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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 3-15, 2019 with a random sample of **–1,525–** 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  $\pm 3$  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 Dynata. 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 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 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](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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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>
2019 Sep 3-15	24	21	23	32	--	45
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>
2019 Sep 3-15	16	53	25	6	*	69
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>
2019 Sep 3-15	4	34	44	17	1	38
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

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**QN12A: Trust and confidence - The Executive branch BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology**

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1525	808	717	1135	344	271	397	829	684	526	296	483	571	434	591	543	344
	Weighted n	1525	757	768	1030	467	388	510	600	514	453	547	436	577	478	566	547	365
Great deal		372	215	157	316	49	55	103	198	110	137	122	259	93	13	284	66	14
		24%	28%	20%	31%	10%	14%	20%	33%	21%	30%	22%	59%	16%	3%	50%	12%	4%
Fair amount		320	188	133	239	75	86	123	110	89	86	143	137	150	29	165	125	24
		21%	25%	17%	23%	16%	22%	24%	18%	17%	19%	26%	31%	26%	6%	29%	23%	7%
Not very much		352	173	179	174	174	115	124	109	107	90	153	32	173	135	87	183	64
		23%	23%	23%	17%	37%	30%	24%	18%	21%	20%	28%	7%	30%	28%	15%	34%	17%
None at all		481	182	299	301	169	132	160	183	208	140	129	8	161	301	30	172	264
		32%	24%	39%	29%	36%	34%	31%	31%	41%	31%	24%	2%	28%	63%	5%	32%	72%



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		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1525	808	717	1135	344	271	397	829	684	526	296	483	571	434	591	543	344
	Weighted n	1525	757	768	1030	467	388	510	600	514	453	547	436	577	478	566	547	365
Great deal		64	29	36	23	41	27	23	14	17	22	25	14	19	30	31	22	10
		4%	4%	5%	2%	9%	7%	5%	2%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	6%	5%	4%	3%
Fair amount		516	225	292	311	195	159	158	191	148	159	206	130	191	184	158	221	125
		34%	30%	38%	30%	42%	41%	31%	32%	29%	35%	38%	30%	33%	39%	28%	40%	34%
Not very much		678	337	341	506	164	148	233	282	264	180	228	209	255	196	262	217	178
		44%	44%	44%	49%	35%	38%	46%	47%	51%	40%	42%	48%	44%	41%	46%	40%	49%
None at all		256	164	92	182	64	52	96	106	83	91	80	82	106	64	112	85	50
		17%	22%	12%	18%	14%	13%	19%	18%	16%	20%	15%	19%	18%	13%	20%	16%	14%
(DK)/(Refused)		10	3	8	8	2	2	-	6	3	0	7	0	6	4	4	2	1
		1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%