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NATIONAL: FEW SAY TRUMP HIRES ‘BEST PEOPLE’

Poll finds lack of public confidence in White House staff

West Long Branch, NJ – Most Americans disagree with President Donald Trump’s self-assessment that he hires the “best people.” The Manafort trial and Omarosa’s book have brought renewed attention to the quality of Trump’s advisers. The latest national *Monmouth University Poll* finds that a majority of the public is not confident in the way the White House staff are doing their jobs. The poll also finds that public opinion on major administration initiatives – including tax reform and tariffs – remains in net negative territory.

Trump’s overall job rating stands at 43% approve and 50% disapprove. The current results are basically in line with where his ratings have been since January, although they are slightly more negative than the last Monmouth poll taken immediately after the president’s meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in June (43% approve and 46% disapprove). Recent news cycles, though, have focused more on issues surrounding the president’s circle of advisers than on his policies.

As a candidate, Trump frequently claimed he would hire “the best people.” Few Americans agree that this promise has panned out a year and a half into his term. Just 30% say Trump does hire the best people, while a clear majority of 58% say he does not. Another 7% volunteer that the quality of his hiring choices have been mixed. While most Republicans (67%) say that Trump does hire the best people, a sizable minority of his fellow partisans either disagree (18%) or give a mixed response (11%). On the other hand, nearly all Democrats (93%) say that Trump does not hire the best people.

Most Americans are not confident in the way that White House advisers and staff are handling their jobs, including 13% who are not too confident and a plurality of 42% who are not at all confident. Few are very confident (19%) or even somewhat confident (23%) in the president’s advisers. There are predictable partisan divisions on this question, but it’s worth noting that Democrats are much more likely

to say they are *not at all* confident in White House staff (79%) than Republicans are to say they are *very* confident (50%).

“Some observers who were lukewarm about the prospect of a Trump presidency believed that a decent set of advisers would keep him on an even keel. However, fully four in ten Americans have no confidence whatsoever in the people currently advising the President of the United States. That cannot be good,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Trump’s inner circle has attracted renewed attention with the pending conclusion of former campaign chairman Paul Manafort’s first trial as well as last week’s release of Omarosa Manigault Newman’s book about her time in the administration. A majority of the public (54%) feel Trump did not show good judgment when he hired Omarosa, a contestant from his reality show, to work in the White House. Just 17% say the appointment showed good judgment and 28% offer no opinion. Even Republicans are more likely to say hiring Omarosa was a mistake (45%) rather than a show of good judgment (25%) on Trump’s part.

The public is divided on whether Omarosa is typical (38%) or not typical (38%) of the type of person Trump tends to hire. Another 24% have no opinion. A majority of Democrats (57%) say this appointment is typical of Trump’s hiring preferences while a majority of Republicans (60%) say it is not. Overall, only 8% of Americans have a favorable view of Omarosa, 37% have an unfavorable view, and 55% have no opinion of her.

“Neither Trump nor Omarosa are coming out of their association in a particularly good light,” said Murray.

The Manafort trial, which is on tax evasion and bank fraud charges, draws a more mixed assessment. While Manafort never officially served in the White House, he remained a Trump confidant after the 2016 election according to reports. Just under half of the public believes the Manafort charges suggest there may be widespread illegal activity among White House staff (45%) while nearly as many do not believe that this case necessarily suggests there is similar activity by White House staff (38%). These results include the expected partisan split, with 68% of Democrats saying the Manafort case suggests widespread illegal activity and 65% of Republicans saying it does not.

The charges now facing Manafort grew out of the special counsel’s investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign, but they are not directly related to that investigation. The current trial is seen by 29% of the public as a result of prosecutors just following the evidence while 16% say the case was driven mainly by political motives. A plurality of 42%, though, say that both reasons played a role in bringing the present case to trial.

“This is going to be a long saga. The verdict in this trial could affect public opinion, but there is also a second Manafort trial to come that could also have an impact. And then there’s the actual Russia investigation itself, where opinion has been fairly stable over the past few months,” said Murray.

The Manafort trial does not seem to have had an impact on public opinion about the overall Russia probe. Currently, 52% say the investigation should continue while 46% say it should end. These results are similar to Monmouth’s poll findings from June (52% continue and 45% end) and April (54% continue and 43% end). However, support for the investigation was somewhat higher a year ago (62% continue and 33% end in July 2017).

The latest *Monmouth University Poll* also tracked public opinion on a couple of major administration initiatives. Regarding Trump’s decision to impose tariffs on a range of products imported from our trading partners, more say this will hurt (38%) rather than help (28%) the U.S. economy. Another 4% feel this will have no impact and 29% are unsure. This marks only a small improvement since June, when 40% said Trump’s tariffs would hurt the national economy and 25% said they would help.

The poll also finds that 37% of the public approve of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year while a larger 45% disapprove. Another 18% are not sure how they feel. These results are similar to the 34% approve and 41% disapprove rating the tax plan received in June. Polls earlier this year showed the public to be more evenly divided on the tax plan – 40% approve to 44% disapprove in April, 41% approve to 42% disapprove in March, and 44% approve to 44% disapprove in January.

Overall, 35% of Americans say things in the country are going in the right direction while 57% say they have gotten off on the wrong track. These results are basically in line with Monmouth’s findings over the past few months, although they are slightly more negative than June’s 40% right direction and 53% wrong track rating.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from August 15 to August 19, 2018 with 805 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. 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:	Aug 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017
Approve	43%	43%	41%	39%	42%	32%	40%	41%	39%	39%	43%
Disapprove	50%	46%	50%	54%	50%	56%	49%	49%	52%	53%	46%
(VOL) No opinion	7%	11%	9%	8%	8%	12%	11%	10%	9%	8%	11%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)

[Q2 held for future release]

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

TREND:	Aug 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017
Right direction	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%
Wrong track	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%
(VOL) Depends	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)

TREND: Continued	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Right direction	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

[Q4-10 held for future release]

Turning to some other issues,

11. Do you think Pres. Trump's decision to impose tariffs on a range of products imported from our trading partners will help or hurt the U.S. economy, will it have no impact either way, or are you not sure?

TREND:	Aug. 2018	June 2018
Help	28%	25%
Hurt	38%	40%
No impact	4%	7%
Not sure	29%	27%
(n)	(805)	(806)

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]

TREND:	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017*
Strongly approve	18%	18%	18%	20%	24%	13%
Somewhat approve	19%	16%	22%	21%	20%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	14%	15%	16%	13%	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%	27%	29%	26%	31%	35%
(VOL) Don't know	18%	24%	16%	17%	13%	27%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)

[*Question wording, in December 2017, was "Have you heard that the Senate and the House have passed tax reform bills and are now working on a final version, or haven't you heard about this? If HEARD: Do you approve or disapprove of this tax reform plan?"]

13. A special counsel is currently conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?

TREND:	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	July 2017	May 2017*
Continue	52%	52%	54%	60%	62%	73%
End	46%	45%	43%	37%	33%	24%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(800)	(1,002)

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

14. Turning to how the White House operates, how confident are you in the way that the president's advisers and staff are handling their jobs – very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Aug. 2018
Very confident	19%
Somewhat confident	23%
Not too confident	13%
Not at all confident	42%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(805)

15. And in general, would you say Donald Trump does or does not hire the best people?

	Aug. 2018
Does	30%
Does not	58%
(VOL) Mixed, depends	7%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(805)

16. Have you seen or heard recent news about Omarosa Manigault-Newman releasing a book about her time working in the White House, or not?

	Aug. 2018
Have seen or heard	73%
Have not seen or heard	27%
(n)	(805)

17. Do you think Trump hiring Omarosa to work in the White House did or did not show good judgment on his part?

	Aug. 2018
Did show good judgment	17%
Did not show good judgment	54%
(VOL) Don't know	28%
(n)	(805)

18. Do you think Omarosa is or is not typical of the type of person Trump tends to hire to work for him?

	Aug. 2018
Is typical	38%
Is not typical	38%
(VOL) Don't know	24%
(n)	(805)

19. Is your general impression of Omarosa favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?

	Aug. 2018
Favorable	8%
Unfavorable	37%
No opinion	55%
(n)	(805)

20. Have you seen or heard recent news about former Trump adviser Paul Manafort being on trial for tax evasion and bank fraud, or not?

	Aug. 2018
Have seen or heard	75%
Have not seen or heard	25%
(n)	(805)

21. Do you think the charges against Manafort resulted from prosecutors just following the evidence or did they result from political motives, or was it a bit of both?

	Aug. 2018
Just following the evidence	29%
Political motives	16%
Both	42%
(VOL) Don't know	13%
(n)	(805)

22. Do you think the charges against Manafort suggest that there may be widespread illegal activity among staff in the White House, or do they not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity?

	Aug. 2018
Suggest widespread illegal activity	45%
Not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity	38%
(VOL) Don't know	17%
(n)	(805)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from August 15 to 19, 2018 with a national random sample of 805 adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 400 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 405 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 Troldahl-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.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
29% Republican	
39% Independent	
32% Democrat	
48% Male	
52% Female	
30% 18-34	
33% 35-54	
36% 55+	
65% White	
12% Black	
15% Hispanic	
8% Asian/Other	
69% No degree	
31% 4 year degree	

MARGIN OF ERROR			
		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
TOTAL		805	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	725	3.6%
	No	80	11.0%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	235	6.4%
	Independent	315	5.5%
	Democrat	245	6.3%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	201	6.9%
	Moderate	305	5.6%
	Conservative	275	5.9%
GENDER	Male	397	4.9%
	Female	408	4.9%
AGE	18-34	151	8.0%
	35-54	296	5.7%
	55+	357	5.2%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	610	4.0%
	Other	168	7.6%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	397	4.9%
	4 year degree	406	4.9%
INCOME	<\$50K	280	5.9%
	\$50 to <100K	224	6.6%
	\$100K+	229	6.5%
2016 VOTE BY COUNTY	Trump 10+ pts	301	5.7%
	Swing <10 pts	170	7.5%
	Clinton 10+ pts	334	5.4%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	43%	43%	40%	89%	39%	7%	8%	32%	78%	51%
	Disapprove	50%	51%	46%	8%	50%	88%	89%	59%	17%	43%
	[VOL] Dont Know	7%	6%	14%	3%	11%	5%	3%	10%	4%	6%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?	Approve	35%	38%	44%	46%	47%	34%	50%	31%	39%
	Disapprove	57%	56%	48%	47%	45%	63%	46%	57%	54%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	6%	8%	7%	9%	4%	4%	12%	7%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$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	45%	48%	51%	48%	32%
	Disapprove	47%	48%	41%	45%	61%
	[VOL] Dont Know	8%	4%	8%	7%	6%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	35%	36%	25%	76%	28%	7%	5%	27%	63%	41%
	Wrong track	57%	55%	67%	17%	57%	91%	90%	61%	29%	51%
	(VOL) Depends	6%	6%	5%	7%	9%	1%	4%	7%	5%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	3%	3%	0%	7%	1%	1%	5%	3%	3%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	29%	29%	37%	37%	37%	30%	40%	25%	28%
	Wrong track	62%	59%	55%	56%	54%	62%	54%	60%	63%
	(VOL) Depends	6%	8%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	10%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	4%	4%	1%	4%	2%	2%	5%	4%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	41%	38%	41%	36%	27%
	Wrong track	52%	51%	52%	54%	63%
	(VOL) Depends	5%	8%	7%	6%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	3%	0%	4%	5%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
11. Do you think President Trumps decision to impose tariffs on a range of products imported from our trading partners will help or hurt the U.S. economy, will it have no impact either way, or are you not sure?	Help	28%	29%	23%	54%	26%	7%	6%	23%	48%	35%
	Hurt	38%	40%	29%	10%	37%	66%	68%	44%	15%	39%
	No impact	4%	4%	10%	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%
	Not sure	29%	28%	39%	31%	31%	23%	19%	30%	34%	22%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
11. Do you think President Trumps decision to impose tariffs on a range of products imported from our trading partners will help or hurt the U.S. economy, will it have no impact either way, or are you not sure?	Help	22%	29%	26%	29%	28%	27%	31%	22%	22%
	Hurt	38%	36%	40%	39%	33%	52%	38%	41%	39%
	No impact	4%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	8%	5%
	Not sure	36%	28%	30%	29%	34%	18%	29%	29%	34%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
11. Do you think President Trumps decision to impose tariffs on a range of products imported from our trading partners will help or hurt the U.S. economy, will it have no impact either way, or are you not sure?	Help	34%	31%	33%	33%	21%
	Hurt	38%	42%	34%	34%	45%
	No impact	4%	5%	2%	4%	7%
	Not sure	24%	22%	31%	30%	28%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
12. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	18%	18%	18%	39%	16%	3%	3%	9%	38%
	Somewhat approve	19%	20%	16%	32%	19%	9%	5%	20%	29%
	Somewhat disapprove	16%	16%	12%	8%	17%	21%	21%	18%	11%
	Strongly disapprove	29%	30%	23%	6%	28%	52%	55%	33%	9%
	[VOL] Dont Know	18%	16%	31%	16%	21%	15%	15%	20%	13%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
12. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	24%	14%	20%	18%	17%	20%	16%	17%
	Somewhat approve	23%	16%	18%	21%	19%	20%	18%	21%
	Somewhat disapprove	13%	18%	17%	17%	13%	15%	16%	13%
	Strongly disapprove	28%	29%	24%	32%	30%	24%	40%	29%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	23%	21%	12%	20%	21%	11%	19%

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		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
12. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax reform plan passed by Congress last year? [PROBE: Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly approve	19%	11%	21%	27%	20%	19%	16%
	Somewhat approve	17%	19%	23%	17%	18%	21%	20%
	Somewhat disapprove	21%	19%	16%	13%	15%	14%	17%
	Strongly disapprove	28%	29%	29%	33%	26%	27%	33%
	[VOL] Dont Know	15%	22%	11%	10%	21%	19%	14%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
13. A special counsel is currently conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?	Continue	52%	52%	47%	16%	53%	83%	83%	64%	21%	46%
	End	46%	46%	46%	82%	44%	15%	16%	33%	77%	53%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	2%	6%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
13. A special counsel is currently conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?	Continue	57%	57%	52%	47%	46%	64%	49%	58%	54%
	End	39%	41%	47%	50%	51%	36%	50%	40%	44%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
13. A special counsel is currently conducting an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible links with the Trump campaign. Should the Russia investigation continue or should it end?	Continue	52%	50%	47%	47%	59%
	End	47%	47%	51%	53%	38%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	2%	2%	0%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
14. Turning to how the White House operates, how confident are you in the way that the presidents advisers and staff are handling their jobs - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?	Very confident	19%	20%	15%	50%	12%	2%	1%	10%	41%	24%
	Somewhat confident	23%	23%	21%	33%	29%	8%	5%	26%	32%	25%
	Not too confident	13%	13%	10%	7%	20%	9%	17%	16%	6%	13%
	Not at all confident	42%	41%	46%	6%	37%	79%	76%	43%	18%	36%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	2%	7%	4%	3%	2%	0%	4%	3%	2%

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		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
14. Turning to how the White House operates, how confident are you in the way that the presidents advisers and staff are handling their jobs - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?	Very confident	15%	18%	21%	20%	22%	15%	23%	13%
	Somewhat confident	22%	19%	24%	26%	25%	19%	26%	19%
	Not too confident	13%	15%	11%	13%	13%	12%	12%	15%
	Not at all confident	46%	44%	41%	40%	37%	52%	37%	49%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	5%

		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
14. Turning to how the White House operates, how confident are you in the way that the presidents advisers and staff are handling their jobs - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?	Very confident	17%	20%	22%	27%	17%	14%
	Somewhat confident	25%	26%	20%	24%	30%	19%
	Not too confident	15%	11%	11%	11%	14%	14%
	Not at all confident	41%	40%	44%	34%	39%	50%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	2%	4%	5%	0%	2%

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15. And in general, would you say Donald Trump does or does not hire the best people?	Does	30%	31%	25%	67%	24%	5%	4%	22%	56%
	Does not	58%	59%	56%	18%	59%	93%	91%	65%	30%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	7%	7%	9%	11%	11%	0%	4%	7%	10%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	4%	9%	4%	6%	1%	0%	6%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
15. And in general, would you say Donald Trump does or does not hire the best people?	Does	35%	25%	26%	31%	32%	32%	25%	36%
	Does not	56%	60%	64%	57%	54%	54%	67%	54%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	5%	2%	4%	7%	6%	2%	4%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
15. And in general, would you say Donald Trump does or does not hire the best people?	Does	19%	29%	33%	28%	37%	36%	20%
	Does not	68%	61%	57%	59%	51%	56%	66%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	8%	4%	7%	10%	8%	6%	7%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	6%	3%	3%	4%	3%	6%

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16. Have you seen or heard recent news about Omarosa Manigault-Newman releasing a book about her time working in the White House, or not?	Have seen or heard	73%	77%	44%	73%	69%	77%	81%	72%	70%
	Have not seen or heard	27%	23%	56%	27%	31%	23%	19%	28%	30%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
16. Have you seen or heard recent news about Omarosa Manigault-Newman releasing a book about her time working in the White House, or not?	Have seen or heard	72%	73%	63%	78%	76%	67%	85%	76%
	Have not seen or heard	28%	27%	37%	22%	24%	33%	15%	24%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
16. Have you seen or heard recent news about Omarosa Manigault-Newman releasing a book about her time working in the White House, or not?	Have seen or heard	68%	65%	78%	83%	71%	72%	75%
	Have not seen or heard	32%	35%	22%	17%	29%	28%	25%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
17. Do you think Trump hiring Omarosa to work in the White House did or did not show good judgment on his part?	Did show good judgment	17%	18%	15%	25%	15%	13%	14%	13%	24%
	Did not show good judgment	54%	57%	38%	45%	59%	58%	61%	57%	49%
	[VOL] Dont Know	28%	25%	47%	30%	26%	28%	25%	30%	27%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
17. Do you think Trump hiring Omarosa to work in the White House did or did not show good judgment on his part?	Did show good judgment	22%	13%	17%	19%	15%	18%	15%	15%
	Did not show good judgment	52%	57%	45%	57%	60%	50%	65%	57%
	[VOL] Dont Know	26%	30%	38%	23%	25%	32%	21%	28%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
17. Do you think Trump hiring Omarosa to work in the White House did or did not show good judgment on his part?	Did show good judgment	22%	18%	22%	13%	18%	22%	14%
	Did not show good judgment	49%	50%	54%	67%	53%	51%	57%
	[VOL] Dont Know	28%	32%	24%	20%	29%	27%	28%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
18. Do you think Omarosa is or is not typical of the type of person Trump tends to hire to work for him?	Is typical	38%	39%	35%	17%	38%	57%	58%	46%	19%	35%
	Is not typical	38%	40%	20%	60%	35%	23%	22%	30%	57%	39%
	[VOL] Dont Know	24%	21%	45%	23%	27%	20%	20%	24%	24%	27%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
18. Do you think Omarosa is or is not typical of the type of person Trump tends to hire to work for him?	Is typical	41%	43%	36%	36%	33%	50%	32%	50%	38%
	Is not typical	37%	27%	44%	41%	40%	32%	43%	30%	36%
	[VOL] Dont Know	22%	30%	20%	23%	27%	18%	25%	20%	25%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
18. Do you think Omarosa is or is not typical of the type of person Trump tends to hire to work for him?	Is typical	41%	40%	33%	38%	43%
	Is not typical	38%	41%	42%	37%	34%
	[VOL] Dont Know	21%	19%	25%	25%	23%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
19. Is your general impression of Omarosa favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?	Favorable	8%	9%	6%	3%	6%	16%	12%	8%	7%	8%
	Unfavorable	37%	39%	25%	57%	29%	30%	31%	30%	50%	38%
	No opinion	55%	52%	70%	39%	65%	55%	56%	62%	43%	54%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
19. Is your general impression of Omarosa favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?	Favorable	8%	6%	7%	11%	9%	7%	6%	11%	10%
	Unfavorable	36%	25%	45%	40%	35%	43%	38%	36%	27%
	No opinion	56%	69%	48%	48%	57%	49%	55%	53%	63%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
19. Is your general impression of Omarosa favorable or unfavorable, or do you have no opinion of her?	Favorable	8%	5%	4%	8%	11%
	Unfavorable	41%	52%	39%	41%	33%
	No opinion	51%	43%	56%	51%	56%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
20. Have you seen or heard recent news about former Trump adviser Paul Manafort being on trial for tax evasion and bank fraud, or not?	Have seen or heard	75%	78%	54%	78%	68%	78%	77%	74%	74%
	Have not seen or heard	25%	22%	46%	22%	32%	22%	23%	26%	26%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
20. Have you seen or heard recent news about former Trump adviser Paul Manafort being on trial for tax evasion and bank fraud, or not?	Have seen or heard	78%	72%	55%	80%	86%	69%	86%	78%
	Have not seen or heard	22%	28%	45%	20%	14%	31%	14%	22%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
20. Have you seen or heard recent news about former Trump adviser Paul Manafort being on trial for tax evasion and bank fraud, or not?	Have seen or heard	69%	67%	80%	84%	73%	74%	76%
	Have not seen or heard	31%	33%	20%	16%	27%	26%	24%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
21. Do you think the charges against Manafort resulted from prosecutors just following the evidence or did they result from political motives, or was it a bit of both?	Just following the evidence	29%	31%	16%	10%	26%	50%	53%	33%	10%
	Political motives	16%	16%	15%	33%	14%	3%	2%	11%	31%
	Both	42%	41%	48%	42%	44%	39%	33%	42%	47%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	12%	21%	15%	16%	9%	12%	14%	12%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
21. Do you think the charges against Manafort resulted from prosecutors just following the evidence or did they result from political motives, or was it a bit of both?	Just following the evidence	30%	28%	25%	28%	32%	22%	43%	32%
	Political motives	20%	12%	15%	13%	18%	17%	13%	16%
	Both	41%	43%	44%	46%	37%	46%	34%	40%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	17%	15%	12%	13%	15%	10%	13%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
21. Do you think the charges against Manafort resulted from prosecutors just following the evidence or did they result from political motives, or was it a bit of both?	Just following the evidence	25%	24%	32%	35%	25%	25%	34%
	Political motives	15%	14%	12%	21%	17%	18%	13%
	Both	48%	45%	47%	36%	41%	47%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	16%	9%	8%	17%	11%	12%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
22. Do you think the charges against Manafort suggest that there may be widespread illegal activity among staff in the White House, or do they not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity?	Suggest widespread illegal activity	45%	45%	44%	19%	46%	68%	68%	48%	28%
	Not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity	38%	40%	30%	65%	37%	17%	17%	36%	58%
	[VOL] Dont Know	17%	15%	26%	16%	16%	15%	15%	16%	14%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
22. Do you think the charges against Manafort suggest that there may be widespread illegal activity among staff in the White House, or do they not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity?	Suggest widespread illegal activity	43%	47%	49%	47%	40%	44%	48%	41%
	Not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity	43%	34%	31%	40%	44%	38%	40%	46%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	19%	20%	13%	16%	19%	11%	14%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
22. Do you think the charges against Manafort suggest that there may be widespread illegal activity among staff in the White House, or do they not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity?	Suggest widespread illegal activity	54%	49%	46%	41%	36%	52%	50%
	Not necessarily suggest widespread illegal activity	25%	34%	42%	45%	43%	34%	36%
	[VOL] Dont Know	22%	17%	12%	14%	21%	14%	14%