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# Views on the American Election Process and Perceptions of Voter Fraud

Conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research

*Interviews: 9/15-18/2016*

*1,022 adults*

*Margin of error: +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

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*Some questions used in previous release.*

**Q8. Which of the following statements is closest to your view of how the two-party system works for presidential elections in the United States today?**

**[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

**AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
The two-party system works fairly well	13
The two-party system has real problems, but with some improvements it can still work well	44
The two-party system is seriously broken	42
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**AP-NORC 5/12-15/2016**

	AP-NORC 5/12-15/2016
The two-party system works fairly well	13
The two-party system has real problems, but with some improvements it can still work well	49
The two-party system is seriously broken	38
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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**Q9. For each of the following individuals, please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of that person. If you don't know enough about the person to have an opinion, you can say that too.**

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	Very/ Somewhat fav. NET	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Very/ Somewhat unfav. NET	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK	Ref.
Hillary Clinton	37	18	19	57	15	42	5	1
Donald Trump	30	12	18	67	13	53	3	*

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Q9 continued...

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	Very/ Somewhat fav. NET	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Very/ Somewhat unfav. NET	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK	Ref.
Hillary Clinton	<b>43</b>	23	20	<b>51</b>	11	40	6	*
Donald Trump	<b>23</b>	16	7	<b>71</b>	11	59	6	*

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Q10. For each of the following, please say if each of the following words describes or does not describe how you feel about the 2016 presidential election.

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

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	Does describe	Does not describe	DK	Ref.
Frustrated	75	24	-	1
Interested	69	30	*	1
Angry	56	43	-	1
Helpless	52	47	*	1
Hopeful	42	56	-	1
Bored	28	71	*	1
Excited	25	73	*	2
Proud	18	80	*	1

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	Does describe	Does not describe	DK	Ref.
Frustrated	70	28	1	1
Interested	65	32	1	2
Helpless	55	42	1	2
Angry	52	46	1	2
Hopeful	37	60	1	2
Bored	31	66	1	2
Excited	23	74	1	3
Proud	13	83	1	3

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**Q12. How much voter fraud do you think there is in American elections, that is people voting who are not eligible or people casting multiple ballots?**

**[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

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A great deal of fraud	35
Only some fraud	39
Hardly any fraud	24
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**Q13. How much confidence do you have that the votes in the 2016 presidential election will be counted accurately?**

**[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
<b>A great deal/Quite a bit</b>	<b>39</b>
A great deal	16
Quite a bit	23
<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Only a little/None at all</b>	<b>31</b>
Only a little	18
None at all	13
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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**Q14. New technology has changed how people cast their votes and how votes are counted. Do you think this has made the counting of votes:**

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<b>More accurate NET</b>	<b>57</b>
Much more accurate	16
Somewhat more accurate	41
<b>Not much difference either way</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Less accurate NET</b>	<b>15</b>
Somewhat less accurate	8
Much less accurate	7
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIP/REFUSED	*
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**Q15. How concerned are you that the country's voting system might be vulnerable to hackers?**

**[HALF ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
<b>Extremely/Very concerned</b>	<b>41</b>
Extremely concerned	17
Very concerned	25
<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Not very/not concerned at all</b>	<b>23</b>
Not very concerned	17
Not concerned at all	5
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	1
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**Q16. Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose each of the following election-law policies?**

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016	<b>Favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Moderately favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Oppose NET</b>	Moderately oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	Ref.
Early voting, which gives all voters the chance to cast their ballots prior to Election Day	<b>60</b>	39	21	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	8	5	*	*
Requiring all voters to provide valid photo identification at their voting place in order to vote	<b>79</b>	62	17	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	4	7	*	*

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**S1A. On another topic...**

**Are you currently registered to vote at your address, or not?**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Yes	80
No	19
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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**PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?**

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Democrat	35
Republican	28
Independent	24
None of these	13
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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*If Democrat in PID1...*

**PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong Democrat or a moderate Democrat?**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Strong Democrat	43
Moderate Democrat	57
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	*

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*If Republican in PID1...*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong Republican or a moderate Republican?**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Strong Republican	41
Moderate Republican	59
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIP/REFUSED	-

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*If Independent, None of these, or Don't Know/Skip/Refused in PID1...*

**PIDi. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Lean Democrat	31
Lean Republican	32
Don't lean	35
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIP/REFUSED	1

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**POLITICS. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDa, and PIDb.**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>47</b>
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	20
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>39</b>
Lean Republican	12
Moderate Republican	16
Strong Republican	11
Unknown	1

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**AGE**

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
18-24	12
25-34	17
35-44	15
45-54	18
55-64	18
65-74	13
75+	7

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**GENDER**

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Male	48
Female	52

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### RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
White	64
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8

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### MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Married	46
Widowed	7
Divorced	15
Separated	2
Never married	24
Living with partner	7

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### EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Employed	57
Not employed	43

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### EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 9/15-18/2016
Less than a high school diploma	12
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	28
College graduate or above	32

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**INCOME**

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Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	11
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	20
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	8

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## **AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research Poll**

### **Study Methodology**

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from NORC at the University of Chicago. Data were collected using AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face).

Interviews for this survey were conducted between September 15 and 18, 2016 with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,022 completed the survey—821 via the web and 201 via telephone. The final stage completion rate is 29.6 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 26.2 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 95.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 7.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.7 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any non-coverage or under- and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and household phone status. The weighted data, which reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over, were used for all analyses.

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