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## **NATIONAL: THE DIVIDED STATE OF AMERICA**

### *Voters concerned about threats to way of life*

*West Long Branch, NJ* – The vast majority of voters say the country is greatly divided and many are also concerned that the country could suffer lasting damage if people who did not share their own principles came into power. Paradoxically, most voters claim to have a fair amount of confidence in their fellow Americans' political judgment, although this sentiment has been on the decline recently. The latest ***Monmouth University Poll*** also found that many Americans feel their personal way of life is under threat from a variety of sources, with Islamic terrorists and Donald Trump prompting greater concern than illegal Mexican immigrants and Hillary Clinton.

Seven-in-ten registered voters nationwide (70%) say that America is greatly divided when it comes to the most important values. Just 27% say Americans are united and in agreement on these values. The sense that the country is divided is similar among Republicans (73%), independents (70%), and Democrats (67%). Only 30% of voters say the country is heading in the right direction while 65% say it is on the wrong track – but this opinion has a more partisan bent to it, with 89% of Republicans and 73% of independents saying the country is on the wrong track compared to just 39% of Democrats who feel the same.

Half of the American electorate (50%) express a great deal of concern that the country would suffer lasting damage if people who hold core political principles different from their own were able to put their policies into place. Another 34% have some concern about potential damage to the country if this happened. Majorities of Democrats (54%) and Republicans (51%) have a great deal of concern about this, while just under half of independents (46%) feel the same.

Still, the poll found that a majority of voters have either a great deal (13%) or a fair amount (47%) of trust and confidence in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about issues facing the country. However, this 60% trust level is lower than

it has been in the past according to polls conducted by the Gallup organization. Gallup found public trust in the American people at 86% in 1976, at 75% in 2004, and at 64% in 2012. Today, Democrats (70%) are more likely than independents (57%) and Republicans (56%) to say they have confidence in the American people.

“We are seeing a mixed bag of results here. Voters claim they trust the American people to make political decisions, but it seems that may only apply if they actually agree with those decisions. And the conflict they see among their political leaders doesn’t boost confidence,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

A majority of voters (54%) say that the current government in Washington has a negative impact on most people’s lives – including 71% of Republicans, 62% of independents, and just 34% of Democrats. Only 19% of voters overall feel the federal government has a positive impact and 21% say it doesn’t have much impact on people’s day to day lives either way.

It’s also worth noting that the rating of how Congress is doing remains abysmally low at 14% approve and 78% disapprove. On the other hand, Pres. Barack Obama’s job rating has taken a significant upturn in the past month, now standing at 56% approve and 40% disapprove. It was 49% approve and 46% disapprove in July.

Most voters (55%) see an unwillingness to compromise among elected officials as causing more problems in DC as opposed to having leaders who are unwilling to stand up for their principles (36% say this causes more problems). Democrats (69%) and independents (53%) say a lack of compromise is the bigger problem while most Republicans (52%) say a lack of backbone on principles is the bigger problem in Washington.

Two-thirds of voters (67%) feel the harsh language used in politics today is unjustified, which is up from 54% who felt this way in January. Just 27% of the electorate are okay with the type of harsh language used in current political discourse given the current state of the country. More Donald Trump supporters are fine with abrasive rhetoric (49%) than are turned off by it (45%). Among all self-identified Republicans, though, more say this type of language is unjustified (51%) rather than justified (43%). On the other hand, 8-in-10 Hillary Clinton supporters (82%) and self-identified Democrats (81%) alike say this language is unjustified.

The *Monmouth University Poll* also asked American voters if they feel the American way of life is under threat right now. Nearly half (47%) feel it is under a great deal of threat and 31% sense some threat, while only 1-in-5 say the threat level is either not much (13%) or not at all (7%). Republicans (65%) are most likely to feel the American way of life is under a great deal of threat, followed by independents (48%), and Democrats (35%).

“It seems that voters’ confidence in the American system of government is based more on which party they think will be elected to power rather than an underlying belief in the strength of our democracy,” said Murray.

The poll specifically asked whether voters feel that their own personal way of life is under threat from six different sources. Among these sources, majorities of the electorate say they personally feel threatened by Islamic terrorists (61%) and by the prospect of a Donald Trump presidency (54%). About 4-in-10 feel their way of life is threatened by the prospect of a Hillary Clinton presidency (42%), by the policies of the Republican Party (43%), or by the policies of the Democratic Party (39%). Just 28% say their personal way of life is under threat from illegal immigrants from Mexico.

Independents are about as likely to sense a threat to their way of life from having either Trump (50%) or Clinton (51%) in the Oval Office. However, Republicans are less likely to see Clinton as a threat (77%) than Democrats are to say the same about Trump (85%). Conversely, Republicans are more likely to feel Trump poses a threat to their way of life (18%) than Democrats who feel the same about Clinton (6%).

Interestingly, voters under the age of 35 tend to feel less of a threat from all of these sources than voters age 35 and older, with the exception of Trump, who 61% of those under 35 feel could be a threat to their way of life as president compared to 52% of those age 35 and older. Younger voters are also less likely to trust the American people’s political judgment (45% of those under age 35 compared to 66% of those age 35 and older), less likely to have a great deal of concern if people who don’t share their political views get into power (39% compared to 53%), and a little more likely to be okay with the harsh rhetoric used in politics today (34% compared to 25%).

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from August 4 to 7, 2016 with 803 registered voters 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.)

[Q1-15 previously released]

### 16. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	Aug. 2016	July 2016	June 2016	March 2016	Jan 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Approve	<b>56%</b>	49%	49%	48%	45%	40%	44%	45%	43%	47%	44%	43%	43%	42%	41%
Disapprove	<b>40%</b>	46%	46%	45%	48%	54%	48%	51%	53%	49%	48%	50%	49%	50%	54%
(VOL) No opinion	<b>4%</b>	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	8%	5%	4%	4%	8%	7%	8%	8%	5%
<i>Unwt'd N</i>	<b>803</b>	805	803	848	872	856	836	847	1,033	840	829	825	863	887	850

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

TREND: Registered voters	Aug. 2016	June 2016	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Approve	14%	17%	19%	15%	16%	13%	17%	16%	18%	15%	21%	16%	15%	14%
Disapprove	78%	76%	72%	78%	77%	77%	74%	77%	73%	77%	70%	74%	75%	78%
(VOL) No opinion	9%	7%	9%	7%	8%	10%	9%	7%	9%	8%	9%	9%	9%	8%
Unwtd N	803	803	848	872	856	836	847	1,033	840	829	825	863	887	850

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

TREND: Registered voters	August 2016	October 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	December 2014	July 2013
Right direction	30%	21%	27%	22%	26%	21%	27%
Wrong track	65%	68%	66%	71%	69%	71%	66%
(VOL) Depends	2%	7%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Unwtd N	803	836	840	829	825	887	850

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: Registered voters	August 2016	June 2015
Positive impact	19%	18%
Negative impact	54%	55%
Little impact either way	21%	21%
(VOL) Mixed/ depends	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%
Unwtd N	803	829

[The following question was asked of those who said NEGATIVE IMPACT: moe=+/-4.6%]

20. 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: Registered voters	August 2016	June 2015
Possible to improve	75%	71%
Unlikely that anything can	23%	27%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	1%
Unwtd N	451	482

21. 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: Registered voters	August 2016	January 2016	January 2015
Not willing to stand up for principles	36%	40%	37%
Not willing to compromise	55%	50%	54%
(VOL) Depends	8%	6%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	4%	2%
Unwtd N	803	872	863

22. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values or Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

TREND: Registered voters	August 2016
Americans are united	27%
Americans are greatly divided	70%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
Unwtd N	803

23. More generally, how much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country – a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
A great deal	<b>13%</b>
A fair amount	<b>47%</b>
Not very much	<b>29%</b>
None at all	<b>9%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>2%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

24. 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: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>	January 2016
A great deal	<b>50%</b>	53%
Some	<b>34%</b>	30%
Not much	<b>9%</b>	8%
Not at all	<b>4%</b>	5%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>	3%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>	872

25. Do you feel that the harsh language used in politics today is justified or unjustified given the current state of the country?

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>	January 2016
Justified	<b>27%</b>	37%
Unjustified	<b>67%</b>	54%
(VOL) Do not feel the rhetoric is harsh	<b>1%</b>	3%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>4%</b>	6%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>	872

26. How much do you feel the American way of life is under threat right now – a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
A great deal	<b>47%</b>
Some	<b>31%</b>
Not much	<b>13%</b>
Not at all	<b>7%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>2%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

27. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from – [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

**Islamic terrorists**

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
Is	<b>61%</b>
Is not	<b>34%</b>
(VOL) Depends	<b>2%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

### Illegal immigrants from Mexico

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
Is	<b>28%</b>
Is not	<b>69%</b>
(VOL) Depends	<b>1%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>1%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

### The policies of the Democratic Party

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
Is	<b>39%</b>
Is not	<b>56%</b>
(VOL) Depends	<b>2%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

### The policies of the Republican Party

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
Is	<b>43%</b>
Is not	<b>50%</b>
(VOL) Depends	<b>4%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

### The prospect of Hillary Clinton becoming president

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
Is	<b>42%</b>
Is not	<b>55%</b>
(VOL) Depends	<b>1%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>2%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

### The prospect of Donald Trump becoming president

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>
Is	<b>54%</b>
Is not	<b>42%</b>
(VOL) Depends	<b>2%</b>
(VOL) Don't know	<b>2%</b>
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>

28. Recent indicators have shown that the U.S. economy has been growing, including lower unemployment, higher productivity, and a record high Dow Jones average. How much has your family benefitted from this economic upturn – a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	<b>August 2016</b>	January 2015
Great deal	<b>11%</b>	8%
Some	<b>32%</b>	32%
Not much	<b>26%</b>	31%
Not at all	<b>28%</b>	29%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>	0%
<i>Unwtd N</i>	<b>803</b>	863

**METHODOLOGY**

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from August 4 to 7, 2016 with a national random sample of 803 registered voters. Interviews were conducted by a live caller in English, including 402 drawn from a list of registered voters (200 landline / 202 cell phone) and 401 using random digit dial (200 landline / 201 cell phone). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The final sample is weighted for age, gender, race and partisanship based on voter list and U.S. Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field), Aristotle (voter list sample), 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>	
	26% Republican
	39% Independent
	35% Democrat
	47% Male
	53% Female
	25% 18-34
	25% 35-49
	28% 50-64
	22% 65+
	71% White
	13% Black
	11% Hispanic
	5% Asian/Other

<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
<i>REGISTERED VOTER</i>	<i>Total</i>	803	3.5%
<i>LIKELY VOTER</i>	<i>Total</i>	683	3.8%
<i>PARTY ID</i>	<i>Republican</i>	215	6.7%
	<i>Independent</i>	298	5.7%
	<i>Democrat</i>	282	5.8%
<i>IDEOLOGY</i>	<i>Conservative</i>	273	5.9%
	<i>Moderate</i>	311	5.6%
	<i>Liberal</i>	192	7.1%
<i>GENDER</i>	<i>Male</i>	411	4.8%
	<i>Female</i>	392	5.0%
<i>AGE</i>	<i>18-34</i>	124	8.8%
	<i>35-54</i>	209	6.8%
	<i>55+</i>	464	4.6%
<i>RACE</i>	<i>White non-Hispanic</i>	621	3.9%
	<i>Other</i>	167	7.6%
<i>RACE</i>	<i>White</i>	621	3.9%
	<i>Black</i>	85	10.6%
	<i>Hispanic</i>	56	13.1%
<i>EDUCATION</i>	<i>HS or less</i>	190	7.1%
	<i>Some College</i>	197	7.0%
	<i>College grad</i>	407	4.9%
<i>INCOME</i>	<i>&lt;\$50K</i>	245	6.3%
	<i>\$50-100K</i>	226	6.5%
	<i>\$100K+</i>	265	6.0%

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		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?	Approve	56%	56%	12%	51%	95%	20%	65%	90%
	Disapprove	40%	40%	82%	45%	4%	76%	30%	9%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	4%	3%	6%	4%	1%	4%	5%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?	Approve	46%	66%	68%	54%	52%	47%	80%	47%
	Disapprove	50%	31%	29%	41%	45%	49%	15%	49%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	3%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?	Approve	89%	79%	56%	47%	62%	62%	56%	54%
	Disapprove	4%	19%	40%	49%	35%	35%	41%	41%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	8%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	14%	12%	18%	9%	15%	13%	16%	11%
	Disapprove	78%	81%	76%	82%	75%	78%	77%	82%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	9%	6%	6%	8%	10%	9%	7%	7%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	13%	14%	16%	14%	12%	13%	15%	13%
	Disapprove	82%	74%	71%	79%	80%	81%	69%	81%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	5%	12%	13%	7%	8%	6%	16%	6%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	16%	18%	16%	12%	13%	17%	14%	11%
	Disapprove	69%	63%	69%	78%	82%	70%	81%	83%
	(VOL) Neither_No opinion_Dont Know_Refused	15%	19%	15%	9%	5%	13%	5%	6%

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		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	30%	32%	8%	22%	55%	8%	34%	51%
	Wrong track	65%	64%	89%	73%	39%	88%	61%	43%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	0%	2%	4%	2%	1%	5%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	28%	32%	32%	32%	27%	24%	44%	24%
	Wrong track	66%	64%	63%	64%	68%	71%	49%	71%
	(VOL) Depends	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	52%	39%	24%	23%	36%	25%	35%	34%
	Wrong track	37%	58%	72%	74%	57%	70%	61%	61%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	7%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B4. 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	19%	21%	11%	11%	34%	8%	19%	33%
	Negative impact	54%	56%	71%	62%	34%	74%	52%	36%
	Little impact either way	21%	19%	15%	20%	25%	15%	24%	23%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	4%	3%	1%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know_ Refused	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White	Black
B4. 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	17%	20%	21%	16%	19%	17%	22%	17%	17%
	Negative impact	57%	52%	42%	61%	57%	59%	42%	59%	39%
	Little impact either way	20%	21%	28%	19%	17%	18%	27%	18%	33%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%
	(VOL) Dont know_ Refused	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	5%

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		RACE 3-WAY	EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B4. 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	29%	15%	17%	21%	20%	22%	17%
	Negative impact	41%	47%	63%	54%	54%	52%	58%
	Little impact either way	28%	30%	13%	20%	20%	19%	21%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	0%	4%	5%	3%	2%	6%	3%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	3%	1%	2%	5%	1%	1%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B4A. Do you think it is possible to improve Washington to have a positive impact on peoples lives or do you think it is unlikely that anything can be done to improve Washington?	Possible to improve	75%	76%	82%	66%	80%	71%	75%	86%
	Unlikely that anything can be done	23%	21%	14%	32%	19%	26%	23%	13%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B4A. Do you think it is possible to improve Washington to have a positive impact on peoples lives or do you think it is unlikely that anything can be done to improve Washington?	Possible to improve	74%	75%	63%	75%	79%	76%	68%	76%
	Unlikely that anything can be done	24%	22%	37%	23%	17%	21%	30%	21%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	3%	0%	1%	4%	3%	2%	3%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B4A. Do you think it is possible to improve Washington to have a positive impact on peoples lives or do you think it is unlikely that anything can be done to improve Washington?	Possible to improve	67%	58%	73%	77%	74%	75%	75%	77%
	Unlikely that anything can be done	31%	42%	26%	21%	23%	22%	24%	22%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0%

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		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B5. 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	36%	35%	52%	35%	23%	55%	29%	23%
	elected officials who are not willing to compromise	55%	56%	38%	53%	69%	36%	61%	71%
	(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	7%	10%	6%	6%	9%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B5. 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	36%	35%	34%	37%	35%	38%	30%	38%
	elected officials who are not willing to compromise	52%	57%	56%	53%	56%	53%	58%	53%
	(VOL) Depends	10%	5%	9%	9%	6%	7%	9%	7%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B5. 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	35%	28%	36%	46%	30%	41%	32%	34%
	elected officials who are not willing to compromise	51%	61%	53%	44%	61%	49%	57%	60%
	(VOL) Depends	11%	9%	8%	9%	7%	7%	10%	5%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B6. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values or Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values?	Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	27%	27%	24%	26%	30%	25%	32%	22%
	Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	70%	69%	73%	70%	67%	72%	64%	75%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	3%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B6. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values or Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values? (VOL) Dont know_Refused	Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	26%	28%	18%	26%	32%	28%	23%	28%
	Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	70%	69%	78%	73%	63%	68%	73%	68%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	5%	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	4%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B6. Which statement comes closer to your view: Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values or Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values? (VOL) Dont know_Refused	Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	24%	18%	27%	25%	28%	24%	30%	27%
	Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	69%	80%	69%	73%	68%	73%	67%	70%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	7%	2%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B7. More generally, how much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country - a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all? (VOL) Dont know_Refused	A great deal	13%	14%	13%	12%	15%	12%	18%	8%
	A fair amount	47%	52%	43%	45%	55%	43%	50%	55%
	Not very much	29%	27%	32%	28%	26%	35%	23%	28%
	None at all	9%	6%	10%	12%	3%	9%	8%	7%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White	Black
B7. More generally, how much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country - a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all? (VOL) Dont know_Refused	A great deal	16%	12%	5%	15%	18%	12%	17%	12%	18%
	A fair amount	44%	50%	40%	46%	53%	49%	42%	49%	45%
	Not very much	28%	29%	41%	27%	23%	29%	29%	29%	27%
	None at all	10%	7%	13%	10%	4%	9%	9%	9%	6%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%

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		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	
B7. More generally, how much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country - a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?	A great deal	12%	16%	12%	13%	11%	13%	17%	
	A fair amount	42%	39%	43%	55%	43%	50%	54%	
	Not very much	32%	29%	37%	24%	32%	29%	23%	
	None at all	9%	13%	7%	7%	11%	9%	6%	
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	4%	3%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B8. 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	50%	52%	51%	46%	54%	59%	41%	55%
	Some	34%	34%	35%	35%	32%	27%	40%	33%
	Not much	9%	7%	8%	11%	7%	7%	11%	9%
	Not at all	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B8. 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	48%	52%	39%	50%	56%	49%	53%	49%
	Some	30%	38%	41%	32%	32%	37%	25%	37%
	Not much	15%	4%	13%	11%	5%	8%	12%	8%
	Not at all	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	8%	3%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B8. 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	52%	41%	45%	55%	51%	50%	42%	56%
	Some	29%	28%	33%	32%	35%	35%	40%	29%
	Not much	9%	13%	10%	6%	10%	8%	12%	9%
	Not at all	5%	15%	8%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%

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		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B9. Do you feel that the harsh language used in politics today is justified or unjustified given the current state of the country?	Justified	27%	27%	43%	29%	15%	39%	26%	17%
	Unjustified	67%	68%	51%	66%	81%	54%	70%	80%
	(VOL) Do not feel the rhetoric is harsh	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B9. Do you feel that the harsh language used in politics today is justified or unjustified given the current state of the country?	Justified	32%	23%	34%	25%	25%	29%	22%	29%
	Unjustified	62%	72%	62%	68%	70%	65%	72%	65%
	(VOL) Do not feel the rhetoric is harsh	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B9. Do you feel that the harsh language used in politics today is justified or unjustified given the current state of the country?	Justified	15%	36%	27%	36%	24%	27%	27%	27%
	Unjustified	77%	60%	67%	59%	72%	69%	65%	68%
	(VOL) Do not feel the rhetoric is harsh	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	7%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	3%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B10. How much do you feel the American way of life is under threat right now - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	47%	47%	65%	48%	35%	68%	38%	34%
	Some	31%	31%	26%	31%	35%	24%	37%	34%
	Not much	13%	13%	6%	13%	17%	4%	17%	18%
	Not at all	7%	7%	2%	6%	11%	2%	7%	13%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B10. How much do you feel the American way of life is under threat right now - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	47%	48%	43%	45%	52%	46%	50%	46%
	Some	29%	33%	27%	35%	30%	33%	27%	33%
	Not much	13%	12%	18%	13%	10%	13%	12%	13%
	Not at all	9%	5%	10%	6%	6%	6%	8%	6%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%

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		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B10. How much do you feel the American way of life is under threat right now - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	50%	43%	55%	50%	43%	53%	40%	45%
	Some	26%	30%	28%	36%	31%	29%	36%	32%
	Not much	11%	15%	11%	7%	17%	9%	18%	13%
	Not at all	7%	11%	5%	7%	8%	6%	7%	9%
(VOL) Dont know _ Refused		6%	0%	1%	0%	2%	3%	0%	1%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B11A. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: Islamic terrorists	Is	61%	62%	80%	61%	49%	78%	57%	49%
	Is not	34%	34%	17%	34%	46%	20%	38%	47%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B11A. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: Islamic terrorists	Is	59%	63%	52%	64%	65%	63%	55%	63%
	Is not	36%	32%	43%	33%	31%	33%	39%	33%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B11A. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: Islamic terrorists	Is	49%	58%	67%	67%	56%	58%	60%	65%
	Is not	45%	36%	27%	31%	40%	35%	39%	31%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	3%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	0%	1%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B11B. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: Illegal immigrants from Mexico	Is	28%	29%	51%	30%	9%	47%	24%	11%
	Is not	69%	69%	46%	68%	89%	51%	73%	88%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B11B. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: Illegal immigrants from Mexico	Is	33%	24%	22%	29%	31%	33%	15%	33%
	Is not	66%	72%	76%	68%	66%	64%	83%	64%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B11B. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: Illegal immigrants from Mexico	Is	12%	16%	34%	36%	21%	28%	31%	24%
	Is not	86%	80%	65%	61%	76%	71%	69%	72%
	(VOL) Depends	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B11C. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The policies of the Democratic Party	Is	39%	40%	73%	45%	7%	68%	32%	15%
	Is not	56%	57%	24%	48%	89%	27%	64%	82%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B11C. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The policies of the Democratic Party	Is	44%	35%	32%	42%	41%	47%	19%	47%
	Is not	53%	59%	61%	55%	54%	49%	73%	49%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B11C. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The policies of the Democratic Party	Is	14%	26%	40%	51%	33%	36%	39%	41%
	Is not	80%	66%	54%	43%	64%	58%	58%	56%
	(VOL) Depends	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	6%	4%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%

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		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B11D. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The policies of the Republican Party	Is	43%	45%	14%	37%	71%	23%	45%	65%
	Is not	50%	49%	82%	54%	22%	71%	47%	28%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B11D. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The policies of the Republican Party	Is	36%	49%	42%	46%	40%	37%	59%	37%
	Is not	58%	43%	49%	50%	51%	57%	34%	57%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	5%	5%	2%	5%	4%	4%	4%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B11D. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The policies of the Republican Party	Is	62%	57%	43%	40%	45%	50%	35%	45%
	Is not	30%	36%	50%	52%	49%	43%	58%	50%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	2%	4%	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	3%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B11E. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The prospect of Hillary Clinton becoming president	Is	42%	43%	77%	51%	6%	72%	33%	18%
	Is not	55%	55%	19%	46%	93%	25%	64%	81%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B11E. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The prospect of Hillary Clinton becoming president	Is	48%	36%	36%	44%	43%	49%	22%	49%
	Is not	50%	60%	61%	54%	53%	48%	75%	48%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	2%	0%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	1%	2%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%

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		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B11E. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The prospect of Hillary Clinton becoming president	Is	18%	23%	46%	51%	36%	41%	39%	43%
	Is not	79%	73%	51%	45%	63%	56%	60%	54%
	(VOL) Depends	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	2%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	3%	3%	2%	0%	3%	1%	0%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B11F. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The prospect of Donald Trump becoming president	Is	54%	54%	18%	50%	85%	27%	59%	80%
	Is not	42%	42%	77%	46%	11%	69%	35%	19%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White
B11F. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The prospect of Donald Trump becoming president	Is	46%	61%	61%	52%	51%	46%	76%	46%
	Is not	50%	34%	37%	42%	44%	49%	21%	49%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	0%	3%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%

		RACE 3-WAY		EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Black	Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B11F. Do you feel your own personal way of life is or is not under threat from: The prospect of Donald Trump becoming president	Is	85%	75%	55%	43%	60%	60%	53%	52%
	Is not	11%	24%	39%	54%	37%	36%	43%	46%
	(VOL) Depends	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	(VOL) Dont know _ Refused	4%	1%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%

		REGISTERED VOTER	LIKELY VOTER	PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
		Yes	Yes	Rep	Ind	Dem	Con	Mod	Lib
B12. Recent indicators have shown that the U.S. economy has been growing, including lower unemployment, higher productivity, and a record high Dow Jones average. How much has your family benefitted from this economic upturn - a great deal, some, not much,	Great deal	11%	11%	7%	10%	17%	7%	12%	16%
	Some	32%	33%	24%	25%	46%	21%	36%	41%
	Not much	26%	26%	25%	29%	22%	22%	29%	27%
	Not at all	28%	27%	42%	31%	14%	46%	21%	15%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	3%	2%	1%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			RACE		RACE 3-WAY	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hispanic	Other	White	Black
B12. Recent indicators have shown that the U.S. economy has been growing, including lower unemployment, higher productivity, and a record high Dow Jones average. How much has your family benefitted from this economic upturn - a great deal, some, not much, (VOL) Dont know_Refused	Great deal	11%	12%	18%	11%	8%	8%	21%	8%	20%
	Some	34%	30%	35%	30%	33%	32%	33%	32%	38%
	Not much	23%	29%	20%	26%	29%	27%	24%	27%	22%
	Not at all	29%	27%	24%	30%	28%	32%	18%	32%	12%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	8%

		RACE 3-WAY	EDUCATION			INCOME		
		Hispanic	HS or less	Some College	College grad	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
B12. Recent indicators have shown that the U.S. economy has been growing, including lower unemployment, higher productivity, and a record high Dow Jones average. How much has your family benefitted from this economic upturn - a great deal, some, not much, (VOL) Dont know_Refused	Great deal	22%	12%	12%	11%	13%	10%	12%
	Some	28%	26%	28%	37%	27%	33%	38%
	Not much	24%	28%	23%	27%	29%	26%	23%
	Not at all	23%	31%	35%	23%	29%	28%	24%
	(VOL) Dont know_Refused	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%