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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 1-17, 2021 with a random sample of **-1,005—** 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  $\pm 4$  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 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 2019 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2019 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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15. How much trust and confidence do you have in general in men and women in political life in this country who either hold or are running for public office -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	<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>
2021 Sep 1-17	4	40	44	11	2	44
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	4	41	48	6	1	45
2019 Sep 3-15	7	46	39	7	1	53
2018 Sep 4-12	6	49	37	7	1	55
2017 Sep 6-10	5	43	43	7	1	48
2016 Sep 7-11	7	35	48	9	1	42
2015 Sep 9-13	5	39	47	9	1	44
2014 Sep 4-7	6	39	44	9	2	45
2013 Sep 5-8	6	40	43	9	2	46
2011 Sep 8-11	6	39	47	6	2	45
2010 Sep 13-16	4	43	44	7	2	47
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	5	44	42	8	1	49
2008 Sep 8-11	8	58	29	3	2	66
2007 Sep 14-16	5	50	37	6	1	55
2005 Sep 12-15	4	54	35	5	2	58
2004 Sep 13-15	6	57	32	3	2	63
2003 Sep 8-10	5	54	36	4	1	59
2002 Sep 5-8	6	54	33	6	1	60
2001 Sep 7-10 ^	4	51	39	6	*	55
2000 Jul 6-9	7	57	31	3	2	64
1998 Dec 28-29	7	56	31	4	2	63
1997 May 30-Jun 1	5	52	37	5	1	57
1976 Jun	6	58	28	4	4	64
1974 Apr	7	61	24	4	4	68
1972 May	7	58	27	5	2	65

^ Asked of a half sample.

16. More generally, how much trust and confidence do you have in the American people as a whole when it comes to making judgments under our democratic system about the issues facing our country -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	<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>
2021 Sep 1-17	10	45	37	8	1	55
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	10	46	38	6	*	56
2018 Sep 4-12	13	45	32	9	*	58
2017 Sep 6-10	14	48	32	6	1	62
2016 Sep 7-11	13	43	36	7	1	56
2015 Sep 9-13	12	45	37	6	1	57
2014 Sep 4-7	15	44	34	7	1	59
2013 Sep 5-8	16	45	33	6	1	61
2012 Sep 6-9	17	47	31	4	1	64
2011 Sep 8-11	19	48	29	4	*	67
2010 Sep 13-16	21	48	26	4	1	69
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	20	53	23	4	*	73
2008 Sep 8-11	19	53	23	3	2	72
2007 Sep 14-16	17	53	27	4	*	70
2005 Sep 12-15	22	56	19	3	*	78
2004 Sep 13-15	21	54	22	2	1	75
2003 Sep 8-10	24	52	21	2	1	76
2002 Sep 5-8	23	55	17	4	1	78
2001 Sep 7-10	17	57	22	3	1	74
1976 Jun	25	61	12	1	2	86
1974 Apr	27	56	13	2	3	83

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**QN15: Trust People in Political Life 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	1005	538	467	760	221	193	259	535	454	329	215	326	390	265	401	354	227
	Weighted n	1005	487	518	655	332	285	298	408	353	282	367	287	409	287	376	362	248
Great deal		39	16	23	13	24	12	6	20	5	7	27	2	18	18	14	17	7
		4%	3%	4%	2%	7%	4%	2%	5%	1%	2%	7%	1%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%
Fair amount		402	185	217	246	150	96	120	179	140	102	158	109	121	166	125	155	120
		40%	38%	42%	38%	45%	34%	40%	44%	40%	36%	43%	38%	30%	58%	33%	43%	49%
Not very much		441	212	229	320	116	137	117	180	172	135	133	135	203	93	175	156	104
		44%	44%	44%	49%	35%	48%	39%	44%	49%	48%	36%	47%	50%	32%	46%	43%	42%
None at all		107	65	42	64	39	37	46	24	31	33	43	32	61	8	52	31	15
		11%	13%	8%	10%	12%	13%	16%	6%	9%	12%	12%	11%	15%	3%	14%	9%	6%
(DK)/(Refused)		16	9	7	12	3	3	7	5	6	5	5	9	5	2	11	3	2
		2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%

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**QN16: Trust American People 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	1005	538	467	760	221	193	259	535	454	329	215	326	390	265	401	354	227
	Weighted n	1005	487	518	655	332	285	298	408	353	282	367	287	409	287	376	362	248
Great deal		96	59	37	50	42	20	32	43	31	26	38	21	37	34	34	35	24
		10%	12%	7%	8%	13%	7%	11%	10%	9%	9%	10%	7%	9%	12%	9%	10%	10%
Fair amount		449	215	234	288	155	127	115	206	145	137	167	136	173	135	174	167	108
		45%	44%	45%	44%	47%	44%	39%	50%	41%	49%	46%	47%	42%	47%	46%	46%	44%
Not very much		369	170	199	248	114	113	107	140	145	95	127	100	152	107	125	137	97
		37%	35%	38%	38%	34%	40%	36%	34%	41%	34%	35%	35%	37%	37%	33%	38%	39%
None at all		85	42	42	61	21	25	40	19	30	23	31	25	45	12	38	23	19
		8%	9%	8%	9%	6%	9%	13%	5%	8%	8%	9%	9%	11%	4%	10%	6%	7%
(DK)/(Refused)		7	1	5	7	-	1	5	1	3	0	4	5	2	-	6	0	1
		1%	0%	1%	1%	-	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%