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**-- FINAL TOPLINE --**

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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 6-10, 2017 with a random sample of –1,022— adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.**

**Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.**

**Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2016 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2016 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.**

**In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.**

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Q.18-19 ROTATED

18. Looking ahead for the next few years, which political party do you think will do a better job of protecting the country from international terrorism and military threats -- [ROTATED: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party]?

| | Republican | Democratic | No difference (vol.)/ No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2017 Sep 6-10 | 51 | 38 | 12 |
| 2016 Sep 7-11 | 47 | 40 | 13 |
| 2015 Sep 9-13 | 52 | 36 | 11 |
| 2014 Sep 4-7 | 55 | 32 | 13 |
| 2013 Sep 5-8 | 45 | 39 | 16 |
| 2012 Sep 6-9 | 45 | 45 | 10 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11 | 49 | 38 | 13 |
| 2010 Sep 13-16 | 51 | 38 | 12 |
| 2009 Aug 31-Sep 2 | 49 | 42 | 10 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 | 49 | 42 | 9 |
| 2007 Sep 14-16 | 42 | 47 | 11 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 | 44 | 42 | 13 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 | 48 | 37 | 15 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 51 | 36 | 13 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 | 50 | 31 | 19 |

19. Looking ahead for the next few years, which political party do you think will do a better job of keeping the country prosperous -- [ROTATED: the Republican Party or the Democratic Party]?

| | Repub-lican | Demo-crat | No difference/ no opinion | | Repub-lican | Demo-crat | No difference/ no opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2017 Sep 6-10 | 46 | 42 | 12 | 1987 Jul 10-13 | 34 | 36 | 30 |
| | | | | 1987 Jan 16-19 | 38 | 37 | 25 |
| 2016 Sep 7-11 | 46 | 43 | 11 | 1986 Mar 7-10 | 51 | 33 | 16 |
| 2015 Sep 9-13 | 46 | 44 | 11 | 1985 Jun 7-10 | 44 | 35 | 21 |
| 2014 Sep 4-7 | 49 | 40 | 11 | 1985 Mar 8-11 | 48 | 32 | 20 |
| 2013 Sep 5-8 | 43 | 42 | 14 | 1984 Sep 7-10 | 49 | 33 | 18 |
| 2012 Sep 6-9 | 42 | 51 | 7 | 1984 Aug 10-13 | 48 | 36 | 24 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11 | 48 | 39 | 13 | 1984 Apr 6-9 | 44 | 36 | 20 |
| 2010 Sep 13-16 | 48 | 40 | 12 | 1983 Sep 6-9 | 33 | 40 | 27 |
| 2009 Aug 31-Sep 2 | 39 | 50 | 11 | 1982 Oct 15-18 | 34 | 43 | 23 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 | 39 | 52 | 9 | 1982 Jun 25-28 | 43 | 33 | 24 |
| 2007 Sep 14-16 | 34 | 54 | 12 | 1982 Feb 5-8 | 32 | 42 | 26 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 | 36 | 53 | 11 | 1981 Oct 2-5 | 41 | 31 | 28 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 | 41 | 46 | 13 | 1981 Apr 10-13 | 41 | 28 | 31 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 42 | 46 | 12 | 1980 Oct 10-13 | 35 | 36 | 29 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 | 42 | 42 | 16 | 1980 Sep 12-15 | 35 | 36 | 29 |
| 2001 Sep 7-10 | 41 | 45 | 14 | 1980 Jun 27-30 | 31 | 37 | 32 |
| 2000 Oct 6-9 | 40 | 47 | 13 | 1978 Oct 27-30 | 27 | 38 | 35 |
| 1999 Oct 8-10 | 45 | 46 | 9 | 1978 Jul 21-24 | 26 | 40 | 34 |
| 1998 Oct 29-Nov 1 | 37 | 46 | 17 | 1978 Mar 3-6 | 23 | 42 | 35 |
| 1998 Apr 17-19 | 43 | 42 | 15 | 1978 Mar 3-6 | 23 | 42 | 35 |
| 1997 Oct 27-29 | 42 | 44 | 14 | 1976 Aug 27-30 | 23 | 47 | 30 |
| 1996 Jul 25-28 | 41 | 42 | 17 | 1974 Sep 27-30 | 17 | 47 | 36 |
| 1994 Sep 23-25 | 48 | 38 | 14 | 1972 Oct 13-16 | 38 | 33 | 29 |
| 1994 Aug 15-16 | 42 | 36 | 22 | 1972 Sep 22-25 | 38 | 35 | 27 |
| 1994 Aug 8-9 | 41 | 36 | 23 | 1972 Aug 4-7 | 33 | 39 | 28 |
| 1994 May 20-22 | 40 | 42 | 18 | 1972 Apr 21-24 | 25 | 44 | 31 |
| 1993 Aug 8-10 | 36 | 39 | 25 | 1971 Aug 27-30 | 21 | 46 | 33 |
| 1993 Mar 22-24 | 38 | 46 | 16 | 1971 Jul 15-18 | 22 | 46 | 32 |
| 1992 Oct 23-25 | 37 | 45 | 18 | 1970 Aug 25-Sep 1 | 26 | 40 | 34 |
| 1992 Sep 11-15 | 39 | 48 | 13 | 1970 Jun 18-23 | 29 | 44 | 27 |
| 1992 Jul 17-18 | 32 | 53 | 15 | 1968 Oct 17-22 | 34 | 37 | 29 |
| 1992 Jul 6-8 | 42 | 38 | 20 | 1968 Sep 1-6 | 32 | 34 | 34 |
| 1992 Mar 20-22 | 43 | 42 | 15 | 1967 Jun 2-7 | 30 | 41 | 29 |
| 1992 Feb 6-9 | 41 | 43 | 16 | 1966 Oct 1-6 | 24 | 39 | 37 |
| 1991 Jul 18-21 | 49 | 32 | 19 | 1966 Sep 8-13 | 24 | 41 | 35 |
| 1991 Oct 24-27 | 44 | 41 | 15 | 1966 Jun 16-21 | 26 | 38 | 36 |
| 1991 Mar 21-24 | 46 | 31 | 23 | 1965 Dec 21-Jan 5 | 19 | 48 | 33 |
| 1990 Aug 9-12 | 45 | 30 | 25 | 1965 Oct 8-13 | 18 | 46 | 36 |
| 1990 Oct 25-28 | 37 | 35 | 28 | 1965 May 13-18 | 18 | 52 | 30 |
| 1989 Jul 18-21 | 51 | 30 | 19 | 1965 Feb 19-24 | 16 | 51 | 33 |
| 1988 Sep 9-11 | 52 | 34 | 14 | 1964 Oct 8-13 | 21 | 53 | 26 |
| 1988 May 13-15 | 39 | 41 | 20 | 1964 Sep 18-23 | 19 | 52 | 29 |
| 1988 Jan 22-24 | 42 | 35 | 23 | 1964 Aug 27-Sep 1 | 18 | 59 | 23 |
| 1987 Dec 4-6 | 41 | 38 | 21 | 1964 Aug 6-11 | 21 | 54 | 25 |
| 1987 Oct 23-26 | 40 | 33 | 27 | 1964 Jan 30-Feb 5 | 20 | 48 | 32 |

***Party to Better Keep the Country Prosperous Trend continued on next page***

**Q.19 (PARTY BETTER TO KEEP COUNTRY PROSPEROUS) CONTINUED**

| | Repub-lican | Demo-crat | No difference/ no opinion | | Repub-lican | Demo-crat | No difference/ no opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1963 Nov 23-26 | 17 | 55 | 28 | 1958 Feb 14-19 | 22 | 47 | 31 |
| 1963 Apr 4-9 | 24 | 45 | 31 | 1957 Sep 19-24 | 31 | 42 | 27 |
| 1963 Jan 11-16 | 21 | 49 | 30 | 1957 May 17-22 | 36 | 38 | 26 |
| 1962 Aug 23-28 | 22 | 45 | 33 | 1956 Oct 18-23 | 39 | 39 | 22 |
| 1962 May 31-Jun 5 | 25 | 48 | 27 | 1956 Sep 20-25 | 38 | 37 | 25 |
| 1961 Dec 7-12 | 19 | 56 | 25 | 1956 Sep 9-14 | 34 | 39 | 27 |
| 1961 Sep 21-26 | 18 | 55 | 27 | 1956 May 10-15 | 36 | 39 | 25 |
| 1961 May 17-22 | 20 | 55 | 25 | 1955 Dec 8-13 | 37 | 34 | 29 |
| 1960 Oct 18-23 | 31 | 46 | 23 | 1955 Oct 6-11 | 36 | 38 | 26 |
| 1960 Jun 16-21 | 26 | 47 | 27 | 1955 Aug 25-30 | 39 | 37 | 24 |
| 1960 Feb 4-9 | 29 | 44 | 27 | 1952 Jan 20-25 | 31 | 35 | 34 |
| 1958 Sep 10-15 | 23 | 45 | 32 | 1951 Oct 14-19 | 31 | 37 | 32 |
| 1958 Aug 20-25 | 23 | 45 | 32 | 1951 Aug 3-8 | 32 | 36 | 32 |

**COMBINED RESPONSES (Q.18-19)**

| | Republican better on both | Republican better on security, Democratic better on economy | Democratic better on security, Republican better on economy | Democratic better on both | No opinion/ undesignated |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2017 Sep 6-10 | 40 | 7 | 4 | 32 | 16 |
| 2016 Sep 7-11 | 41 | 4 | 3 | 35 | 17 |
| 2015 Sep 9-13 | 42 | 8 | 3 | 32 | 15 |
| 2014 Sep 4-7 | 43 | 8 | 4 | 28 | 17 |
| 2013 Sep 5-8 | 36 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 20 |
| 2012 Sep 6-9 | 38 | 6 | 1 | 43 | 12 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11 | 41 | 4 | 4 | 32 | 19 |
| 2010 Sep 13-16 | 41 | 6 | 5 | 31 | 17 |
| 2009 Aug 31-Sep 2 | 36 | 9 | 2 | 39 | 14 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 | 37 | 9 | 1 | 40 | 12 |
| 2007 Sep 14-16 | 31 | 7 | 2 | 43 | 17 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 | 32 | 10 | 3 | 39 | 17 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 | 37 | 8 | 2 | 34 | 19 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 | 36 | 12 | 4 | 31 | 17 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 | 36 | 10 | 3 | 27 | 24 |