# Qualifications, Consistency Help Clinton While Turnout Keeps Trump in the Hunt

Advantages on qualifications and consistency and help from an increasingly popular incumbent are aiding Hillary Clinton in the presidential race – but with weaknesses sufficient to keep Donald Trump well in the hunt in the campaign's closing months.

Clinton has 46 percent support among likely voters in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll, with 41 percent for Trump, 9 percent for Libertarian Gary Johnson and 2 percent for Jill Stein of the Green Party. Clinton's 5-point advantage is within this poll's margin of error, but it bears up in the context of consistent results among likely voters all summer.
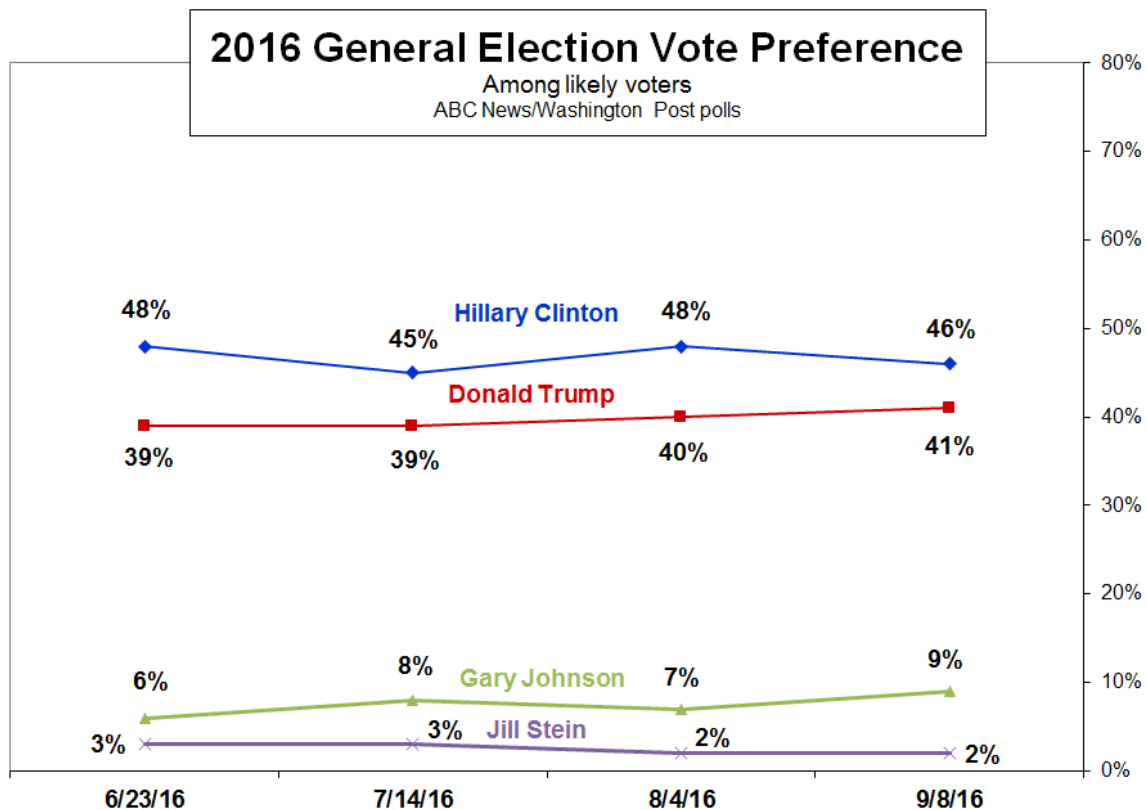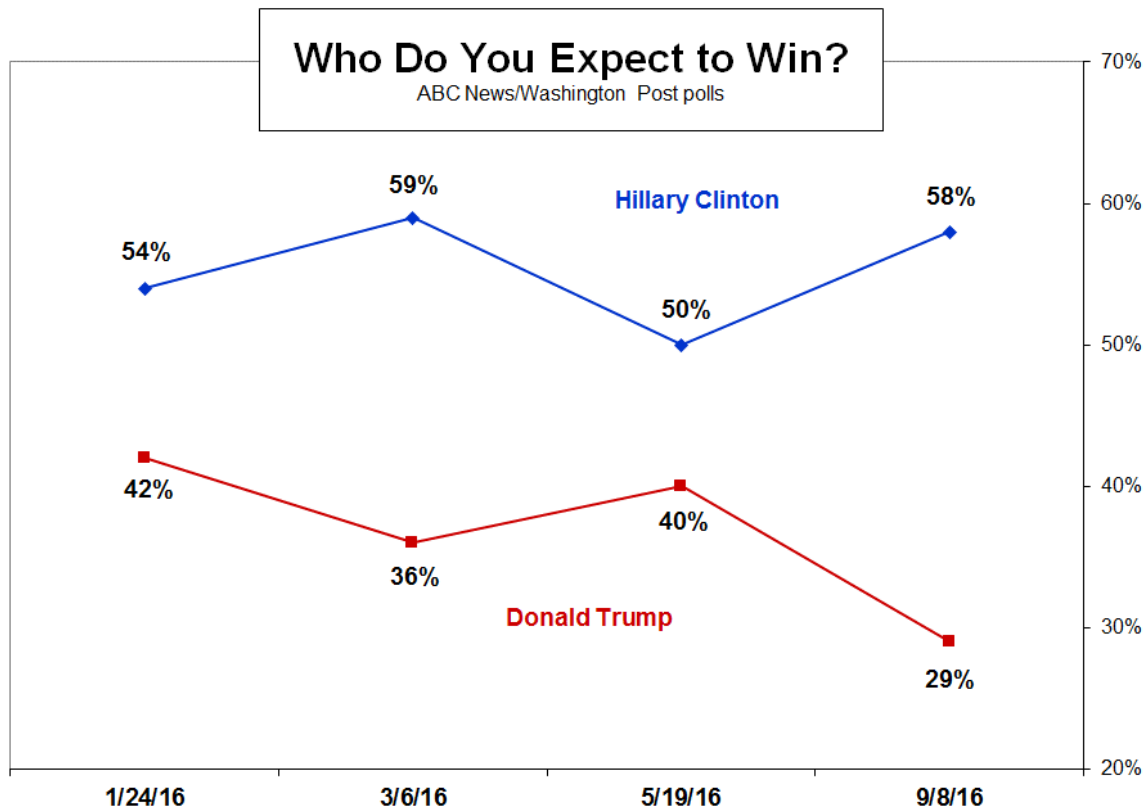

Clinton takes a slight hit from the presence of Johnson and Stein; it's a 51-43 percent contest (Clinton +8) in a two-way matchup with Trump alone. That occurs mainly because of defections by Bernie Sanders supporters: Clinton wins 94 percent of them one-on-one vs. Trump, but just 77 percent of them with Johnson and Stein in the mix.

Viewed another way, among Johnson and Stein supporters, Clinton leads Trump by 13 points in a two-way matchup (using August/September data for an adequate sample size).

Among groups, the poll finds a wide 21-point gender gap – Trump +6 points among men, Clinton +15 among women, much more than the average gap (13 points) in exit polls dating to 1976. Trump's chief strength is his 40-point lead among white men who lack a college education; Clinton's is her 62-point advantage among nonwhites. His recent outreach notwithstanding, just 3 percent of blacks support Trump, as do 20 percent of Hispanics.

Behind Clinton's single-digit advantage are wide double-digit expectations: Fifty-eight percent of Americans expect her to win the White House, vs. just 29 percent for Trump, a new low. Support for Johnson and Stein rises among those who expect a Clinton victory, suggesting that tamping down expectations is one strategy for Clinton to bolster her chances.

Who Do You Expect to Win?
ABC News/Washington Post polls

	1/24/16	3/6/16	5/19/16	9/8/16
Hillary Clinton	54%	59%	50%	58%
Donald Trump	42%	36%	40%	29%

That's especially so given the changeability of those who back Johnson or Stein; they're far more apt than either Clinton or Trump supporters to say they might change their minds by Election Day. Just 15 percent of Clinton and Trump supporters say they could change their minds, vs. 55 percent of Johnson's and Stein's (among all adults, for an adequate sample).

Trump, for his part, enjoys greater strong enthusiasm among his supporters (12 points stronger than Clinton's), potentially an aid in turnout. And turnout has an impact: The race tightens

moving from all adults (Clinton +13 points in the four-way matchup) to registered voters (Clinton +10) to likely voters (Clinton +5).

This fits with longstanding greater propensity for Republican-leaning groups to register and vote. In one telling result, whites account for 74 percent of likely voters, vs. 65 percent of all adults. That matters because Trump leads among whites by 14 points.

Other notable results in this survey include Barack Obama's approval rating, 58 percent, his best since the early days of his presidency, July 2009. That's a boon to Clinton; among likely voters, eight in 10 Obama approvers back her for the presidency.

Obama: Overall Job Approval
ABC News/Washington Post polls

— Approve - - - Disapprove

58%

40%
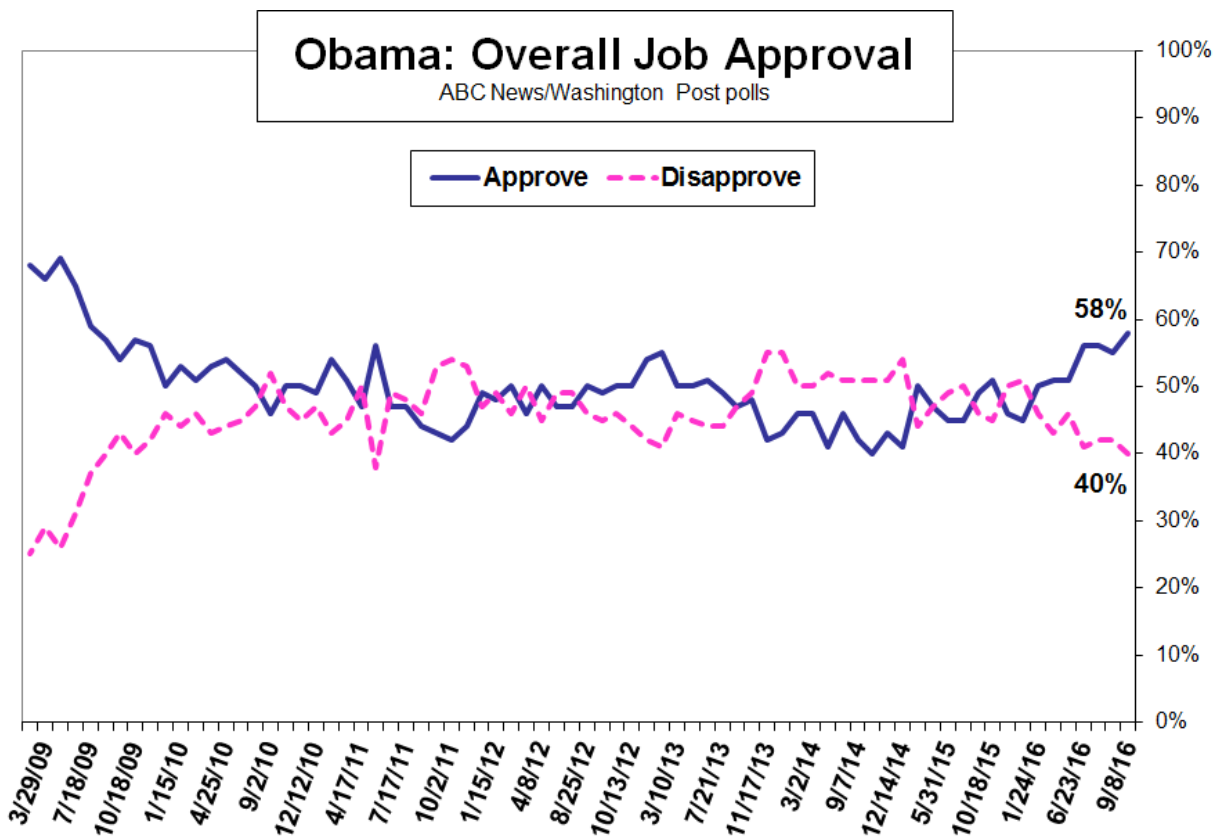
DISLIKES and LIKES – These results come in a contest in which the public finds plenty to dislike about both major party candidates. For example, a new low, just 35 percent of Americans, now see Clinton as honest and trustworthy, down from a high of 53 percent in June 2014. Her saving grace on this score is that slightly fewer, 31 percent, see Trump as honest and trustworthy.

They're at near-parity on other criticisms as well. On one hand, 69 percent say Clinton is "too willing to bend the rules," 62 percent (a new high) disapprove of her handling of questions about her private e-mail server, 57 percent are concerned about conflicts between a Clinton presidency and the work of the Clinton Foundation and 52 percent think she inappropriately did favors for Foundation donors as secretary of state.

On the other: Sixty-five percent disapprove of the way Trump has been explaining his immigration policies (including a third of Republicans and four in 10 conservatives), 60 percent see him as biased against women and minorities and 60 percent are concerned about conflicts between a Trump presidency and his business interests.

Approvals: Clinton's Emails, Trump's Immigration Plan
ABC News/Washington Post poll

Approve Disapprove

Clinton's handling of questions about her emails: Approve 32%, Disapprove 62%

Trump's explanation of his immigration plans: Approve 30%, Disapprove 65%
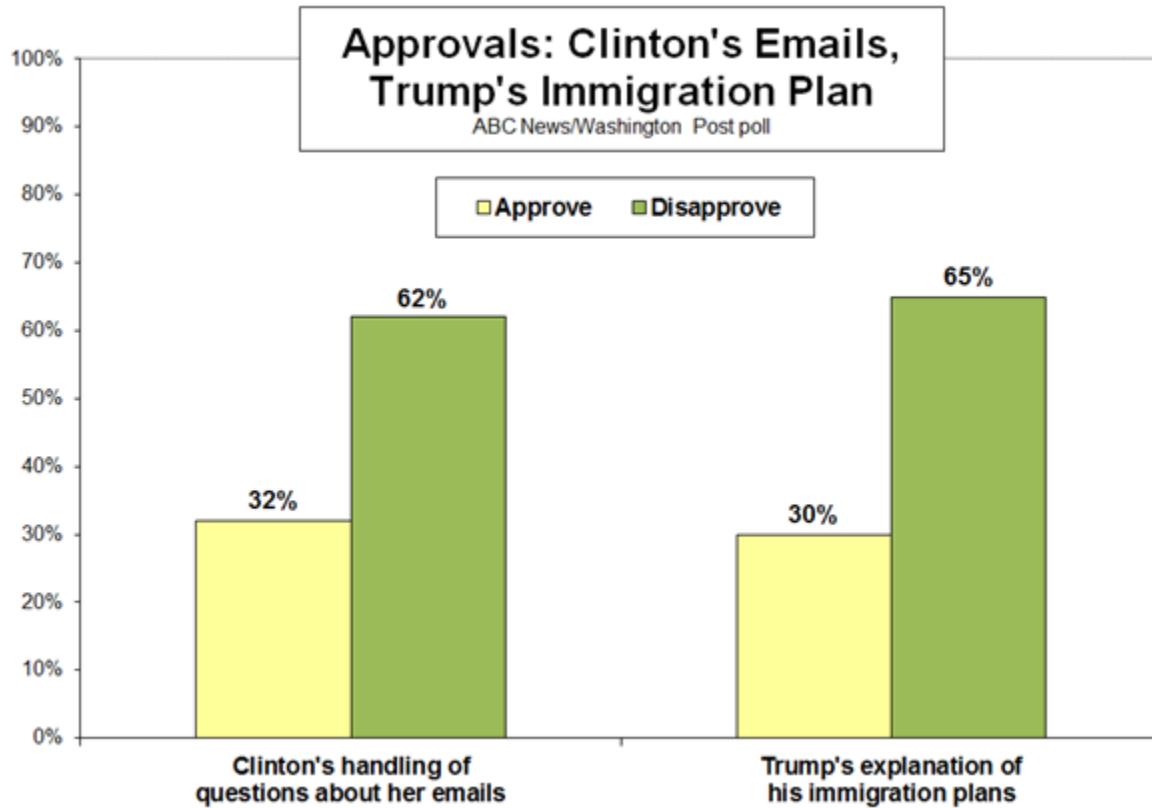
There are some important attributes, though, on which Clinton prevails:

- Sixty percent of Americans see her as qualified for the presidency, while just 36 percent see Trump as qualified – a key predictor of whether or not voters support him.

- While 53 percent say Clinton has been consistent in her positions on the issues, many fewer – just 31 percent – see Trump as consistent. Just 63 percent of Trump's own supporters say their candidate has been consistent, vs. 87 percent among Clinton's.

- Head-to-head, Clinton leads Trump by a wide margin on having the better personality and temperament to serve as president, 61-30 percent among all adults, and a still-wide 57-36 percent among likely voters.

The contest narrows on other head-to-head attributes. It's Clinton +8 among likely voters on better understanding the problems of average Americans, +6 in being "closer to you on the issues" and about even, +2, in being more honest and trustworthy.

	--------- All -------			--- Likely voters ----		
	Clinton	Trump	Diff.	Clinton	Trump	Diff.
More honest and trustworthy	46%	41	+5	46	44	+2
Closer to you on the issues	52	39	+13	51	45	+6
Better understands problems	51	35	+16	49	41	+8
Better personality and temperament	61	30	+31	57	36	+21

Candidate Honesty and Qualifications
ABC News/Washington Post poll
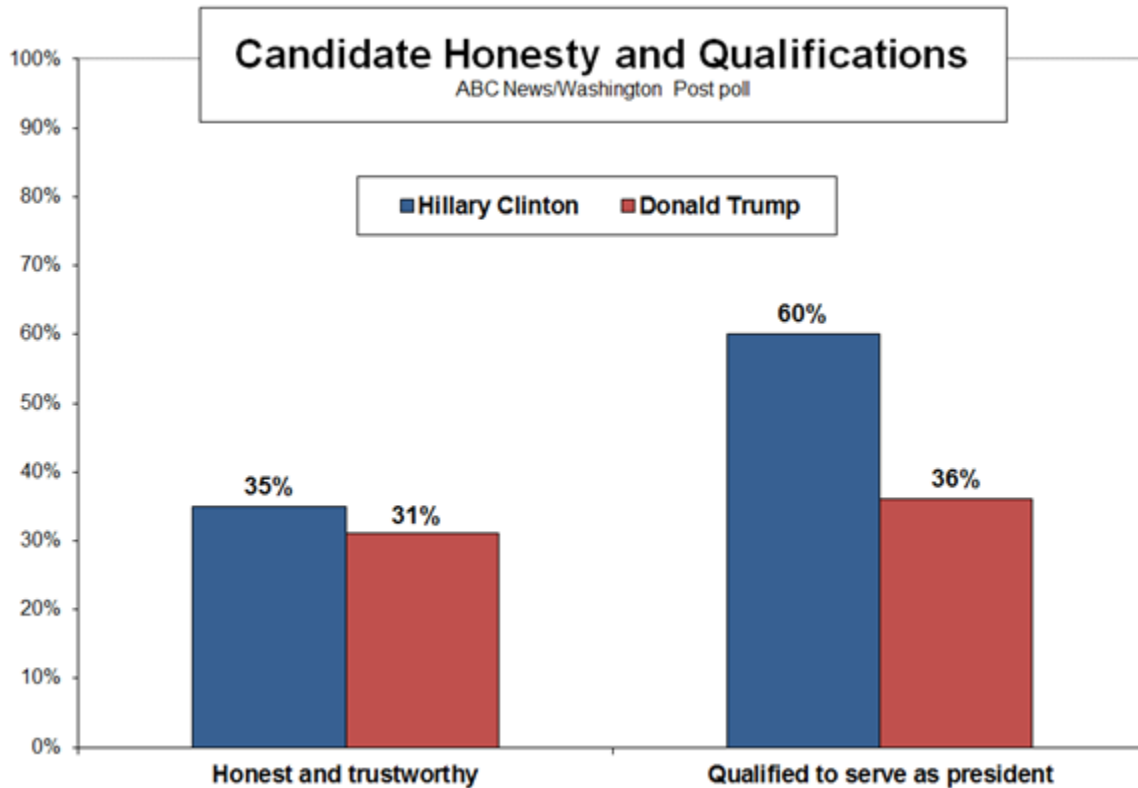
Clinton, further, is seen as less potentially damaging by her detractors than is Trump among his critics. Among likely voters who don't support her, 69 percent think Clinton would do "real damage to the country" if elected. Among those who don't support Trump, more, 80 percent, think he'd do real damage. (Similarly, 84 percent of likely voters who disapprove of Obama say he's done real damage – more on par with Trump than Clinton.)

IMMIGRATION – On the hot-button issue of immigration, the survey's results indicate why Trump seemingly has been trying to recalibrate his position:

- Sixty-four percent of Americans say immigrants do more to strengthen than to weaken U.S. society, the most in three ABC/Post polls since July 2015.

- Given two stark choices, Americans overwhelmingly prefer offering undocumented immigrants a path to citizenship rather than deporting them all, 79-15 percent. That's 62 percent even among Trump supporters.

- The public opposes building a wall across the full length of the Mexican border, 63-34 percent. And if Trump were to build such a wall, 76 percent disbelieve his claim he'd be able to get Mexico to pay for it – including 42 percent of his supporters.

Regardless, just 8 percent of Americans pick immigration as the top issue in the election, and Clinton's only even with Trump, 49-47 percent among likely voters, in trust to handle it. Her lead on specific immigration policies hasn't translated into a general advantage on the issue.

ISSUES – Asked the top issue, 35 percent select the economy and jobs, followed by terrorism and national security (19 percent) and corruption in government (16 percent). Clinton leads Trump by 19 points among economy voters, while it's Trump +13 among those focused on terrorism. Voters concerned with corruption divide more evenly.

Head-to-head, they're fairly close on these issues – anywhere from +2 to +9 points for Clinton among likely voters in trust to handle the economy, terrorism, immigration and taxes. On one other, Clinton vaults ahead: She's got a 16-point advantage over Trump in trust to handle international trade agreements.

Clinton vs. Trump: Preference on Issues
Among likely voters
ABC News/Washington Post poll

	Clinton	Trump
Int'l trade agreements	56%	40%
Taxes	53%	44%
Economy	50%	46%
Terrorism	48%	45%
Immigration	49%	47%
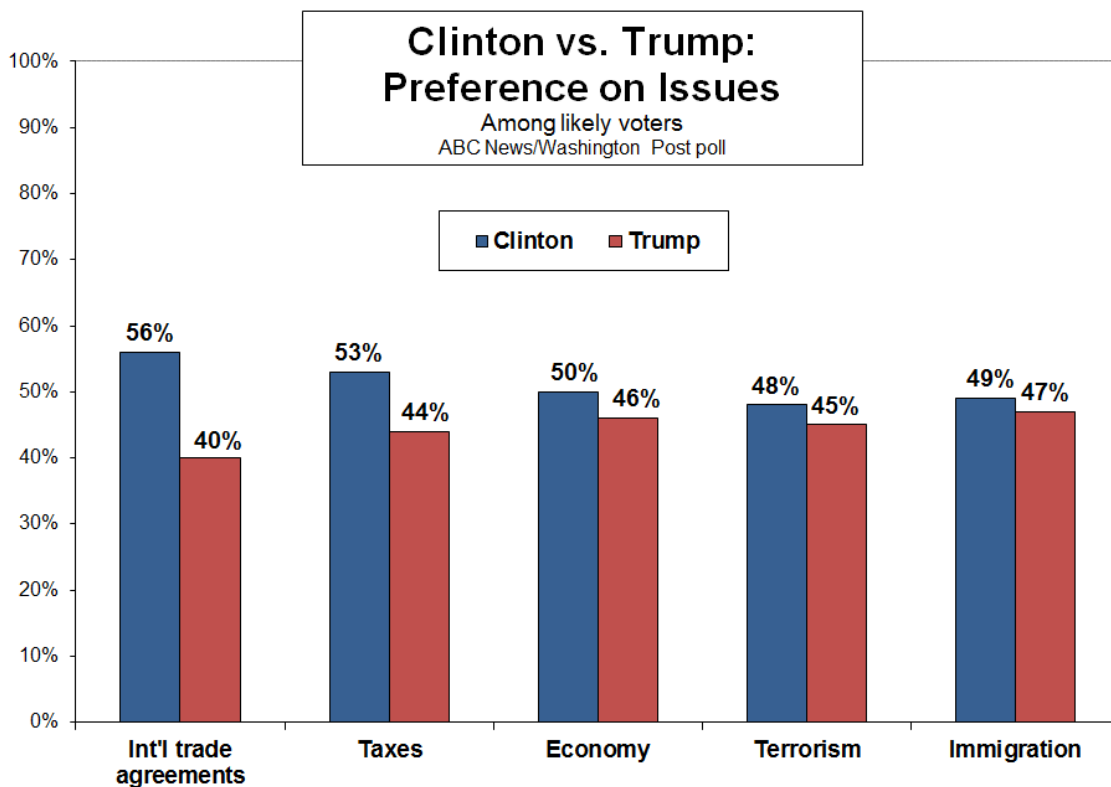
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                              --------- All --------   --- Likely voters ----
                            Clinton   Trump   Diff.   Clinton   Trump   Diff.
Trust more on…
 The economy                  51%      42      +9       50       46      +4
 Terrorism                    50       41      +9       48       45      +3
 Immigration issues           51       42      +9       49       47      +2
 Taxes                        54       39     +15       53       44      +9
 International trade agreements 59      34     +25       56       40     +16
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GROUPS – Vote preference results among some key groups include the wide gender and racial gaps, noted above. Among whites, moreover, Trump leads by 28 points among those who lack a college degree, while Clinton is +6 among college-educated whites. At the extremes, he leads by 40 points among non-college white men (a group Mitt Romney won by 31 points in 2012), while she leads by 10 among college-educated white women (a group Obama lost by 6).

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                          Preference among likely voters
                          Clinton-Trump-Johnson-Stein   Clinton-Trump diff.
            All                46-41- 9- 2%                 +5 pts.

            Men                39-45-12- 1                    -6
            Women              52-37- 6- 3                   +15

            Whites             36-50-10- 2                   -14
            Nonwhites NET      75-13- 5- 3                   +62
             Blacks*           93- 3- 2- 4                   +87
             Hispanics*        64-20-12- 2                   +44

            Democrats          90- 3- 4- 1                   +87
            Independents       39-37-13- 6                    +2
            Republicans         3-86-10- 0                   -83

            <40                47-24-17- 8                   +23
            40-64              43-47- 7- 0                    -4
            65-plus            50-45- 3- 0                    +5

            No degree          42-45- 7- 3                    -3
            College graduates  51-34-11- 1                   +17

            HS or less         41-48- 7- 1                    -7
            Some college       44-42- 7- 5                    +2
            College graduates  49-37-11- 1                   +12
            Post-graduates     55-29-10- 0                   +26

            Liberals           85- 6- 3- 5                   +79
            Moderates          51-33-12- 2                   +18
            Conservatives      15-72- 9- 0                   -57

            <$50K              47-40- 8- 3                    +7
            $50-$100K          48-40-10- 1                    +8
            $100K              42-41- 9- 3                    +1

            White men          31-54-12- 1                   -23
            White women        41-46- 8- 2                    -5

            White non-grads    29-57- 9- 2                   -28
            White college grads 46-40-12- 1                   +6

            Among whites
             Men, no degree    24-64- 9- 2                   -40
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    Men, college graduates        41-40-18- 0                    +1
    Women, no degree              34-51- 9- 3                   -17
    Women, college graduates      50-40- 6- 1                   +10

    Among whites:
     Protestants                  30-58-10- 0                   -28
     Evangelicals                 21-69- 7- 0                   -48
     Non-evangelicals             42-43-14- 0                    -1
     Catholics                    41-50- 4- 2                    -9

    Among leaned Democrats:
     Sanders primary supporters*  77- 2-10- 8                   +75

    Among leaned Republicans:
     Non-Trump primary supporters  6-74-19- 0                   -68

    Obama job approval:
     Approve                      79- 7- 9- 3                   +72
     Disapprove                    7-80- 9- *                   -73

       *August-September results combined
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With Labor Day past, ABC has moved to focusing vote-preference estimates on likely voters, who account for about 57 percent of all adults in this survey's estimates. The survey also now asks the four-way matchup first, since that's what most voters will see on their ballots.

This approach reflects that used by ABC/Post polls in some previous races with third-party candidates. In 2000, the final ABC/Post estimate had Ralph Nader at 3 percent and Pat Buchanan at 1 percent (They got 3 and 0.4 percent, respectively.) In 1996, we had Ross Perot at 7 percent; he got 8. And in 1992, we had Perot at 16 percent support; he got 19 percent.

What matters now for 2016 is not just current preferences but the underlying sentiments that inform them – views of the candidates' issue positions, and, more notably this year, their qualifications and personal attributes. But in the end what's crucial as well is turnout: In this poll, among registered voters who support Trump, 93 percent say they're certain to vote. Among those who support Clinton, this declines to 80 percent. That – plus Trump's advantage in enthusiasm – are among his best opportunities, and her main risks, in the two months ahead.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Sept. 5-8, 2016, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,002 adults, including 642 likely voters. Results have a margin of sampling error of 3.5 points, including the design effect, for the full sample, and 4.5 points for likely voters. Partisan divisions are 34-24-33 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents, in the full sample, and 36-28-31 among likely voters.

The survey was produced for ABC News by Langer Research Associates of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York, N.Y. See details on the survey's methodology here.

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Full results follow.

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35-39 held for release.

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. How closely are you following the 2016 presidential race: very closely, somewhat
closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

            ---- Closely ----   ---- Not closely ----     No
            NET   Very  Smwt   NET   Not so   At all   opinion
9/8/16   LV  92    59    33     8       5        3        *
1/24/16  RV  84    39    45    16      10        6        *
11/19/15     75    30    45    25      13       12        *
Call for full trend.


2. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the presidential election in
November: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances
50-50, or less than that?

                                              Don't think  Already
            Certain  Probably  Chances  Less than  will vote   voted    No
            to vote    vote     50/50     that     (vol.)     (vol.)   op.
9/8/16   RV   81        8         6        5          1         NA      *
8/4/16   RV   81        8         6        4          1         NA      *
7/14/16  RV   79       10         5        3          1         NA      1
6/23/16  RV   79        8         7        4          2         NA      *
5/19/16  RV   80        9         5        3          2         NA      *
Call for full trend.


3. If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were
[(Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats), (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the
Republicans)], [(Gary Johnson and Bill Weld of the Libertarian Party) and (Jill Stein
and Ajamu Baraka of the Green Party)], for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward
[(Clinton and Kaine), (Trump and Pence)], [(Johnson and Weld) or (Stein and Baraka)]?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE – LIKELY VOTERS
                                              None      Would
            Hillary  Donald   Gary    Jill   Other   of these  not vote   No
            Clinton  Trump   Johnson  Stein  (vol.)   (vol.)    (vol.)   opinion
9/8/16        46      41       9       2       1        1         0         1
8/4/16        48      40       7       2       *        1         *         2
7/14/16*      45      39       8       3       1        1         *         2
6/23/16       48      39       6       3       1        1         *         2

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE – REG VOTERS
                                              None      Would
            Hillary  Donald   Gary    Jill   Other   of these  not vote   No
            Clinton  Trump   Johnson  Stein  (vol.)   (vol.)    (vol.)   opinion
9/8/16        45      35      11       3       1        3         1         1
8/4/16        45      37       8       4       1        2         2         2
7/14/16*      42      38       8       5       1        2         1         3
6/23/16       47      37       7       3       1        3         *         3
*7/14/16 and prior: "Hillary Clinton, the Democrat", "Donald Trump, the Republican",
"Gary Johnson of the Libertarian Party" and "Jill Stein of the Green Party".
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4. (ASK IF NAMED CANDIDATE) Will you definitely vote for (NAMED CANDIDATE) or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Would you say (there's a good chance) you'll change your mind, or would you say (it's pretty unlikely)?

	Definitely vote for	- Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
9/8/16	74	25	10	14	1
9/8/16 LV	80	20	5	15	*

Clinton:

	Definitely vote for	- Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
9/8/16	79	20	7	12	1
9/8/16 LV	83	16	3	13	1

Trump:

	Definitely vote for	- Chance change mind - NET	Good	Unlikely	No opinion
9/8/16	81	18	6	13	1
9/8/16 LV	85	15	3	12	0

Call for full trend.

5. (IF NOT CLINTON OR TRUMP) If the only candidates were (Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Clinton and Kaine) or toward (Trump and Pence)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE – LIKELY VOTERS

	Clinton	Trump	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16*	51	43	*	3	1	1
8/4/16**	52	45	1	2	0	1
7/14/16***	50	43	1	5	0	2
6/23/16	52	41	2	4	0	1
5/19/16	46	49	2	3	0	*

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE – REG VOTERS

	Clinton	Trump	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16*	51	40	*	4	3	2
8/4/16**	50	42	1	4	1	1
7/14/16***	47	43	2	6	*	2
6/23/16	51	39	2	6	1	1
5/19/16	44	46	2	5	2	1
3/6/16	50	41	1	3	5	1
12/13/15	50	44	1	3	2	1
9/10/15	46	43	1	6	4	1

*Results based on total sample. Respondents who named Clinton or Trump in Q3 assigned to initial preference.
**8/4/16 and earlier: If the presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine, the Democrats) and (Donald Trump and Mike Pence, the Republicans), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Clinton and Kaine) or toward (Trump and Pence)?
***7/14/16 and prior: "Hillary Clinton, the Democrat" and "Donald Trump, the Republican".

6. (IF NAMED CLINTON OR TRUMP) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (Clinton/Trump), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	--- Enthusiastic ----			--- Not enthusiastic ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
Clinton:							
9/8/16	78	32	46	21	12	9	1
9/8/16 LV	82	36	46	18	12	6	0
Trump:							
9/8/16	81	43	39	18	13	6	*
9/8/16 LV	85	48	37	15	10	4	*

Call for full trend.

7. Regardless of whom you support, who do you expect to win the election for president?

	Clinton	Trump	Other (vol.)	No opinion
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9/8/16	58	29	1	12
5/19/16*	50	40	1	9
3/6/16	59	36	1	4
1/24/16	54	42	1	3

*5/19/16 and prior "Regardless of whom you support, if (Clinton) and (Trump) are the nominees for president, who would you expect to win, (Clinton) or (Trump)?"

8. (IF NAMED CLINTON) Do you think (she will win easily), or do you think (it will be close)?

	Will win easily	Will be close	No opinion
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9/8/16	31	66	3

9. (IF NAMED TRUMP) Do you think (he will win easily), or do you think (it will be close)?

	Will win easily	Will be close	No opinion
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9/8/16	21	77	2

7/8/9 NET:

	-- Expect Clinton will win --				--- Expect Trump will win ---				Other/
	NET	Easily	Close	No op.	NET	Close	Easily	No op.	No op.
9/8/16	58	18	39	2	29	22	6	1	13

10. (IF NOT SUPPORT CLINTON) If Clinton is elected, do you think (the country would get through her presidency OK), or do you think (she'd do real damage to the country)?

	Get through OK	Do real damage	No opinion
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9/8/16	33	62	5
9/8/16 LV	26	69	5

11. (IF NOT SUPPORT TRUMP) If Trump is elected, do you think (the country would get through his presidency OK), or do you think (he'd do real damage to the country?)

	Get through OK	Do real damage	No opinion
9/8/16	21	75	4
9/8/16 LV	17	80	3

On another topic,
12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

| | -------- Approve -------- | | | ------- Disapprove ------ | | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	58	34	24	40	9	30	3
8/4/16	55	34	22	42	10	32	3
7/14/16	56	33	24	42	9	33	2
6/23/16	56	34	21	41	8	33	3
5/19/16	51	30	21	46	11	35	3
3/6/16	51	31	20	43	11	33	6
1/24/16	50	31	18	46	11	36	4
12/13/15	45	24	22	51	12	39	3
11/19/15	46	24	22	50	10	40	4
10/18/15	51	28	23	45	10	35	4
9/10/15	49	27	22	46	9	37	5
7/19/15	45	26	20	50	13	37	5
5/31/15	45	22	23	49	11	38	6
3/29/15	47	26	21	47	11	36	6
1/15/15	50	24	26	44	9	35	6
12/14/14	41	21	20	54	13	41	5
10/26/14	43	21	22	51	12	39	6
10/12/14	40	20	20	51	12	39	8
9/7/14	42	24	18	51	12	39	6
6/1/14	46	23	23	51	14	37	3
4/27/14	41	23	19	52	12	40	6
3/2/14	46	25	22	50	12	38	3
1/23/14	46	23	23	50	9	41	4
12/15/13	43	23	20	55	14	41	3
11/17/13	42	22	21	55	11	44	3
10/20/13	48	28	20	49	10	39	3
9/15/13	47	25	22	47	11	37	6
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2

10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
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7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
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10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

*Washington Post
**Washington Post/Pew Research Center

13. (IF DISAPPROVE) Do you think (the country is getting through Obama's presidency OK), or do you think (Obama has done real damage to the country)?

	Getting through OK	Done real damage	No opinion
9/8/16	19	79	1

Back to the election,
14. Which of these is the single most important issue in your choice for president? Is it (the economy and jobs), (immigration issues), (terrorism and national security), (law and order) or (corruption in government)?

	9/8/16	12/13/15	11/19/15
The economy and jobs*	35	33	33
Immigration issues	8	8	10
Terrorism and national security**	19	26	28
Law and order	6	NA	NA

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Corruption in government                16        NA        NA
Health care                             NA        13        13
Tax policy                              NA         3         5
Other (vol.)                             2         2         1
Any 2 or more (vol.)                    11        14         9
None (vol.)                              2         1         1
No opinion                               *         1         1
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*12/13/15 and prior "the economy"
**12/13/15 and prior "the threat of terrorism"

15. Do you think Hillary Clinton [ITEM], or not?

9/8/16 – Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is qualified to serve as president	60	39	1
b. is honest and trustworthy	35	61	4

Trend:

a. is qualified to serve as president

| | ------- Qualified ------- | | | ----- Not qualified ----- | | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	60	NA	NA	39	NA	NA	1
8/4/16*	60	42	19	38	4	34	2
7/14/16	59	38	21	39	5	35	2
6/23/16	61	40	22	37	4	33	1
5/19/16	63	NA	NA	36	NA	NA	2

*8/4/16 and previous: Regardless of whether or not you'd vote for her, do you think Hillary Clinton is or is not qualified to serve as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

b. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
9/8/16	35	61	4
8/4/16	38	59	3
3/6/16	37	59	4
9/10/15	39	56	5
5/31/15	41	52	7
3/29/15	46	46	7
6/1/14	53	42	5
4/13/08	39	58	3
5/15/06	52	42	6

16. Do you think Donald Trump [ITEM], or not?

9/8/16 – Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is qualified to serve as president	36	62	2
b. is honest and trustworthy	31	64	4

a. is qualified to serve as president

| | ------- Qualified ------- | | | ----- Not qualified ----- | | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	36	NA	NA	62	NA	NA	2
8/4/16	38	20	18	61	8	52	2
7/14/16	37	18	19	60	9	51	3

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6/23/16      34        18        16    64       8        56      2
5/19/16      39        NA        NA    58       NA       NA      3
9/10/15      37        NA        NA    60       NA       NA      2
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*8/4/16 and previous: Regardless of whether or not you'd vote for him, do you think Donald Trump is or is not qualified to serve as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

b. is honest and trustworthy

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          Yes   No   No opinion
9/8/16    31    64       4
8/4/16    34    62       4
3/6/16    27    69       4
9/10/15   35    59       6
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17. Who do you think [ITEM] - (Clinton) or (Trump)?

9/8/16 - Summary Table

			Both	Neither	No
	Clinton	Trump	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.
a. is more honest and trustworthy	46	41	1	10	2
b. better understands the problems of people like you	51	35	*	11	2
c. has a better personality and temperament to serve effectively as president	61	30	1	7	1
d. is closer to you on the issues	52	39	1	7	2

Trend:

a. is more honest and trustworthy

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                        Both   Neither    No
        Clinton  Trump  (vol.) (vol.)   opinion
9/8/16    46      41      1      10        2
8/4/16    49      40      *      10        1
7/14/16   39      39      1      18        2
5/19/16   42      40      1      16        1
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b. better understands the problems of people like you

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                        Both   Neither    No
        Clinton  Trump  (vol.) (vol.)   opinion
9/8/16    51      35      *      11        2
8/4/16    55      35      *       9        1
7/14/16   48      35      *      14        2
5/19/16   47      36      *      15        2
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c. has a better personality and temperament to serve effectively as president

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                        Both   Neither    No
        Clinton  Trump  (vol.) (vol.)   opinion
9/8/16    61      30      1       7        2
8/4/16    62      30      1       6        1
7/14/16   59      28      1      11        2
6/23/16   61      28      1       8        3
5/19/16   61      31      1       6        1
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d. No trend

18. Who do you trust more to handle [ITEM] – (Clinton) or (Trump)? And who do you trust more to handle [NEXT ITEM]?

9/8/16 – Summary Table

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The economy	51	42	1	5	1
b. Terrorism	50	41	1	7	2
c. Immigration issues	51	42	*	5	1
d. Taxes	54	39	*	5	2
e. International trade agreements	59	34	*	5	1

*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked items b-c; other half asked items d-e.

Trend:

a. The economy

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16	51	42	1	5	1
8/4/16	48	46	1	3	1
7/14/16	45	45	*	8	1
5/19/16	47	46	*	6	1
3/6/16	49	45	*	5	1

b. Terrorism

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16	50	41	1	7	2
8/4/16	48	43	*	4	4
7/14/16	47	43	*	8	1
6/23/16	50	39	1	8	2
5/19/16	47	44	*	7	2
3/6/16	54	40	*	4	2
11/19/15*	50	42	*	6	1

*"threat of terrorism"

c. Immigration issues

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16	51	42	*	5	1
8/4/16	53	40	1	5	1
7/14/16	57	36	0	6	1
5/19/16	51	42	*	4	2
3/6/16	56	37	*	4	2

d. Taxes

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16	54	39	*	5	2
8/4/16	51	41	1	4	3
7/14/16	46	43	*	8	3
5/19/16	42	47	1	7	3

e. International trade agreements

	Clinton	Trump	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/8/16	59	34	*	5	1
8/4/16	54	40	3	2	1

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5/19/16      47        44        1        6        2
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19. Do you think Clinton has been consistent or inconsistent about the policies she would pursue as president? (IF INCONSISTENT) Does that make you think less of her, or not?

| | | ----- Inconsistent ------ | | |
Has been consistent	NET	Think less	Not think less	No opinion
9/8/16 53	40	31	10	7

20. Do you think Trump has been consistent or inconsistent about the policies he would pursue as president? (IF INCONSISTENT) Does that make you think less of him, or not?

| | | ----- Inconsistent ------ | | |
Has been consistent	NET	Think less	Not think less	No opinion
9/8/16 31	64	46	18	5

21. Do you think Clinton is or is not too willing to bend the rules? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | ----- Is too willing ---- | | --- Is not too willing -- | | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	69	43	26	24	13	11	7
8/4/16	66	43	23	26	13	13	8
7/14/16	72	48	24	21	10	11	7

22. Do you think Trump is or is not biased against women and minorities? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | ------- Is biased ------- | | | ------ Is not biased ---- | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	60	48	12	36	10	26	4
8/4/16	60	46	14	36	11	25	4
7/14/16	56	44	13	39	12	27	5

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Clinton is handling questions about her use of personal e-mail while she was secretary of state? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | -------- Approve -------- | | | ------ Disapprove ------- | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	32	17	16	62	14	48	5
6/23/16	34	18	16	56	12	44	9
10/18/15	36	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	7
9/10/15	34			55			11
5/31/15	31	"	"	55	"	"	14

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump has been explaining his policy on how to handle undocumented immigrants? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | -------- Approve -------- | | | ------ Disapprove ------- | | No |
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/8/16	30	18	12	65	14	51	5

25. If she's elected, how concerned are you about possible conflicts between Clinton's work as president and the Clinton Foundation? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	--- More concerned --			---- Less concerned -----		No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
9/8/16	57	33	23	41	18	24	2

26. If he's elected, how concerned are you about possible conflicts between Trump's work as president and his business interests? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	--- More concerned --			---- Less concerned -----		No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
9/8/16	60	40	20	38	16	23	1

27. When she was serving as Secretary of State, do you think Clinton did special favors for donors to the Clinton Foundation, or not?

| | Did favors | Did not do favors | No opinion |
| 9/8/16 | 59 | 30 | 11 |

28. (IF SAY CLINTON DID SPECIAL FAVORS) Do you think it was appropriate or inappropriate for her to do this?

| | Appropriate | Inappropriate | No opinion |
| 9/8/16 | 9 | 90 | 1 |

27/28 NET:

	---------------- Did favors ----------------				Did not do favors	No opinion
	NET	Appropriate	Inappropriate	No opinion		
9/8/16	59	5	52	1	30	11

Changing topics,

29. Overall, do you think immigrants from other countries mainly strengthen or mainly weaken American society?

	----- Strengthen ------			------- Weaken --------			Neither (vol.)	Depends (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly			
9/8/16	64	44	20	24	8	16	1	7	5
1/24/16	55	34	21	35	14	21	3	5	3
7/19/15	57	34	23	33	12	21	1	5	4

30. Which of these do you prefer: (Creating a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who pass background checks); or (deporting all undocumented immigrants)?

| | Creating a path to citizenship | Deporting all undocumented immigrants | Other (vol.) | No opinion |
| 9/8/16 | 79 | 15 | 2 | 4 |

31. Do you support or oppose building a wall across the entire U.S. border with Mexico? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

| | -------- Support -------- | | | -------- Oppose --------- | | No |
| | NET | Strongly | Somewhat | NET | Somewhat | Strongly | opinion |

9/8/16	34	24	10	63	11	52	3

32. Trump says he would get Mexico to pay for this wall. If elected, do you think he could do that, or not?

	Could	Could not	No opinion
9/8/16	21	76	4

On another subject,
33. How confident are you that the votes for president across the country will be accurately counted this year: very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
9/8/16	63	27	36	35	18	18	1
12/19/04*	71	43	28	29	16	13	0
10/27/04 LV	70	25	46	28	20	8	1

*"were accurately counted"

34. Thinking about voter fraud – like the same person voting multiple times or someone voting who is not eligible – do you think this happens very often, somewhat often, occasionally or rarely?

	------- Often -------			-------- Not often --------		Never	No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Occasionally	Rarely	(vol.)	opinion
9/8/16	46	20	26	50	24	26	1	3

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