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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 14-18, 2016 with a random sample of 1,033—adults, aged 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.

For results based on the sample of 931 -- registered voters, the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of 480 -- Republicans and Republican leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ±5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of 491 -- Democrats and Democratic leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ±5 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 60% cell phone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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 2015 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2015 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.

14. Regardless of which presidential candidate you support, please tell me if you think Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump would better handle each of the following issues. How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

*2016 Sept 14-18, based on registered voters
(sorted by "Advantage")*

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>Advantage</u>
The treatment of minority groups in this country	65	30	C, +35
Climate change	62	29	C, +33
Social issues such as gay marriage and abortion	63	33	C, +30
Foreign affairs	61	35	C, +26
Education	61	36	C, +25
Healthcare and the Affordable Care Act	56	41	C, +15
Immigration	55	42	C, +13
The distribution of income and wealth in the U.S.	50	44	C, +6
Trade with other nations	51	47	C, +4
Terrorism and national security	48	47	C, +1
The economy	47	50	T, +3
Employment and jobs	47	51	T, +4
Taxes	45	51	T, +6
Gun policy	45	52	T, +7
The size and efficiency of the federal government	44	52	T, +8
Government regulation of Wall Street and banks	43	52	T, +9
The federal budget deficit	44	53	T, +9

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COMPLETE RESULTS:

A. The economy

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	47	50	1	2
2016 May 18-22	42	54	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	48	49	1	2
2016 May 18-22	43	53	1	3

B. Employment and jobs

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	47	51	1	2
2016 May 18-22	44	53	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	49	49	1	2
2016 May 18-22	45	52	1	2

C. The federal budget deficit

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	44	53	1	3
2016 May 18-22	38	58	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	45	51	1	3
2016 May 18-22	39	57	1	3

D. Taxes

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	45	51	1	4
2016 May 18-22	43	53	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	47	49	1	4
2016 May 18-22	44	52	1	3

Q.14 (CANDIDATES ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

E. Immigration

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	55	42	1	2
2016 May 18-22	51	46	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	56	42	1	2
2016 May 18-22	52	44	1	3

F. Healthcare and the Affordable Care Act

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	56	41	1	2
2016 May 18-22	54	42	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	58	39	1	2
2016 May 18-22	56	40	1	3

G. Terrorism and national security

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	48	47	1	3
2016 May 18-22	45	52	2	2
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	50	46	1	3
2016 May 18-22	46	50	2	2

H. Social issues such as gay marriage and abortion

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	63	33	1	3
2016 May 18-22	62	33	2	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	64	31	2	3
2016 May 18-22	64	31	2	3

Q.14 (CANDIDATES ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

I. Climate change

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	62	29	2	7
2016 May 18-22	66	29	2	4
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	64	28	1	7
2016 May 18-22	66	28	2	4

J. Gun policy

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	45	52	1	3
2016 May 18-22	44	51	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	45	51	1	3
2016 May 18-22	45	50	1	3

K. Education

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	61	36	1	2
2016 May 18-22	59	36	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	63	34	1	2
2016 May 18-22	61	35	1	3

L. The distribution of income and wealth in the U.S.

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	50	44	1	5
2016 May 18-22	50	44	2	4
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	52	42	1	4
2016 May 18-22	51	43	2	4

Q.14 (CANDIDATES ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

M. Foreign affairs

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	61	35	1	3
2016 May 18-22	58	38	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	62	34	1	3
2016 May 18-22	59	38	1	3

N. Government regulation of Wall Street and banks

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	43	52	1	4
2016 May 18-22	40	55	2	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	45	50	1	4
2016 May 18-22	42	53	2	3

O. The size and efficiency of the federal government

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	44	52	*	4
2016 May 18-22	39	57	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	45	50	1	4
2016 May 18-22	41	55	1	3

P. Trade with other nations

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	51	47	1	2
2016 May 18-22	47	49	1	2
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	52	45	1	2
2016 May 18-22	48	49	1	3

Q.14 (CANDIDATES ON ISSUES) CONTINUED

Q. The treatment of minority groups in this country

	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>Trump</u>	<u>SAME (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Registered voters				
2016 Sep 14-18	65	30	1	3
2016 May 18-22	66	30	1	3
National adults				
2016 Sep 14-18	67	29	1	3
2016 May 18-22	67	29	1	3