the 2016 presidential election - would you say definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not?	Definitely	36%	38%	24%	18%	32%	55%	61%	33%	25%
	Probably	29%	29%	32%	30%	28%	30%	23%	33%	30%
	Probably not	18%	17%	25%	28%	20%	9%	8%	20%	22%
	Definitely not	10%	11%	7%	19%	11%	3%	3%	9%	15%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	6%	5%	12%	5%	9%	3%	5%	5%	8%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
14. Do you think the Russian government tried to interfere in the 2016 presidential election - would you say definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not?	Definitely	38%	35%	28%	39%	41%	37%	35%	33%
	Probably	28%	31%	34%	27%	27%	27%	33%	29%
	Probably not	16%	21%	23%	15%	18%	21%	14%	20%
	Definitely not	13%	8%	9%	13%	9%	11%	10%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	4%	8%	7%

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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
14. Do you think the Russian government tried to interfere in the 2016 presidential election - would you say definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not?	Definitely	45%	31%	42%	42%	26%	37%	46%
	Probably	30%	31%	28%	29%	29%	28%	30%
	Probably not	14%	21%	17%	14%	28%	14%	12%
	Definitely not	6%	11%	9%	8%	12%	16%	6%
[VOL] Dont know_Refused		4%	7%	4%	7%	5%	6%	7%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
15. If Russia did interfere in the election, how much damage did it cause to American democracy - a lot, a little, or none at all?	A lot	47%	48%	46%	18%	43%	74%	73%	47%	31%
	A little	21%	21%	21%	20%	24%	19%	18%	24%	20%
	None at all	28%	28%	31%	60%	28%	6%	5%	26%	45%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%	4%	4%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
15. If Russia did interfere in the election, how much damage did it cause to American democracy - a lot, a little, or none at all?	A lot	44%	51%	49%	43%	50%	41%	60%	48%
	A little	22%	19%	30%	18%	15%	23%	17%	20%
	None at all	31%	26%	18%	34%	31%	33%	20%	28%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
15. If Russia did interfere in the election, how much damage did it cause to American democracy - a lot, a little, or none at all?	A lot	45%	50%	45%	49%	40%	42%	57%
	A little	22%	22%	22%	18%	23%	18%	20%
	None at all	28%	25%	31%	27%	34%	34%	20%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	6%	3%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
16. Were you aware that President Trump had a one-on-one meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a conference of world leaders last week, or havent you heard about this?	Aware	83%	84%	74%	89%	82%	83%	86%	79%	87%	85%	81%
	Not heard	17%	16%	26%	11%	18%	17%	14%	21%	13%	15%	19%

		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
16. Were you aware that President Trump had a one-on-one meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a conference of world leaders last week, or havent you heard about this?	Aware	75%	85%	88%	87%	75%	80%	90%	77%	83%
	Not heard	25%	15%	12%	13%	25%	20%	10%	23%	17%

		INCOME	2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
16. Were you aware that President Trump had a one-on-one meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at a conference of world leaders last week, or havent you heard about this?	Aware	91%	83%	85%	82%
	Not heard	9%	17%	15%	18%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17. Based on what you may know or think about it, how likely is it that Trump really pressed Putin about Russian interference in the 2016 election at this meeting - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	Very likely	20%	20%	18%	25%	20%	17%	11%	16%	31%
	Somewhat likely	26%	26%	26%	31%	25%	22%	15%	29%	29%
	Not too likely	22%	21%	24%	18%	25%	21%	28%	24%	16%
	Not at all likely	26%	27%	22%	21%	25%	33%	42%	26%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	6%	6%	9%	4%	5%	7%	4%	5%	7%

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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
17. Based on what you may know or think about it, how likely is it that Trump really pressed Putin about Russian interference in the 2016 election at this meeting - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	Very likely	22%	19%	15%	18%	28%	18%	24%	21%
	Somewhat likely	28%	24%	29%	26%	22%	27%	22%	28%
	Not too likely	20%	23%	28%	24%	14%	23%	19%	20%
	Not at all likely	27%	26%	22%	28%	28%	25%	28%	24%
[VOL] Dont know_Refused		3%	9%	5%	4%	9%	6%	7%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
17. Based on what you may know or think about it, how likely is it that Trump really pressed Putin about Russian interference in the 2016 election at this meeting - very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely?	Very likely	17%	20%	19%	20%	19%	24%	19%
	Somewhat likely	21%	26%	27%	22%	29%	20%	26%
	Not too likely	28%	20%	25%	22%	23%	19%	22%
	Not at all likely	31%	26%	23%	31%	21%	29%	30%
[VOL] Dont know_Refused		3%	7%	5%	4%	8%	8%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female
18. Have you heard that the presidents son Donald Trump, Jr. and other advisers met with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	80%	82%	65%	84%	78%	81%	84%	77%	82%	81%	79%
	Not heard	20%	18%	35%	16%	22%	19%	16%	23%	18%	19%	21%

		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
18. Have you heard that the presidents son Donald Trump, Jr. and other advisers met with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	64%	86%	88%	84%	72%	76%	89%	70%	85%
	Not heard	36%	14%	12%	16%	28%	24%	11%	30%	15%

		INCOME	2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
18. Have you heard that the presidents son Donald Trump, Jr. and other advisers met with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, or havent you heard about this?	Heard	89%	81%	80%	79%
	Not heard	11%	19%	20%	21%

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19. Do you think that it was appropriate or not appropriate for the Trump advisers to have this meeting?	Appropriate	31%	32%	25%	57%	33%	11%	8%	28%	49%
	Not appropriate	59%	59%	63%	28%	58%	86%	87%	64%	38%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	10%	9%	11%	15%	9%	3%	5%	8%	13%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
19. Do you think that it was appropriate or not appropriate for the Trump advisers to have this meeting?	Appropriate	36%	27%	29%	34%	31%	35%	23%	32%
	Not appropriate	55%	64%	61%	60%	58%	54%	69%	58%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	10%	9%	11%	6%	12%	11%	8%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
19. Do you think that it was appropriate or not appropriate for the Trump advisers to have this meeting?	Appropriate	29%	29%	32%	32%	36%	33%	25%
	Not appropriate	63%	60%	60%	61%	53%	59%	66%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	8%	11%	8%	7%	11%	8%	9%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
20. Do you think the Trump campaign advisers agreed to this meeting because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, or were they meeting for some other reason?	Get negative information on Hillary Clinton	50%	53%	33%	39%	45%	65%	68%	48%	43%
	For some other reason	33%	30%	51%	41%	37%	22%	23%	34%	36%
	[VOL] Both	6%	6%	4%	4%	8%	5%	4%	7%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	11%	11%	12%	15%	10%	8%	6%	10%	15%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
20. Do you think the Trump campaign advisers agreed to this meeting because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, or were they meeting for some other reason?	Get negative information on Hillary Clinton	50%	50%	43%	50%	56%	52%	46%	46%
	For some other reason	37%	30%	44%	31%	27%	30%	40%	39%
	[VOL] Both	5%	7%	5%	9%	4%	6%	6%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	9%	13%	8%	10%	14%	12%	8%	11%



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		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
20. Do you think the Trump campaign advisers agreed to this meeting because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, or were they meeting for some other reason?	Get negative information on Hillary Clinton	61%	47%	49%	62%	45%	51%	54%
	For some other reason	20%	37%	36%	20%	38%	31%	30%
	[VOL] Both	8%	5%	6%	9%	5%	5%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	11%	11%	10%	9%	12%	14%	9%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
21. If the Trump campaign advisers did agree to this meeting specifically because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, do you think what they did was wrong or not wrong?	Wrong	62%	61%	68%	31%	58%	90%	88%	68%	40%
	Not wrong	29%	30%	27%	57%	32%	8%	7%	25%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	8%	9%	5%	12%	10%	3%	5%	7%	11%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
21. If the Trump campaign advisers did agree to this meeting specifically because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, do you think what they did was wrong or not wrong?	Wrong	57%	68%	70%	59%	59%	56%	74%	61%
	Not wrong	35%	24%	22%	34%	32%	36%	18%	29%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	9%	8%	9%	7%	10%	8%	8%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
21. If the Trump campaign advisers did agree to this meeting specifically because they expected to get negative information about Hillary Clinton from the Russian government, do you think what they did was wrong or not wrong?	Wrong	65%	66%	60%	66%	54%	62%	70%
	Not wrong	31%	24%	34%	30%	36%	31%	23%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	4%	10%	7%	5%	10%	6%	8%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
22. One of the advisers in the meeting was the presidents son-in-law Jared Kushner. He is currently an unpaid White House senior aide with security clearance that gives him access to classified information. Should Kushner have to resign from his position,	Resign from his position	39%	39%	41%	16%	32%	64%	61%	42%	22%
	Keep his position but lose his security clearance	22%	21%	22%	13%	25%	23%	25%	28%	13%
	Keep both his position and his security clearance	31%	32%	27%	59%	35%	7%	8%	24%	53%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	8%	8%	10%	11%	8%	5%	6%	6%	12%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree
22. One of the advisers in the meeting was the presidents son-in-law Jared Kushner. He is currently an unpaid White House senior aide with security clearance that gives him access to classified information. Should Kushner have to resign from his position,	Resign from his position	35%	43%	37%	40%	40%	32%	51%	39%
	Keep his position but lose his security clearance	25%	19%	33%	20%	12%	21%	23%	21%
	Keep both his position and his security clearance	34%	28%	22%	34%	37%	39%	17%	31%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	6%	10%	9%	6%	11%	8%	9%	9%

		COLLEGE GRAD	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
22. One of the advisers in the meeting was the presidents son-in-law Jared Kushner. He is currently an unpaid White House senior aide with security clearance that gives him access to classified information. Should Kushner have to resign from his position,	Resign from his position	40%	41%	39%	39%	30%	43%	45%
	Keep his position but lose his security clearance	22%	23%	18%	25%	21%	15%	26%
	Keep both his position and his security clearance	32%	25%	33%	34%	40%	33%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know_Refused	6%	11%	10%	2%	9%	9%	7%