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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 4-12, 2018 with a random sample of –1,035—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.

For results based on the sample of –500—national adults in Form A, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –535—national adults in Form B, the margins of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

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 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2017 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.

12. As you know, our federal government is made up of three branches: an Executive branch, headed by the President; a Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court; and a Legislative branch, made up of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. First, let me ask you how much trust and confidence you have at this time in the Executive branch headed by the President, the Judicial branch headed by the US Supreme Court, and the Legislative branch, consisting of the US Senate and House of Representatives-- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

A. The Executive branch headed by the President

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2018 Sep 4-12	24	18	21	37	*	42
2017 Sep 6-10	21	24	23	32	*	45
2016 Sep 7-11	22	29	25	24	*	51
2015 Sep 9-13	16	29	27	28	*	45
2014 Sep 4-7	14	29	28	28	*	43
2013 Sep 5-8	18	33	23	25	1	51
2012 Sep 6-9	28	28	23	20	1	56
2011 Sep 8-11	17	30	29	23	*	47
2010 Sep 13-16	20	29	27	24	*	49
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	26	35	22	16	1	61
2008 Sep 8-11	12	30	30	28	1	42
2007 Sep 14-16	15	28	32	24	1	43
2006 Sep 7-10	15	31	28	24	1	46
2005 Sep 12-15	19	33	30	18	*	52
2004 Sep 13-15	31	27	25	16	1	58
2003 Sep 8-10	25	35	26	14	*	60
2002 Sep 5-8	28	44	20	7	1	72
2001 Sep 7-10	21	42	28	8	1	63
2000 Jul 6-9	18	47	23	11	1	65
1999 Feb 4-8	21	43	24	11	1	64
1998 Dec 28-29	24	39	23	12	2	63
1997 May 30-Jun 1	13	49	27	9	2	62
1976 Jun	13	45	30	9	4	58
1974 Apr	12	28	36	20	3	40
1972 May	24	49	20	4	2	73

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B. The Judicial branch, headed by the U.S. Supreme Court

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2018 Sep 4-12	18	50	22	9	1	68
2017 Sep 6-10	16	52	24	7	1	68
2016 Sep 7-11	12	49	28	9	1	61
2015 Sep 9-13	11	42	31	16	*	53
2014 Sep 4-7	10	51	30	9	1	61
2013 Sep 5-8	13	49	28	9	1	62
2012 Sep 6-9	14	53	27	4	2	67
2011 Sep 8-11	12	51	28	8	1	63
2010 Sep 13-16	14	52	28	5	2	66
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	18	58	18	4	2	76
2008 Sep 8-11	14	55	23	6	3	69
2007 Sep 14-16	15	54	23	6	1	69
2006 Sep 7-10	15	54	21	7	3	69
2005 Sep 12-15	13	55	25	6	1	68
2004 Sep 13-15	14	51	27	6	2	65
2003 Sep 8-10	13	54	27	5	1	67
2002 Sep 5-8	17	58	18	5	2	75
2001 Sep 7-10	17	57	20	4	2	74
2000 Jul 6-9	23	52	18	6	1	75
1999 Feb 4-8	29	51	13	5	2	80
1998 Dec 28-29	27	51	16	4	2	78
1997 May 30-Jun 1	19	52	22	5	2	71
1976 Jun	16	47	26	6	4	63
1974 Apr	17	54	20	5	5	71
1972 May	17	49	24	7	4	66

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C. The Legislative branch, consisting of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2018 Sep 4-12	4	36	40	19	1	40
2017 Sep 6-10	3	32	46	18	1	35
2016 Sep 7-11	3	32	43	20	1	35
2015 Sep 9-13	3	29	45	23	*	32
2014 Sep 4-7	3	25	50	20	1	28
2013 Sep 5-8	6	28	44	22	1	34
2012 Sep 6-9	4	30	47	18	1	34
2011 Sep 8-11	5	26	50	19	*	31
2010 Sep 13-16	5	31	42	21	1	36
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	6	39	38	17	*	45
2008 Sep 8-11	4	43	38	12	2	47
2007 Sep 14-16	5	45	36	12	1	50
2006 Sep 7-10	6	50	31	10	2	56
2005 Sep 12-15	8	54	31	6	1	62
2004 Sep 13-15	7	53	33	6	1	60
2003 Sep 8-10	8	55	31	5	1	63
2002 Sep 5-8	9	58	26	6	1	67
2001 Sep 7-10	7	58	28	6	1	65
2000 Jul 6-9	11	57	24	7	1	68
1999 Feb 4-8	8	49	34	7	2	57
1998 Dec 28-29	13	48	30	7	2	61
1997 May 30-Jun 1	6	48	36	8	2	54
1976 Jun	9	52	31	6	4	61
1974 Apr	13	55	24	4	4	68
1972 May	13	58	22	3	3	71