

# Freedom House Frequency Questionnaire

April 28 - May 8, 2018

**1400 Respondents** (1700 unweighted)

**370 Total Opinion Elites** (795 unweighted)

Q.10 Please indicate how closely you follow each of the following:

	Very Close	Smwt Close	Not Close	Don't Follow at all	DK/Ref	Total Close	Total Not Close	Total
10 National news .....	40	42	11	7	0	82	18	64
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	59	41	-	-	-	100	-	100
11 News on global events .....	29	48	15	8	0	76	23	53
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	46	54	-	-	-	100	-	100

(ref:GOTNEWS)

Q.12 How often would you say you vote?

	Total	Opinion Elite
Always.....	58	78
Nearly always.....	21	22
Part of the time.....	8	-
Seldom.....	5	-
Never .....	8	-
(Don't know/Refused) .....	0	-

(ref:OFTVOTE)

Q.13 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2016 election for president between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total	Opinion Elite
Voted.....	84	100
Not registered in 2016/Ineligible/too young.....	3	0
Did not vote .....	13	-
(Can't remember/Don't know) .....	0	-
(Refused) .....	-	-

(ref:VOTE16)

Q.16 Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Right direction .....	33	33
Wrong track.....	57	60
(Don't know/Refused) .....	10	8
<b>Right - Wrong</b> .....	<b>-24</b>	<b>-27</b>
(ref:DIRECT)		

Q.17 Now for something different. Thinking about our system of government in America, how important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means it is "not at all important" and 10 means "absolutely important", what position would you choose? You can choose any number from 1 to 10.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
10.....	60	76
9.....	7	8
8.....	10	7
7.....	5	2
6.....	2	1
5.....	6	3
4.....	1	0
3.....	1	0
2.....	1	0
1.....	4	1
(Don't know/Refused) .....	5	3
<b>Mean</b> .....	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>
<b>10</b> .....	<b>60</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>8-10</b> .....	<b>77</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>6-10</b> .....	<b>84</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>1-5</b> .....	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>
(ref:GOODBAD)		

Q.18 How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied or not at all satisfied?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Very satisfied.....	8	7
Somewhat satisfied .....	40	41
Not too satisfied.....	31	33
Not at all satisfied.....	19	18
(Both/neither) .....	1	0
(Don't know/refused) .....	2	1
<b>Total Satisfied.....</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Not Satisfied.....</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Satisfied - Not.....</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-2</b>
(ref:SATISFIE)		

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]

Q.19 (SPLIT A) Generally speaking, would you mostly describe America's system of democracy these days as weak or strong?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Very weak .....	17	15
Somewhat weak.....	38	38
Somewhat strong .....	26	28
Very strong.....	12	14
(Both/neither) .....	4	4
(Don't know/Refused) .....	3	2
<b>Total Weak.....</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Strong.....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Weak - Strong.....</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>
(ref:DEMOCRAC)		

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]

Q.20 (SPLIT B) Generally speaking, would you mostly describe America's system of democracy these days as getting weaker or stronger?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Much weaker.....	28	29
Somewhat weaker.....	40	44
Somewhat stronger.....	17	14
Much stronger.....	8	7
(No change).....	3	3
(Both).....	1	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	3	3
<b>Total Weaker.....</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>Total Stronger.....</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Weaker - Stronger.....</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>
(ref:DEMOCRAB)		

Q.21 And would you say you are very concerned about the condition of democracy in America today, somewhat concerned, just a little concerned, or not at all concerned about the condition of democracy in America today?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Very concerned.....	39	48
Somewhat concerned.....	40	38
Just a little concerned.....	13	8
Not at all concerned.....	8	6
(Don't know/refused).....	0	0
<b>Very/Smwt Concerned.....</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Little concerned/Not concerned.....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>
(ref:HOWCNCRN)		

Q.22 Now I am going to read you a list of institutions in American society. Please tell me how much confidence you, yourself, have in each one – a great deal, quite a lot, some or very little.

	<b>Great Deal</b>	<b>Quite a lot</b>	<b>Some Little</b>	<b>Very Little</b>	<b>DK/ Ref</b>	<b>Great/Some/ A lot Little</b>	
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
22 (SPLIT A) Wall Street.....	6	9	37	40	8	<b>15</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>80</b>
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
23 (SPLIT B) The FBI.....	18	20	35	25	3	<b>38</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
24 (SPLIT A) The CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies.....	14	19	39	22	5	<b>33</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>

	Great Deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very Little	DK/Ref	Great/Some/A lot	Little
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
25 (SPLIT B) The U.S. Congress .....	4	9	39	46	2	13	85
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	2	7	37	54	-	9	91
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
26 (SPLIT A) The federal government.....	7	11	46	34	1	18	80
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	5	14	52	28	1	19	80
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
27 (SPLIT A) Your local police .....	32	27	28	11	1	60	39
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	35	31	27	7	1	66	33
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
28 (SPLIT A) The public schools in your community .....	21	22	31	23	3	43	54
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	21	26	30	20	2	48	50
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
29 (SPLIT B) The U.S. State Department and the officials who represent the U.S. abroad.....	9	12	48	26	5	21	74
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	10	16	46	25	2	26	71
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
30 (SPLIT B) Cable news.....	6	9	37	43	5	15	80
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	6	9	40	41	4	15	81
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
31 (SPLIT A) Social media, like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter .....	4	5	26	56	9	9	82
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	3	5	23	63	6	7	86
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
32 (SPLIT B) The U.S. Supreme Court .....	18	23	41	16	2	41	57
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	24	31	36	8	0	56	44
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
33 (SPLIT B) Religious leaders .....	11	15	33	34	7	25	68
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	10	16	36	32	7	26	68
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]							
34 The media, including television, newspapers, and radio.....	9	13	33	43	2	22	77
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	10	18	35	36	1	29	70
(ref:CONFINST)							

Q.35 Now, I will read you a list of issues. Please tell me if you think this aspect of our society is getting better or worse in recent years? Is that issue getting better or worse?

	Much Better	Smwt Better	Smwt Worse	Much Worse	Neither	DK/Ref	Total Better	Total Worse	DK/Ref
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
35 (SPLIT B) Influence of money in politics .....	3	9	23	57	5	2	12	80	-68
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	2	7	19	64	7	1	9	83	-74
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
36 (SPLIT B) Protections for our personal freedoms .....	7	21	34	31	6	2	27	64	-37
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	4	16	41	29	9	1	20	70	-50
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
37 (SPLIT B) Political and partisan polarization .....	2	12	24	47	4	11	14	71	-58
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	1	4	17	72	3	2	5	90	-84
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
38 (SPLIT A) Accuracy and quality of news in the media .....	4	19	31	37	7	2	23	68	-45
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	4	20	33	34	8	2	24	67	-43
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
39 (SPLIT A) The tone of politics in Washington .....	4	9	30	53	2	3	13	83	-70
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	3	7	21	66	2	1	9	87	-78
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
40 (SPLIT B) Our economy and things like jobs and prices .....	18	37	23	16	5	2	55	38	17
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	25	40	19	10	5	1	65	29	36
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
41 (SPLIT A) Equal rights and protections for women.....	21	53	11	9	4	2	74	21	53
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	22	53	10	9	4	2	75	19	56
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
42 (SPLIT B) Equal rights and protections for racial minorities.....	16	27	21	28	5	3	43	50	-7
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	16	28	27	23	5	1	43	50	-7

	Much Better	Smwt Better	Smwt Worse	Much Worse	Neither	DK/Ref	Total Better	Total Worse	DK/Ref
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
43 (SPLIT A) The young generation's chances to be better off than their parents. ....	12	28	30	26	3	1	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-16</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	11	22	40	22	3	1	<b>33</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-30</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
44 (SPLIT A) Protection of traditional American values .....	5	18	32	32	8	6	<b>23</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-41</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	3	17	31	31	10	8	<b>20</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-42</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
45 (SPLIT A) People getting engaged in civic and political issues .....	16	42	22	12	3	4	<b>59</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	21	43	21	9	4	2	<b>63</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
46 (SPLIT B) Ability to hear a wide range of views on political issues .....	12	29	23	30	5	2	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	11	23	27	34	4	2	<b>34</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-26</b>

(ref:ISSUEBAT)

Q.47 Now I am going to read some pairs of short statements. After I read each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own view even if neither statement is exactly right.

	1st Stmt Much	1st Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Neither	DK/Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]										
47 (SPLIT B) America is in real danger of becoming a non-democratic, authoritarian country.										
There is no real danger of America becoming a non-democratic, authoritarian country. ....	23	26	24	19	1	2	3	<b>50</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	25	26	23	22	1	2	2	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>

	1st Stmt Much	1st Smwt	2nd Stmt Smwt	2nd Stmt Much	Both	Nei- ther	DK/ Ref	Total 1st Stmt	Total 2nd Stmt	1st - 2nd
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted] 48 (SPLIT B) In our democracy, it is more important that the will of the majority prevails.										

In our democracy, it is more important that the majority does not trample on the rights of individuals and small groups.....	19	20	28	27	1	2	4	<b>39</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>-16</b>
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-34</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted] 49 (SPLIT A) The laws enacted by our national government these days mostly reflect what the people want.										
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The laws enacted by our national government these days mostly reflect what powerful special interests and their lobbyists want.....	6	11	31	46	2	1	3	<b>17</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-60</b>
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-70</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted] 50 (SPLIT A) When other countries are democratic, rather than dictatorships, it often helps make the U.S. a little safer.										
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There is no impact on U.S. security when other countries move away from dictatorship and become democracies. ....	33	35	14	8	1	3	6	<b>67</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>57</b>

(ref:PAIRS)



Q.51 I will now read you a list of some things that some people might say are part of a democracy. In your opinion, which TWO of the following components of democracy are the most important parts of democracy to you personally?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Equal rights regardless of gender, race or personal beliefs.....	38	34
Freedom of speech .....	32	27
The rule of law, with nobody above the law .....	26	30
Freedom of religion .....	22	17
Checks and balances, and the separation of powers.....	20	27
Free elections for picking our leaders .....	17	20
Protections from government intrusion, like illegal search and seizure .....	13	10
Free press and media .....	9	14
The right to assemble and protest peacefully .....	8	7
Majority rule.....	5	4
(Other).....	3	3
(No 2nd option provided) .....	5	3
(Don't know/refused) .....	1	1
(ref:DEMATTRB)		

Q.52 I will now read you a list of some things that some people might say are wrong with our democracy. In your opinion, which TWO of the following are most concerning to you when it comes to democracy in America today?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Big money in politics.....	28	31
Racism and discrimination.....	27	20
Inability of the government to get anything done .....	22	20
Unreliable media and partisan news.....	19	18
Breakdown in traditional American values .....	18	16
Government getting too big and intrusive .....	16	15
Gerrymandering of legislative districts to protect parties...	15	24
Political and partisan polarization .....	13	21
Interference by Russia and other foreign countries.....	11	9
Low voter turnout and a lack of civic engagement .....	11	12
The Electoral College .....	9	8
(Other).....	3	2
(No 2nd response provide) .....	4	2
(Don't know/refused) .....	2	1
(ref:DEMCONC)		

Q.53 Now I am going to read you some positive things that some people say about our system of democratic government. For each, please tell me if it makes you feel much more favorable to our system of democratic government, somewhat more favorable, a little more favorable, no more favorable, or less favorable to our system of democratic government?

	Much More Fav	Smwt More Fav	Little More Fav	No More Fav	Less Fav	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt Fav	Total More Fav	No/ Less Fav
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
53 (SPLIT B) (FOUGHT FOR IT) Some say: From Valley Forge through the World Wars, Americans have fought and died to defend our way of life, and that starts with our democratic ability to pick our own leaders, make our own laws, and live free.....	48	26	11	8	5	2	<b>74</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	51	26	10	7	4	2	<b>77</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>

54 (USE OR LOSE) Some say: Today, there is a great need for us all to act as responsible citizens - things like voting, volunteering, taking time to stay informed, and standing up for what's right - so that the freedoms and rights we cherish don't get whittled away. ....	62	25	6	4	3	2	<b>86</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	69	21	4	4	2	1	<b>90</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>5</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
55 (SPLIT B) (ACCOUNTABILITY) Some say: One thing that separates our democracy from dictatorships is that ultimately our people get to decide on who stays in office and makes the rules for us. It's one of the most important ways we have to hold our leaders accountable. ....	46	29	9	6	7	3	<b>75</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	55	25	9	4	4	2	<b>80</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9</b>

	Much More Fav	Smwt More Fav	Little More Fav	No More Fav	Less Fav	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt Fav	Total More Fav	No/ Less Fav
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
56 (SPLIT A) (PROTECTIONS)									
Some say: Even though we don't always achieve it, one thing that defines America is the notion of equal rights for all, regardless of gender, race, wealth, or personal beliefs, and the duty of every generation to keep working toward that goal. ....	55	24	8	5	6	2	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	64	22	5	4	4	1	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>8</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
57 (SPLIT A) (CITY ON A HILL)									
Some say: The strength of our democracy is part of what makes us a global leader. The world looks to us as a model of freedom, innovation, and peaceful governance. When we make our own democracy healthier and stronger, it's not only good for us; it also inspires others around the world. ....	45	29	11	6	7	3	<b>74</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	53	30	8	5	3	1	<b>83</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>8</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
58 (SPLIT B) (CHECKS AND BALANCES) Some say: Our democracy allows for different parts of the government to check each other's power, so no part grows too strong and every part obeys the Constitution. It's often slow and frustrating, but it helps to protect our rights and ensure more voices get heard.....	48	28	8	8	6	2	<b>77</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	62	22	4	5	4	2	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>10</b>

	Much More Fav	Smwt More Fav	Little More Fav	No More Fav	Less Fav	DK/ Ref	Much/ Smwt Fav	Total More Fav	No/ Less Fav
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
59 (SPLIT A) (PROSPERITY)									
Some people say: Democracy gives us the best shot to have prosperity over the long term. It doesn't guarantee we'll all succeed, but the freedom to pursue our dreams and preferences creates more individual opportunity and economic growth over time. ....	50	31	9	5	4	2	<b>80</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	57	26	9	6	2	1	<b>83</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8</b>
(ref:PRODEM)									

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]  
 Q.60 (SPLIT A) Now for something different. Do you generally favor or oppose the U.S. government taking steps to support democracy and human rights in other countries?

	Total	Opinion Elite
Strongly favor .....	27	34
Somewhat favor .....	43	43
Somewhat oppose.....	16	14
Strongly oppose .....	9	5
(Don't know/refused) .....	5	4
<b>Total Favor</b> .....	<b>70</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b> .....	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose</b> .....	<b>45</b>	<b>59</b>
(ref:DEMPROMA)		

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]  
 Q.61 (SPLIT B) Now for something different. Do you generally favor or oppose the U.S. government taking non-military steps, like diplomacy and development assistance, to support democracy and human rights in other countries?

	Total	Opinion Elite
Strongly favor .....	35	47
Somewhat favor .....	37	36
Somewhat oppose.....	13	9
Strongly oppose .....	10	6
(Don't know/refused) .....	5	2
<b>Total Favor</b> .....	<b>71</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Total Oppose</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Favor - Oppose</b> .....	<b>48</b>	<b>67</b>
(ref:DEMMILIT)		

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]

Q.62 (SPLIT A) And in your opinion should the U.S. government increase its efforts to support democracy and human rights abroad, decrease these efforts, or keep them about where they are now?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Increase, strongly .....	20	20
Increase, somewhat .....	18	20
Keep the same .....	41	44
Decrease, somewhat.....	10	8
Decrease, strongly .....	6	6
(Don't know/Refused) .....	4	3
<b>Total Increase .....</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Decrease.....</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Increase - Decrease.....</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>
(ref:PROMONEY)		

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]

Q.63 (SPLIT B) And in your opinion should the U.S. government increase its non-military efforts, like diplomacy or development assistance, to support democracy and human rights abroad, decrease these non-military efforts, or keep them about where they are now?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Increase, strongly .....	20	31
Increase, somewhat .....	13	13
Keep the same .....	43	35
Decrease, somewhat.....	12	12
Decrease, strongly .....	9	7
(Don't know/refused) .....	3	2
<b>Total Increase .....</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Decrease.....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Increase - Decrease.....</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>
(ref:PRMONEYB)		

Q.64 Now I am going to read you some things that people might say about supporting democracy and human rights abroad. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the statement.

	Agree Strng	Dis- Agree Smwt	Dis- agree Smwt	Dis- agree Strng	Neut ral	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Dis- Agree	Total Agree Dis
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
64 (SPLIT A) (DOESN'T WORK)									
Some say: America has been supporting democracy and human rights abroad for decades but it simply doesn't work. Despite our efforts, the Middle East remains a mess and China remains authoritarian. We cannot spend so much money on something that yields so few results.....	28	28	20	20	2	2	56	39	17
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	21	26	25	26	3	-	47	50	-3

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
65 (SPLIT B) (SAFER) Some say: When other countries become more democratic, it contributes to our own well-being. No democracy has ever gone to war with another democracy, and our strongest and most trusted partners in diplomacy and trade, like Canada and Britain, are democracies. We should support democratic progress in other countries, where it will be affordable and effective.....	46	38	8	5	2	1	84	13	71
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	53	39	4	2	1	2	92	6	86

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
66 (SPLIT B) (INTERFERENCE)									
Some say: Who are we to dictate what the citizens of other countries want? Who are we to really understand other countries and cultures? We should heed the lessons of Vietnam and Iraq and stop interfering in other countries at high cost to us, and often at the expense of the people who live there.....	31	32	19	12	4	2	62	32	31
<b>Opinion Elite.....</b>	23	29	29	13	5	1	52	42	10

	Agree Strng	Dis- agree Smwt	Dis- agree Strng	Neut ral	DK/ Ref	Total Agree	Dis- Agree	- Dis	
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
67 (SPLIT A) (PROSPEROUS)									
Some say: If we support progress toward democracy and development in other countries, it can help make the U.S. more prosperous. Today, 11 of America's top 15 trading partners once received US foreign aid. Modest help today can help open the door to new opportunities for American businesses to invest, trade, and create more US jobs tomorrow.....									
	33	43	12	8	2	2	76	20	56
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	39	40	11	7	2	0	80	17	63
68 (MORAL OBLIGATION) Some say: We can't control what happens in the world, but we have a moral obligation to speak up and do what we can when people are victims of genocide, violence, and severe human rights abuses. ....									
	68	23	4	3	1	1	91	7	84
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	75	20	2	2	0	1	94	5	90
(ref:PROMDEM)									

Q.69 Now I'm going to name some cases in which the U.S. provided active support for democracy in other countries. In each case, please tell me whether you now feel this was a case in which the U.S. should have supported democracy, or should not have supported democracy in that country.

	Supp Strng	Supp Smwt	Not Supp Smwt	Not Supp Strng	Nei- ther/ Both	DK/ Ref	Total Supp	Total Not Supp	Supp -	Supp Not
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]										
69 (SPLIT A) American support for the effort in the 1980s and 1990s, led primarily by citizens, to free Nelson Mandela from prison and move from racial apartheid in South Africa to a multi-racial democracy. ....	55	26	6	6	1	6	<b>80</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>67</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	68	21	4	3	2	2	<b>89</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>82</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]										
70 (SPLIT B) American support for the effort in Central Europe to develop democratic governments in countries like Romania and Poland that used to be controlled by the Soviet Union but are now independent, and in many cases, strong allies and partners of the United States. ....	53	35	4	4	1	3	<b>88</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>80</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	66	27	3	2	0	2	<b>92</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>87</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]										
71 (SPLIT A) American support for efforts to ensure the ability of independent journalists to report official abuses in other countries, like recent reporting on political repression in Russia, corruption in Nigeria, or police killings of drug users in the Philippines. ....	41	35	10	9	2	4	<b>75</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>57</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	53	31	8	5	1	3	<b>84</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>71</b>

[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]										
72 (SPLIT B) American support for the effort to topple Saddam Hussein and his dictatorship in Iraq and help give the Iraqi people a chance for freedom.....	35	31	12	16	2	4	<b>66</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>38</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	28	29	14	22	2	5	<b>57</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>21</b>

(ref:DEMEVENT)



Q.73 Now I am going to read you a list of ideas that some people have offered in order to strengthen our democratic system in America. For each one, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose this as a way to strengthen our democratic system.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Nei ther/ Both	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Favor - Opp
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
73 (SPLIT A) Impose term limits for members of congress .....	65	17	9	6	1	3	81	14	67
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	66	16	9	6	2	1	82	15	67
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
74 (SPLIT B) Adopt lower limits and stronger disclosure requirements on contributions in federal elections.....	47	27	10	9	2	5	75	19	56
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	64	18	9	6	1	3	82	14	67
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
75 (SPLIT B) Get rid of the Electoral College, and elect the President by national popular vote instead .....	41	18	13	22	3	3	59	35	24
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	36	19	10	30	2	2	55	40	15
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
76 (SPLIT A) Ensure that schools make civic education a bigger part of the curriculum. ....	67	22	5	4	2	1	89	8	81
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	68	24	3	2	1	1	92	6	86
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
77 (SPLIT B) Adopt rules for Facebook and other social media to regulate political ads, like we do on TV, and protect against fake accounts and fake news .....	50	23	9	12	2	4	73	21	51
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	54	20	7	13	2	3	74	20	54
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
78 (SPLIT A) Make voting in national elections mandatory as a civic duty, just like jury duty .....	24	17	19	37	1	2	41	57	-16
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	21	14	20	43	2	1	35	63	-28

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	Nei ther/ Both	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Favor -
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
79 (SPLIT B) Encourage the growth of local journalism, so news sources are more diversified and report on what matters to citizens in their own communities.....	56	29	6	5	2	2	<b>85</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	56	31	4	6	3	1	<b>87</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
80 (SPLIT A) Provide incentives for all young people in America to do some kind of public service, like military, teaching, or volunteer work.....	52	30	9	7	1	1	<b>81</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	53	31	8	6	1	1	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>70</b>
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
81 (SPLIT B) Make voting easier, through steps like same-day registration, extending voting hours, early and absentee voting, and making election day a holiday. ....	54	21	9	12	2	1	<b>75</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	59	17	10	13	1	1	<b>76</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>53</b>
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
82 (SPLIT A) Adopt stronger protections against racial bias in policing and criminal sentencing ....	57	23	9	6	2	3	<b>80</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	63	20	7	6	2	2	<b>83</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>70</b>
[700 Respondents, 850 unweighted]									
83 Work with other democracies to share the cost and effort of supporting democracy and human rights in other countries through diplomacy, training, and development assistance.....	45	36	7	8	2	2	<b>81</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	57	32	5	4	1	0	<b>90</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>81</b>
(ref:PROPOSAL)									

Q.84 Finally, I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes. Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Married.....	50	67
Living with partner.....	7	5
Single.....	27	15
Separated/Divorced.....	9	8
Widowed.....	7	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	0
(ref:MARITAL)		

Q.85 Do you have any children 18 years of age or younger living at home?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Yes.....	32	30
No.....	68	69
(Don't know/Refused).....	0	1
(ref:KIDS)		

[1169 Respondents, 1495 unweighted]

Q.86 (IF VOTED IN VOTE16) In the 2016 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Democrat Hillary Clinton.....	45	50
Republican Donald Trump.....	37	30
(Gary Johnson).....	2	2
(Jill Stein).....	1	1
(Evan McMullin).....	0	1
(Other).....	6	7
(Did not vote).....	1	1
(Don't Know/Refused).....	9	9
(ref:VOTE2016)		

Q.87 Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Donald Trump as President?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Strongly approve .....	23	22
Somewhat approve .....	17	14
Somewhat disapprove .....	10	8
Strongly disapprove.....	45	53
(Don't know/Refused) .....	6	4
<b>Total approve.....</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Total disapprove.....</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Approve - disapprove.....</b> (ref:DTAPP)	<b>-14</b>	<b>-24</b>

Q.88 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican or what?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Strong Democrat .....	22	26
Weak Democrat.....	13	11
Independent-lean Democrat .....	14	14
Independent .....	11	10
Independent-lean Republican.....	11	12
Weak Republican .....	11	10
Strong Republican.....	16	17
(Don't know/Refused) .....	2	1
(ref:PTYID1)		

Q.91 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Liberal .....	25	30
Moderate .....	33	35
Conservative .....	37	32
(Don't know/Refused) .....	6	3
(ref:IDEO1)		

Q.92 Now I will read a list of activities. For each, please let me know if you have participated in the following activity in the past 5 years? Yes or no?

	Yes	No	DK/ Ref	Yes - No
92 Voted in an election.....	89	11	1	78
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	99	0	1	99
93 Volunteered with a community or charitable organization.....	70	30	1	40
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	82	18	1	64
94 Written to a local or national elected official .....	37	62	1	-24
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	56	43	1	13
95 Posted articles or comments regularly online .....	32	67	1	-35
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	35	64	1	-29
96 Put up a yard sign for a candidate or collected signatures for a ballot proposition.....	31	69	1	-38
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	41	58	1	-17
97 Spoken to a local community organization .....	44	55	1	-10
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	58	41	1	16
98 Participated in a protest or strike, demonstration, or rally .....	21	78	1	-56
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	33	67	1	-34
99 Attended any kind of community meeting .....	58	41	1	18
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	74	25	1	49
(ref:ACTIVE)				

Q.100 Now I will read another list of activities. For each, please let me know if you have EVER participated in the following activity? Yes or no?

	Yes	No	DK/ Ref	Yes - No
100 Served in the military.....	12	87	1	-74
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	15	84	1	-69
101 Held or run for any level of elective office.....	8	91	1	-83
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	12	87	1	-76
102 Taught school, either regular or religious classes.....	35	64	1	-30
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	53	46	1	7
103 Signed a petition .....	74	25	2	49
<b>Opinion Elite</b> .....	88	11	1	76
(ref:ACTIVE2)				

Q.104 Which of the following have you used to get news in the past week? Please select all that apply.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
ABC/NBC/CBS News .....	55	57
Cable News.....	55	62
Radio.....	50	60
Friends/co-workers.....	46	50
Family .....	44	48
Newspaper, in print .....	43	53
Newspaper, online.....	42	57
Facebook .....	35	35
PBS.....	26	37
Magazine, in print.....	25	35
YouTube .....	22	18
Comedy news shows such as Last Week Tonight or The Daily Show .....	22	28
Magazine, online .....	21	29
Twitter .....	14	16
Blogs.....	14	19
(Other).....	3	2
(None).....	2	0
(DK/Refused) .....	1	1
(ref:NEWSINFO)		

Q.105 Last year, that is in 2017, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Less than \$25,000.....	15	4
\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .....	19	12
\$50,000 to under \$75,000 .....	18	17
\$75,000 to under \$100,000 .....	12	16
\$100,000 or to under \$125,000 .....	9	11
\$125,000 or to under \$150,000 .....	5	8
\$150,000 or more.....	9	18
(Refused) .....	8	11
(Don't know).....	5	3
(ref:INCOME2)		

Q.106 How often would you say you discuss political and public views with people who have very different views than your own?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Very often.....	21	24
Somewhat often .....	20	23
Sometimes .....	26	29
Rarely.....	21	19
Never .....	10	4
(Don't know/refused) .....	2	1
<b>Total Often .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Very/Somewhat/Sometimes.....</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Rarely/Never .....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>
(ref: OPPOSING)		

Q.5 Respondent Gender

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
Male .....	48	47
Female .....	52	53
(ref:GENDER)		

Q.6 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
18 - 24.....	12	2
25 - 29.....	9	7
30 - 34.....	7	8
35 - 39.....	10	8
40 - 44.....	7	9
45 - 49.....	9	10
50 - 54.....	6	9
55 - 59.....	9	9
60 - 64.....	9	12
65 and over .....	19	22
(No answer).....	3	3
(ref:AGE)		

Q.7 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
1 - 11th grade.....	7	-
High School graduate.....	26	-
Non-college post H.S. ....	2	-
Some college .....	28	-
College graduate.....	24	63
Post-graduate school .....	12	37
(Don't know/Refused).....	1	-
(ref:EDUC)		

Q.8 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Opinion Elite</b>
White.....	60	72
African-American or Black.....	15	9
Hispanic or Latino.....	17	11
Native American.....	1	1
Asian.....	1	1
(Other).....	4	4
(Don't know/Refused).....	2	3
(ref:RACETHN)		