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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.

Thinking about the country more generally,

Q.22-23 SPLIT SAMPLED

22. Do you think it is better for the country -- [ROTATED: to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, (or do you think it is better) to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another]?

BASED ON -500—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A

| | <u>Same party</u> | <u>Different parties</u> | No difference (vol.)/ <u>no opinion</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2018 Sep 4-12 | 48 | 39 | 13 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11^ | 48 | 36 | 16 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 ^ | 40 | 41 | 19 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 ^ | 37 | 48 | 15 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 ^ | 44 | 43 | 13 |
| 2004 Sep 13-15 ^ | 43 | 35 | 22 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 ^ | 46 | 45 | 9 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 ^ | 44 | 41 | 15 |
| 2002 Apr 5-7 | 43 | 42 | 15 |
| 2001 Sep 7-10 | 43 | 45 | 12 |
| 2000 Oct 6-9 | 48 | 40 | 12 |

EXTENDED TREND: Do you think it is better for the country to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another?

| | <u>Same party</u> | <u>Different parties</u> | No difference (vol.)/ <u>no opinion</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 2002 Apr 5-7 ^ | 41 | 43 | 16 |
| 2001 Sep 7-10 ^ | 42 | 46 | 12 |
| 2000 Oct 6-9 ^ | 45 | 42 | 13 |
| 1998 Apr 17-19 | 40 | 42 | 18 |
| 1997 Sep 25-28 | 31 | 45 | 24 |
| 1997 Aug 22-25 | 42 | 41 | 17 |
| 1994 Oct 7-9 | 45 | 37 | 18 |
| 1994 Jan 15-17 | 46 | 36 | 18 |
| 1993 Aug 8-10 | 48 | 37 | 15 |

CBS/NEW YORK TIMES POLL TREND:

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|----------|----|----|----|
| 1992 Sep | 47 | 31 | 22 |
| 1989 Sep | 35 | 45 | 20 |

^ Asked of a half sample

Thinking about the country more generally,

23. *(Asked of a half sample)* Do you think it is better for the country -- [ROTATED: to have a President who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, does it make no difference either way, or do you think it is better to have a President from one political party and Congress controlled by another]?

BASED ON -535—NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B

| | Same <u>party</u> | No <u>difference</u> | Different <u>parties</u> | No <u>opinion</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 2018 Sep 4-12 | 36 | 31 | 29 | 4 |
| 2017 Sep 6-10 | 33 | 37 | 25 | 6 |
| 2016 Sep 7-11 | 36 | 36 | 20 | 8 |
| 2015 Sep 9-13 | 33 | 38 | 24 | 5 |
| 2014 Sep 4-7 | 30 | 37 | 28 | 5 |
| 2013 Oct 3-6 | 25 | 38 | 28 | 9 |
| 2012 Sep 6-9 | 38 | 33 | 23 | 6 |
| 2011 Sep 8-11 ^ | 28 | 39 | 29 | 5 |
| 2010 Aug 27-30 | 27 | 40 | 27 | 5 |
| 2010 May 24-25 | 27 | 39 | 30 | 4 |
| 2008 Sep 8-11 ^ | 34 | 34 | 25 | 7 |
| 2007 Sep 14-16 | 26 | 38 | 29 | 6 |
| 2006 Sep 7-10 ^ | 28 | 36 | 32 | 3 |
| 2006 Jun 23-25 | 26 | 38 | 31 | 5 |
| 2005 Sep 12-15 ^ | 29 | 33 | 36 | 2 |
| 2004 Sep 13-15 ^ | 33 | 37 | 26 | 4 |
| 2003 Sep 8-10 ^ | 35 | 37 | 26 | 2 |
| 2002 Sep 5-8 ^ | 34 | 33 | 30 | 3 |

^ Asked of a half sample.