

**Online Survey of Likely U.S. Voters
February 23 – March 3, 2016
Completed 1,950 interviews.**

Oversamples collected among the following groups:

- n=642; MoE ± 3.87% White men with less than a 4 year college degree.**
- n=257; MoE ± 6.11% White men with less than a 4 year college degree who are less likely to vote.**
- n=277; MoE ± 5.89% White women with less than a 4 year college degree who are less likely to vote.**
- n=337; MoE ± 5.34% Persons age 18-34 years old (Millennials) who are less likely to vote.**

Sample was weighted to a nationally representative sample of 1,200n MoE ± 2.83%

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Thank you for participating in this survey about national issues. Your responses are confidential.

Overview Attitudes

1. Do you generally think of yourself as a

Democrat	32
Independent	41
Republican	27

2. Do you feel that things in this country...

Are generally going in the right direction	29
Have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track	64
Don't know	7

Use the scale below to rate your feelings about the state of the country 5 years ago, today, and in the future.

	Worst possible state of affairs										Don't know	Best possible state of affairs			Mean	
	SCALE: 0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	0-2	3-7/ DK		8-10
3. Where the country was 5 years ago	4	4	6	11	12	21	14	11	7	2	5	3	14	72	14	5.00
4. Where the country is today	6	8	9	10	9	12	10	14	10	5	4	2	24	58	19	4.87
5. Where you think the country will be 5 years from now	5	3	4	5	6	12	10	9	12	6	5	23	12	66	23	5.64

6.	Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing?		
	Strongly approve	21	→51
	Somewhat approve	31	
	Somewhat disapprove	15	→46
	Strongly disapprove	31	
	Don't know	3	
7.	Do you approve or disapprove of the job President Obama is doing handling trade policy?		
	Strongly approve	13	→39
	Somewhat approve	26	
	Somewhat disapprove	20	→46
	Strongly disapprove	26	
	Don't know	15	

Important Issues

For each of the following issues, use the scale to indicate whether you feel that is an important problem facing the country today.

	SCALE:											Don't know	0-2	3-7/ DK	8-10	Mean
	Not at all an important problem	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Extremely important problem					
1. Government ethics and corruption	0	0	1	1	2	5	6	9	13	15	46	3	1	25	73	8.52
2. Cuts to Social Security and Medicare	1	1	1	1	3	5	5	8	13	16	43	2	3	25	72	8.30
3. Jobs and unemployment	0	0	1	2	2	4	6	11	20	16	36	2	2	27	72	8.25
4. The budget deficit and the national debt	1	1	1	1	2	6	6	10	14	16	39	3	2	28	69	8.24
5. Terrorism attacks on American soil	1	1	1	2	3	6	7	7	12	11	46	2	3	27	70	8.24
6. Fighting ISIS and Al-Qaeda terrorism	1	2	1	1	2	6	6	8	15	14	42	2	3	26	71	8.23
7. American jobs moving overseas because of the loss of American manufacturing	1	0	1	1	3	6	6	11	15	15	38	2	2	29	69	8.20

SCALE:	Not at all an important problem					Extremely important problem					Don't know	0-2	3-7/ DK	8-10	Mean		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						10	
8.	National security and defense												3	3	29	67	8.07
9.	Increasing crime and violence												2	3	35	62	7.85
10.	Stagnation of lower-to-middle-income wages												2	3	35	62	7.82
11.	Income inequality, or the gap between rich and everyone else												2	8	36	57	7.36
12.	Increasing border security and controlling immigration												2	8	38	54	7.26
13.	Trade deals with other countries that make it easier to import their products into the U.S.												5	4	52	44	7.06
14.	Climate change												3	13	41	46	6.57
15.	Social issues like abortion and same sex marriage												2	16	45	39	6.13

Alienation and Public Mood Questions

For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you agree or disagree.

SCALE:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion/ Don't know	Total agree	Total disagree
1.	The power of ordinary people to control our country is getting weaker every day, as political leaders on both sides fight to protect their own power and privilege, at the expense of the nation's well-being. We need to restore what we really believe in – real democracy by the people and real free enterprise.					81	12
2.	People like me don't really have much say about how the government works.					61	32
3.	Politicians really care about people like me.					19	75

SCALE:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion/ Don't know	Total agree	Total disagree
4.	Powerful interests from Wall Street banks to corporations, unions and political interest groups have used campaign and lobbying money to rig the system for themselves. They are looting the national treasury of billions of dollars at the expense of every man, woman and child.						
	37	35	13	4	11	72	17
5.	Political leaders are more interested in protecting their power and privilege than doing what is right for the American people.						
	47	35	9	3	6	82	12
6.	I believe the U.S. government is working for the people's best interests.						
	5	22	36	31	7	26	67
7.	America is in a state of decline.						
	29	39	18	7	7	68	25
8.	The U.S. has a two-track economy, where most Americans struggle every day, where good jobs are hard to find, and where the huge corporations get all the rewards. We need to make good paying jobs for Americans the top priority.						
	40	36	13	5	7	75	18
9.	Politicians really care about the economic suffering of ordinary Americans.						
	4	19	33	37	7	23	70
10.	If there was a place on my ballot where I could vote to defeat and replace every single member of Congress, including my own representative, I would do so.						
	32	31	18	9	11	63	26
11.	The United States is not an ordinary nation; America stands apart from all other countries and we should protect our unique character in the world.						
	42	34	13	4	7	75	18
12.	The same political elite who have been rigging the political process in Washington are the same ones that have been rigging trade deals that hurt Americans, but benefit themselves.						
	32	40	11	3	14	72	14
13.	How would you describe your family's financial situation today?						
	Very good – we are able to cover all of our bills and still have money leftover					25	
	Good – we can pay our bills, but don't have that much money leftover					46	
	Fair – we are having trouble paying our bills and we don't have money leftover					19	
	Poor – we are losing income and struggling to make ends meet at all					7	
	Prefer not to respond					3	

14. Do you think you are better off financially or worse off financially than your parents were when they were your age?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Better	46	55
Worse	37	45
Don't know	16	

15. Looking to the future, do you think most children in this country will grow up to be better off or worse off than their parents?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Better	23	32
Worse	50	68
Don't know	27	

16. In this country right now, do you think...

Everyone more or less plays by the same rules to get ahead	10
There are different rules for the well-connected and people with money	83
Don't know	7

17. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

There are real and deeply important differences between the Democratic and Republican parties	44
While the two parties have the appearance of differences on social issues such as gay marriage and abortion, when it comes to keeping Americans from having their jobs outsourced or taken away by foreign replacement workers, both parties act the same – they do nothing.	46
Don't know	10

Foreign Policy and National Security

1. In the 15 years since 9-11, do you think the power and prestige of the United States as an international leader and power has...

Increased	9
Declined	56
Remained about the same	25
Don't know	9

2. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

The U.S. is the No. 1 military power in the world	37
The U.S. is only one of several leading military powers	53
Don't know	10

3. Do you feel that it's important for the United States to be the No. 1 military power in the world, or do you think that being No. 1 is not that important as long as the U.S. is among the leading military powers?

Important for U.S. to be No. 1 military power in the world	54
Not important as long as the U.S. is among the leading military powers	37
Don't know	9

4. Several weeks ago two naval patrol boats were seized by the Iranian Republican Guard. Secretary John Kerry eventually negotiated their released, but not before footage of American soldiers on their knees, on their own vessels, with guns pointed at their heads was shown worldwide. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
This is proof that our improving relations with Iran because of our nuclear agreement allowed us to defuse the situation quickly.	23	30
This has become the symbol of American humiliation. It was an illegal act violating international law and it shows how much American power and prestige has declined in the world.	54	70
Don't know	22	

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement – Just recently it was reported that the United States must rely on Russian space rockets to put America's most sensitive spy and defense satellites into space. This is a frightening national security consequence for America having crippled our own space program.

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Strongly agree	38 →69	45 →82
Somewhat agree	31	37
Somewhat disagree	11 →15	13 →18
Strongly disagree	4	5
Don't know/No opinion	17	

6. Regarding China, do you think that America can rely on China as a strong economic partner who want the United States to be safe and secure, or do you think China is actively trying to undermine the United States to advance its own economic and national interests?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
America can rely on China as a strong economic partner who want the United States to be safe and secure	13	16
China is actively trying to undermine the United States to advance its own economic and national interests	66	84
Don't know	21	

7. Given the recent news reports about China’s military build-up, building artificial islands in key Pacific trade routes, cyber hacking, currency manipulation and trade policies, which of the following statements do you most agree with:

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Our government has carefully and successfully managed our relationship with China on important issues.	10	12
Because so much of what we consume and so much of our growing debt burden is being financed by China, we are compromising American security and economic interests by relying on China.	47	55
We are totally ignoring potential military and economic threats by China that will have serious consequences for the United States.	28	33
Don’t know	15	

8. There have been many news reports over the past few years about the cyber hacking by China of sensitive and confidential United States military and financial data and electrical power grids. In addition, millions of American government workers have had their personal confidential files hacked and taken by the Chinese. There are claims that China has also hacked into the confidential health records of millions of Americans. How would you regard the way the Obama administration is handling this issue?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
The Obama administration is directly investigating the attacks and is correctly taking action against them while not upsetting our delicate relationship with China.	26	33
The Obama administration needs to recognize that these computer and internet hacking attacks are close to an act of war and need to be far more aggressive in confronting China.	53	67
Don’t know	21	

General Economic and Trade Questions

1. Inversion is a process by which American corporations, to escape the high corporate tax rate, essentially acquire companies overseas and move their corporate headquarters out of the United States and to a foreign country. Which of the following is closest to your opinion?
- | | <u>All</u> | <u>Decided</u> |
|---|------------|----------------|
| Corporate tax rates in the U.S. need to be reduced so these companies have no reason to move their headquarters and staff overseas | 40 | 46 |
| American companies, which enjoy all the benefits of being American, are outrageously moving overseas to avoid American taxes. It is extremely unpatriotic and it must be stopped and punished | 47 | 54 |
| Don't know | 14 | |
2. Because the United States has the highest corporate tax rate, many American corporations have chosen to keep their profits overseas. Would you favor or oppose a proposal to allow that money to be brought into the United States at a lower or no tax rate if the corporations agree to invest the great majority of that money in increasing U.S. manufacturing and adding jobs?
- | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-----|
| Strongly favor | 28 | →72 |
| Somewhat favor | 44 | |
| Somewhat oppose | 9 | →14 |
| Strongly oppose | 5 | |
| Don't know/No opinion | 15 | |
3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement – Our immigration policies are being written by the same corporate elite that want cheap labor anywhere they can find it. They send our jobs and factories overseas and at the same time want to bring lower-paid immigrant labor into our country.
- | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-----|
| Strongly agree | 26 | →67 |
| Somewhat agree | 41 | |
| Somewhat disagree | 12 | →18 |
| Strongly disagree | 6 | |
| Don't know/No opinion | 16 | |
4. Over the last two decades do you believe the free trade agreements signed by the United States with other countries were:
- | | <u>All</u> | <u>Decided</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| More of a benefit to the U.S. | 9 | 12 |
| More of a benefit to other countries | 46 | 63 |
| Equally beneficial to all | 18 | 25 |
| Don't know | 27 | |

5. Which is more important to you?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Protecting American jobs and industries from being outsourced to other countries	72	82
Allowing free trade so you can buy products at low prices no matter what country they come from	16	18
Don't know	12	

6. Which is more important to you?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Fostering good relations between America and other countries through free trade agreements at the loss of some American jobs.	23	28
Protecting American jobs by raising tariffs on countries with unethical trade practices even if it harms America's global reputation.	57	72
Don't know	20	

7. America has a special visa program that allows companies to bring in varying levels of high skilled foreign workers. Similarly they are able to bring in workers for low wage jobs. Last December behind closed doors, Congress quadrupled the amount of these kind of visas, critics were shocked saying this would only come at the expense of jobs and lower wages for American workers. Do you agree or disagree with the decision to increase the number of these visas?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Decided</u>
Strongly agree	7	8
Somewhat agree	19 →25	22 →30
Somewhat disagree	25	30
Strongly disagree	33 →58	40 →70
Don't know/No opinion	16	

For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you agree or disagree.

SCALE:	All Agree	All Disagree	No opinion/ Don't know	Decided Agree	Decided Disagree
1.	Increasing international trade is good for the U.S. economy. It makes products like smartphones, TVs, and clothing cheaper for U.S. consumers, and it gives U.S. companies access to more foreign markets to sell our products.				
	55	28	17	66	34
2.	While increasing international trade has led to cheaper goods, it doesn't matter how cheap they are if I don't have a good paying job.				
	74	14	12	84	16
3.	Our economic and trade policies should always put American needs and American jobs first, before the needs of other countries or big corporations.				
	75	13	12	85	15
4.	International trade has helped improve foreign relations with other countries and has led to increased cooperation in the international community.				
	47	35	19	57	43
5.	U.S. businesses struggling to find workers should be working to attract and train Americans by raising wages or improving working conditions rather than bringing in workers from outside the country who will work for less.				
	77	11	12	87	13
6.	Since 2001, 60,000 U.S. manufacturing plants have shut their doors. It is impossible for the United States to maintain its position as the world's leading economic and military power if this staggering loss of manufacturing is allowed to continue.				
	73	15	13	83	17
7.	The real economic division in America is between the elites who see themselves as global citizens of the world and the mainstream of America which says put America's economic interest first and the needs of the ordinary American people above all.				
	64	20	16	76	24
8.	One of the reasons we have such cheap goods, particularly cheap clothes, is because the workers making them in mostly Asian countries, many being children, are paid slave-like wages in harsh working conditions without any worker protections at all. We should punish those countries with tariffs on those imports which would raise the cost of those goods until there are fair working conditions for all comparable to the United States. Even though we might pay more for clothes, we would be protecting our American values.				
	68	17	15	80	20

Initial Reaction to TPP

1. Do you support or oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal?

Strongly support	3	→15
Somewhat support	12	
Somewhat oppose	13	→22
Strongly oppose	9	
Not sure	11	→62
Don't know enough about the issue	51	

2. The Trans-Pacific Partnership, also known as the TPP, is a trade agreement involving the United States, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Australia, Peru, Malaysia, Vietnam, New Zealand, Chile, Singapore, and Brunei. The agreement was designed to deepen economic ties between the 12 member nations by removing tariffs and standardizing regulations in order to make it easier for the countries to trade with each other. Congress has to vote to approve the agreement without amendment.

Supporters of the TPP say the agreement will help the American economy and create jobs by leveling the playing field for American medium and small businesses on the global stage. Supporters also say the agreement will increase labor standards and environmental protections in member nations which will lead to improved wages, economic growth, and access to other markets.

Opponents of the TPP say that the agreement will strip the United States of valuable jobs and manufacturing capabilities and it will open the door for more foreign workers to enter the American job market without any restraints. The TPP will benefit entrenched global corporations but hurt working Americans, small businesses and startups. It will also subject us to laws and regulations written by an international panel. This is a direct threat to our self-government and to American sovereignty.

Now that you've read more, do you support or oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal?

	<u>All</u>		<u>Decided</u>	
Strongly support	5	→32	6	→42
Somewhat support	27		36	
Somewhat oppose	28	→45	36	→58
Strongly oppose	17		22	
Don't know	23			

Post Argument TPP Vote

1. Now that you've read more about it, do you support or oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal?

	<u>All</u>		<u>Decided</u>	
Strongly support	3	→22	4	→29
Somewhat support	18		25	
Somewhat oppose	26	→53	35	→71
Strongly oppose	27		36	
Don't know	25			

2. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for President who promises to put a stop to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and enact trade policies that put U.S. jobs first?

	<u>All</u>		<u>Decided</u>	
Much more likely	24	→54	34	→76
Somewhat more likely	30		41	
Somewhat less likely	12	→17	17	→24
Much less likely	6		8	
Don't know	29			

3. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for U.S. Congress who promises to put a stop to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and enact trade policies that put U.S. jobs first?

	<u>All</u>		<u>Decided</u>	
Much more likely	27	→58	37	→79
Somewhat more likely	31		42	
Somewhat less likely	11	→15	14	→21
Much less likely	5		6	
Don't know	27			

Potential Lame Duck Session on TPP

1. Republican leaders in Congress want to vote to approve the controversial TPP in a special session of Congress after the election. Many members of Congress will have been defeated by voters or will be retiring after the special session, so they are not accountable to the voters. Do you support or oppose Congress voting on the TPP in a special session of Congress?

	<u>All</u>		<u>Decided</u>	
Strongly support	5	→17	7	→23
Somewhat support	12		16	
Somewhat oppose	21	→57	28	→77
Strongly oppose	37		49	
Don't know	25			

2. Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for U.S. Congress who committed to opposing any trade deals in a special after-the-election session of Congress?

	<u>All</u>		<u>Decided</u>	
Much more likely	23	→48	33	→69
Somewhat more likely	25		36	
Somewhat less likely	13	→22	18	→31
Much less likely	9		13	
Don't know	30			

Demographics

1. Are you...
- | | |
|--------|----|
| Male | 48 |
| Female | 52 |
2. Do you consider yourself to be...
- | | |
|------------------------|----|
| Latino/Hispanic | 10 |
| White | 68 |
| Black/African-American | 13 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 3 |
| Bi-racial | 1 |
| Multi-Racial | 2 |
| Something else/other | 2 |
| Prefer not to respond | 2 |
3. What is the last grade you completed in school?
- | | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Some grade school | 0 |
| Some high school | 1 |
| Graduated high school | 15 |
| Technical/Vocational | 6 |
| Some College | 38 |
| Graduated College | 26 |
| Graduate/Professional | 14 |
| Prefer not to respond | 0 |
4. Are you or is any member of your household a member of a union or employee association?
- | | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Yes, me | 10 |
| Yes, a family member | 6 |
| Yes, both me and a family member | 3 |
| No | 79 |
| Don't know | 2 |

5.	In terms of your job status, are you...	
	Employed	56
	Unemployed	4
	Retired	25
	Student	4
	Homemaker	7
	Other	2
	Prefer not to respond	2
6.	Are you...	
	Married	58
	Single	27
	Divorced	10
	Widowed	3
	Prefer not to respond	2
7.	Do you live in...	
	An urban city	28
	A suburb near a city	46
	A rural town or area	24
	Prefer not to respond	1
8.	Do you attend church or religious services?	
	Yes, attend regularly	27
	Yes, attend but not regularly	28
	Do not attend	41
	Prefer not to respond	4
9.	What was your total household income before taxes for 2015?	
	Less than \$30,000	15
	\$30,000 – \$49,999	15
	\$50,000 – \$74,999	22
	\$75,000 – \$99,999	16
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	14
	\$150,000 - \$199,999	5
	\$200,000 and over	3
	Prefer not to respond	10