



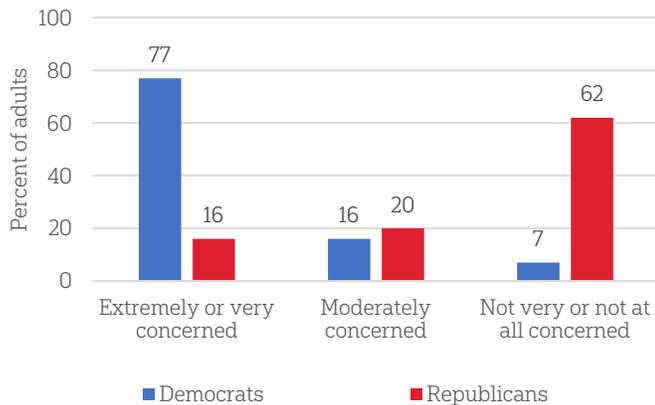
# Views on the Russia Investigation

## FINDINGS FROM THE JUNE 2017 AP-NORC NATIONAL POLL

- ✓ **Half of Americans are concerned that President Trump or members of his campaign had inappropriate contact with members of the Russian government**
  - Forty-eight percent say they are extremely or very concerned about such inappropriate contact, 20 percent are moderately concerned, and 30 percent are not very or not at all concerned.

### Democrats and Republicans express vastly different levels of concern about Trump's possible contacts with Russia

% who say they are ...



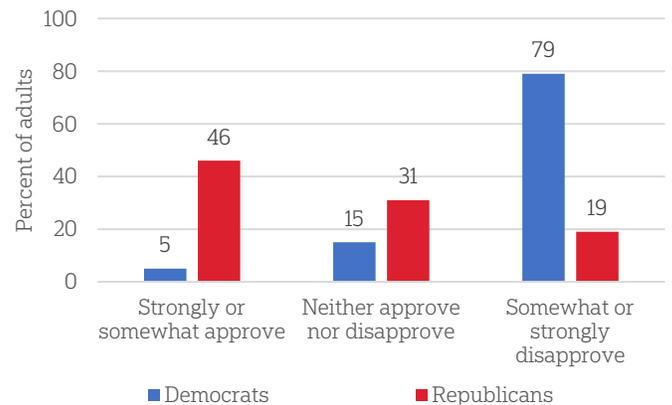
Question: How concerned are you about the possibility that Donald Trump or others involved with his campaign had inappropriate contacts with the Russian government during last year's presidential campaign?

- ✓ **Just 1 in 4 are confident that the Justice Department's investigation of Donald Trump's possible ties to Russia led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller will be fair and impartial**
  - Twenty-six percent say they are extremely or very confident in the Justice Department's ability to conduct a fair investigation, 36 percent are moderately confident, and 36 percent are not very or not confident at all.
  - Democrats and Republicans are similarly skeptical of the impartiality of the Justice Department's investigation. Twenty-seven percent of Democrats and 28 percent of Republicans say they are confident the investigation will be fair and impartial.
  - Twenty-nine percent have a great deal of confidence in the FBI, 52 percent have only some confidence, and 18 percent have hardly any confidence at all.

- ✓ **Six in 10 think President Trump has tried to obstruct the investigation into whether or not his campaign had ties to Russia and half disapprove of his firing of former FBI Director James Comey**
  - Nearly 9 in 10 Democrats say that Trump has attempted to impede or obstruct the investigation, while just 1 in 4 Republicans say the same. The firing of James Comey is also viewed through a partisan lens.

### More Republicans approve than disapprove of Trump's decision to fire Comey

% who say they ...



Question: Do approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's firing of former FBI director James Comey?

- ✓ **A majority of Americans are critical of recent news leaks about the Russia investigation**
  - Fifty-four percent of Americans say that news leaks about the Russia investigation are harmful by revealing information that is potentially damaging to national security.
  - Forty-two percent say the news leaks are good and give the public necessary information.

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, with funding from The Associated Press and NORC at the University of Chicago. Interviews were conducted using AmeriSpeak® with a nationally representative sample of 1,068 adults age 18 and over online and using landlines and cell phones from June 8-11, 2017. Results have a margin of sampling error of +/- 4.1 percentage points. A full topline is available at [www.apnorc.org](http://www.apnorc.org).