

How the Survey was Conducted

Nature of the Sample: NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll of 1,075 National Adults

This survey of 1,075 adults was conducted November 28th through December 4th, 2018 by The Marist Poll sponsored in partnership with NPR and PBS NewsHour. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed in English by telephone using live interviewers. Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation from Survey Sampling International. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business-use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers from Survey Sampling International. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2016 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ± 3.7 percentage points. There are 835 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ± 4.2 percentage points. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

Nature of the Sample

		National Adults	National Registered Voters
		Column %	Column %
National Adults		100%	
National Registered Voters		78%	100%
Party Identification	Democrat	n/a	33%
	Republican	n/a	27%
	Independent	n/a	39%
	Other	n/a	2%
Party Identification	Strong Democrats	n/a	23%
	Not strong Democrats	n/a	10%
	Democratic leaning independents	n/a	14%
	Just independents	n/a	12%
	Republican leaning independents	n/a	13%
	Not strong Republicans	n/a	9%
	Strong Republicans	n/a	18%
	Other	n/a	2%
Party ID and Gender	Democrat men	n/a	11%
	Democrat women	n/a	22%
	Republican men	n/a	13%
	Republican women	n/a	13%
	Independent men	n/a	20%
	Independent women	n/a	19%
	Other party men and women	n/a	2%
Gender	Men	49%	46%
	Women	51%	54%
Age	Under 45	47%	40%
	45 or older	53%	60%
Age	18 to 29	22%	18%
	30 to 44	25%	22%
	45 to 59	26%	28%
	60 or older	28%	33%
Race	White	61%	65%
	African American	11%	11%
	Latino	15%	13%
	Other	12%	10%
Region	Northeast	18%	18%
	Midwest	21%	22%
	South	38%	38%
	West	23%	23%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	43%	39%
	\$50,000 or more	57%	61%
Education	Not college graduate	62%	60%
	College graduate	38%	40%
Education by Race	White - Not College Graduate	35%	36%
	White - College Graduate	26%	30%
	Non-White - Not College Graduate	27%	24%
	Non-White - College Graduate	11%	10%
Education - Race - Gender	Men - White - Not College Graduate	17%	17%
	Men - White - College Graduate	12%	13%
	Men - Non-White - Not College Graduate	14%	11%
	Men - Non-White - College Graduate	6%	5%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	18%	19%
	Women - White - College Graduate	14%	17%
	Women - Non-White - Not College Graduate	14%	13%
	Women - Non-White - College Graduate	5%	5%
White Evangelical Christians		21%	22%
Area Description	Big city	25%	25%
	Small city	19%	18%
	Suburban	19%	20%
	Small town	21%	20%
	Rural	15%	16%
Small city/Suburban Men		18%	16%
Other area Men		31%	29%
Small city/Suburban Women		20%	22%
Other area Women		31%	33%
Interview Type	Landline	34%	38%
	Cell phone	66%	62%

NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll Adults. Interviews conducted November 28th through December 4th, 2018, n=1075 MOE +/- 3.7 percentage points.

National Registered Voters: n=835 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

		National Adults			
		Since Donald Trump was elected president in 2016, do you think the overall tone and level of civility in Washington between Republicans and Democrats has improved, stayed the same, or gotten worse?			
		Improved	Stayed the same	Gotten worse	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		5%	21%	70%	5%
National Registered Voters		5%	19%	73%	3%
Party Identification^	Democrat	4%	13%	81%	2%
	Republican	9%	24%	65%	2%
	Independent	4%	20%	73%	4%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	3%	14%	84%	0%
	Soft Democrats	3%	10%	84%	3%
	Just Independents	9%	21%	64%	6%
	Soft Republicans	3%	27%	67%	3%
Party ID and Gender	Strong Republicans	11%	26%	62%	2%
	Democrat men	2%	17%	79%	2%
	Democrat women	5%	11%	83%	2%
	Republican men	8%	29%	61%	1%
	Republican women	9%	19%	69%	2%
Trump Supporters	Independent men	7%	19%	70%	4%
	Independent women	0%	21%	77%	2%
Region	Trump Supporters	10%	26%	61%	3%
	Northeast	5%	18%	72%	5%
	Midwest	2%	21%	70%	7%
	South	6%	21%	69%	4%
Household Income	West	7%	22%	68%	2%
	Less than \$50,000	6%	22%	67%	5%
Education	\$50,000 or more	5%	19%	72%	4%
	Not college graduate	7%	22%	67%	5%
Race	College graduate	2%	18%	75%	5%
	White	5%	20%	72%	3%
	African American	5%	16%	76%	3%
Race and Education	Latino	7%	25%	64%	4%
	White - Not College Graduate	7%	21%	67%	5%
Gender - Race - Education	White - College Graduate	2%	18%	80%	1%
	Men - White - Not College Graduate	8%	22%	67%	3%
	Men - White - College Graduate	3%	21%	76%	1%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	5%	21%	68%	7%
Age	Women - White - College Graduate	1%	15%	83%	1%
	18 to 29	4%	28%	64%	5%
	30 to 44	5%	22%	68%	5%
	45 to 59	7%	18%	71%	3%
Age	60 or older	5%	17%	74%	4%
	Under 45	4%	25%	66%	5%
Gender	45 or older	6%	17%	73%	4%
	Men	7%	23%	65%	5%
White Evangelical Christians	Women	4%	18%	74%	4%
	6%	24%	66%	4%	
Area Description	Big city	3%	21%	73%	3%
	Small city	7%	20%	67%	6%
	Suburban	3%	15%	77%	5%
	Small town	9%	24%	63%	4%
	Rural	5%	22%	66%	6%
Small city/Suburban Men	7%	19%	69%	6%	
Small city/Suburban Women	4%	16%	76%	5%	

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PDTCIVGAL1. Marist Poll National Tables

National Adults				
Since Donald Trump (Barack Obama) was elected president in 2016 (2008), do you think the overall tone and level of civility in Washington between Republicans and Democrats has improved, stayed the same, or gotten worse?				
	Improved	Stayed the same	Gotten worse	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2018	5%	21%	70%	5%
November 2018	7%	16%	74%	4%
November 2017	6%	23%	67%	4%
July 2017	6%	20%	70%	4%
July 2009*	21%	42%	35%	2%

Marist Poll National Adults

*Survey by USA Today conducted by Gallup Organization

BLMCIVW1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables November 28th through December 4th, 2018

		National Adults				
		Who do you think is most to blame for the negative tone and lack of civility in Washington today:				
		President Trump	The Republicans in Congress	The Democrats in Congress	The media	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		35%	8%	13%	37%	7%
National Registered Voters		37%	8%	14%	36%	6%
Party Identification^	Democrat	67%	13%	2%	14%	4%
	Republican	4%	0%	35%	58%	2%
	Independent	32%	9%	12%	38%	9%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	70%	15%	2%	8%	4%
	Soft Democrats	57%	15%	2%	22%	3%
	Just Independents	37%	3%	7%	35%	18%
	Soft Republicans	7%	1%	23%	63%	5%
	Strong Republicans	3%	1%	43%	52%	2%
Party ID and Gender	Democrat men	64%	12%	3%	11%	9%
	Democrat women	69%	13%	1%	16%	2%
	Republican men	2%	0%	34%	61%	3%
	Republican women	6%	1%	36%	55%	2%
	Independent men	33%	5%	11%	41%	9%
	Independent women	32%	13%	12%	34%	9%
Trump Supporters		4%	0%	32%	59%	5%
Region	Northeast	41%	10%	12%	32%	6%
	Midwest	35%	10%	14%	32%	8%
	South	32%	7%	13%	42%	6%
	West	34%	7%	14%	37%	9%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	33%	13%	10%	34%	9%
	\$50,000 or more	38%	5%	15%	38%	4%
Education	Not college graduate	30%	9%	14%	38%	8%
	College graduate	40%	7%	13%	35%	6%
Race	White	33%	6%	17%	38%	6%
	African American	51%	17%	7%	22%	4%
	Latino	36%	9%	8%	42%	5%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	26%	6%	19%	41%	8%
	White - College Graduate	42%	7%	13%	34%	5%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	23%	5%	18%	45%	9%
	Men - White - College Graduate	33%	7%	18%	38%	5%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	29%	7%	21%	36%	7%
	Women - White - College Graduate	49%	7%	9%	30%	5%
Age	18 to 29	34%	17%	4%	40%	5%
	30 to 44	34%	6%	10%	41%	9%
	45 to 59	36%	4%	15%	39%	5%
	60 or older	35%	7%	22%	29%	8%
Age	Under 45	34%	11%	7%	40%	7%
	45 or older	35%	6%	19%	34%	7%
Gender	Men	30%	6%	15%	41%	9%
	Women	39%	11%	12%	33%	5%
White Evangelical Christians		13%	5%	26%	50%	7%
Area Description	Big city	38%	15%	9%	29%	8%
	Small city	40%	6%	13%	38%	3%
	Suburban	43%	7%	15%	30%	4%
	Small town	28%	4%	14%	44%	10%
	Rural	20%	8%	18%	46%	8%
Small city/Suburban Men		32%	4%	19%	41%	4%
Small city/Suburban Women		51%	8%	10%	28%	3%

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BLMCIVW1TRND. Marist Poll National Trend

National Adults					
Who do you think is most to blame for the negative tone and lack of civility in Washington today:					
	President Trump	The Republicans in Congress	The Democrats in Congress	The Media	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2018	35%	8%	13%	37%	7%
November 2018	40%	7%	17%	29%	7%

Marist Poll National Adults

AMRSPCT1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables November 28th through December 4th, 2018

		National Adults			
		Do you think Americans overall are more respectful, less respectful, or about as respectful of each other as they were a few years ago?			
		More respectful	Less respectful	About as respectful	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		5%	68%	26%	2%
National Registered Voters		5%	69%	24%	2%
Party Identification^	Democrat	4%	72%	23%	1%
	Republican	6%	64%	27%	3%
	Independent	5%	70%	23%	2%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	2%	75%	21%	2%
	Soft Democrats	7%	75%	18%	0%
	Just Independents	8%	65%	23%	4%
	Soft Republicans	2%	64%	32%	2%
Party ID and Gender	Strong Republicans	7%	64%	26%	4%
	Democrat men	2%	68%	29%	1%
	Democrat women	5%	73%	20%	2%
	Republican men	6%	62%	26%	5%
	Republican women	5%	66%	28%	1%
Trump Supporters	Independent men	5%	66%	27%	2%
	Independent women	4%	76%	18%	2%
	Trump Supporters	7%	64%	25%	4%
Region	Northeast	2%	65%	31%	2%
	Midwest	4%	72%	23%	0%
	South	5%	68%	24%	2%
	West	6%	64%	26%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	5%	70%	23%	2%
	\$50,000 or more	4%	66%	27%	2%
Education	Not college graduate	5%	64%	28%	2%
	College graduate	3%	73%	22%	2%
Race	White	4%	70%	24%	2%
	African American	6%	76%	17%	1%
	Latino	3%	61%	33%	3%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	6%	66%	26%	3%
	White - College Graduate	3%	76%	20%	1%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	4%	63%	29%	3%
	Men - White - College Graduate	5%	74%	19%	2%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	7%	68%	23%	3%
	Women - White - College Graduate	1%	78%	21%	0%
Age	18 to 29	2%	66%	31%	1%
	30 to 44	6%	68%	24%	2%
	45 to 59	5%	69%	23%	2%
	60 or older	4%	67%	25%	4%
Age	Under 45	4%	67%	27%	1%
	45 or older	5%	68%	24%	3%
Gender	Men	5%	64%	29%	3%
	Women	4%	71%	23%	2%
White Evangelical Christians		5%	71%	19%	5%
Area Description	Big city	6%	68%	26%	0%
	Small city	4%	68%	25%	4%
	Suburban	2%	69%	27%	2%
	Small town	7%	65%	25%	2%
	Rural	3%	70%	24%	3%
Small city/Suburban Men		3%	64%	29%	4%
Small city/Suburban Women		2%	72%	24%	2%

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		National Adults			
		In general, are you in favor of the United States becoming more politically correct and like when people are being more sensitive in their comments about others or are you against the country becoming more politically correct and upset that there are too many things people can't say anymore?			
		Favor	Against	Vol. Neither/Mixed	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		36%	52%	7%	5%
National Registered Voters		35%	53%	7%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	55%	33%	7%	4%
	Republican	14%	76%	6%	4%
	Independent	33%	53%	7%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	54%	35%	7%	5%
	Soft Democrats	56%	35%	5%	4%
	Just Independents	24%	49%	17%	10%
	Soft Republicans	19%	71%	5%	5%
Party ID and Gender	Strong Republicans	13%	79%	5%	3%
	Democrat men	51%	41%	5%	2%
	Democrat women	57%	30%	8%	5%
Trump Supporters	Republican men	9%	84%	4%	2%
	Republican women	19%	68%	7%	6%
	Independent men	30%	56%	7%	7%
	Independent women	37%	50%	8%	5%
Region	Trump Supporters	16%	75%	5%	4%
	Northeast	34%	52%	10%	4%
	Midwest	42%	48%	5%	5%
	South	31%	58%	6%	5%
Household Income	West	40%	47%	8%	5%
	Less than \$50,000	34%	54%	7%	4%
Education	\$50,000 or more	39%	50%	7%	4%
	Not college graduate	35%	53%	7%	4%
Race	College graduate	37%	51%	6%	5%
	White	33%	56%	7%	4%
	African American	52%	36%	7%	4%
Race and Education	Latino	37%	59%	2%	2%
	White - Not College Graduate	30%	59%	6%	5%
Gender - Race - Education	White - College Graduate	37%	52%	8%	3%
	Men - White - Not College Graduate	26%	64%	5%	4%
	Men - White - College Graduate	26%	63%	10%	1%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	34%	54%	6%	6%
Age	Women - White - College Graduate	46%	43%	7%	3%
	18 to 29	55%	41%	4%	1%
	30 to 44	33%	53%	10%	5%
	45 to 59	31%	60%	6%	4%
Age	60 or older	29%	54%	9%	8%
	Under 45	43%	47%	7%	3%
Gender	45 or older	30%	57%	7%	6%
	Men	28%	60%	7%	4%
White Evangelical Christians	Women	43%	45%	7%	5%
		18%	70%	6%	5%
Area Description	Big city	43%	50%	4%	3%
	Small city	37%	49%	10%	4%
	Suburban	44%	44%	9%	3%
	Small town	28%	58%	9%	6%
	Rural	27%	62%	5%	6%
Small city/Suburban Men		27%	57%	10%	5%
Small city/Suburban Women		52%	37%	8%	3%

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National Adults

In general, are you in favor of the United States becoming more politically correct and like when people are being more sensitive in their comments about others or are you against the country becoming more politically correct and upset that there are too many things people can't say anymore?

	Favor	Against	Vol. Neither/mixed	Unsure
	Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
December 2018	36%	52%	7%	5%
Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll October 2010*	28%	56%	10%	7%

Marist Poll National Adults. *Fox News/Opinion Dynamics Poll October 2010

SPKFREE1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables November 28th through December 4th, 2018

		National Adults		
		Compared to a few years ago, do you feel you, yourself, can speak your mind more freely, or not?		
		Yes	No	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		47%	47%	6%
National Registered Voters		46%	49%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	49%	46%	6%
	Republican	43%	54%	3%
	Independent	44%	50%	6%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	46%	48%	6%
	Soft Democrats	48%	46%	6%
	Just Independents	50%	44%	6%
	Soft Republicans	36%	60%	4%
	Strong Republicans	49%	47%	3%
Party ID and Gender	Democrat men	44%	50%	6%
	Democrat women	51%	43%	6%
	Republican men	44%	52%	3%
	Republican women	42%	55%	3%
	Independent men	47%	46%	7%
	Independent women	41%	55%	4%
Trump Supporters		47%	48%	4%
Region	Northeast	48%	43%	9%
	Midwest	47%	45%	8%
	South	50%	45%	5%
	West	42%	54%	4%
Household Income	Less than \$50,000	48%	45%	8%
	\$50,000 or more	46%	49%	5%
Education	Not college graduate	49%	45%	6%
	College graduate	44%	50%	6%
Race	White	44%	50%	6%
	African American	50%	41%	8%
	Latino	49%	48%	3%
Race and Education	White - Not College Graduate	45%	49%	6%
	White - College Graduate	41%	53%	6%
Gender - Race - Education	Men - White - Not College Graduate	44%	49%	7%
	Men - White - College Graduate	38%	56%	6%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	47%	48%	5%
	Women - White - College Graduate	44%	49%	7%
Age	18 to 29	51%	43%	6%
	30 to 44	42%	53%	5%
	45 to 59	42%	52%	6%
	60 or older	54%	38%	8%
Age	Under 45	46%	49%	5%
	45 or older	48%	45%	7%
Gender	Men	46%	48%	7%
	Women	49%	46%	6%
White Evangelical Christians		42%	53%	5%
Area Description	Big city	51%	41%	8%
	Small city	42%	52%	7%
	Suburban	47%	48%	5%
	Small town	48%	47%	4%
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Small city/Suburban Men		38%	58%	5%
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		National Adults			
		When the next Congress takes over in January, do you think the overall tone and level of civility in Washington between Republicans and Democrats will improve, stay the same, or get worse?			
		Improve	Stay the same	Get worse	Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		20%	35%	41%	4%
National Registered Voters		19%	34%	42%	5%
Party Identification^	Democrat	30%	36%	29%	5%
	Republican	13%	29%	55%	2%
	Independent	14%	38%	44%	5%
Party Identification*	Strong Democrats	34%	34%	28%	4%
	Soft Democrats	17%	40%	38%	5%
	Just Independents	12%	44%	38%	7%
	Soft Republicans	15%	30%	52%	3%
Party ID and Gender	Strong Republicans	14%	30%	56%	1%
	Democrat men	31%	37%	27%	5%
	Democrat women	30%	35%	30%	5%
	Republican men	9%	28%	60%	3%
Trump Supporters	Republican women	17%	30%	51%	2%
	Independent men	11%	35%	49%	5%
	Independent women	18%	41%	37%	4%
Region	Trump Supporters	13%	33%	49%	4%
	Northeast	18%	42%	36%	5%
	Midwest	24%	32%	39%	5%
	South	19%	34%	43%	4%
Household Income	West	21%	32%	43%	4%
	Less than \$50,000	21%	33%	42%	5%
Education	\$50,000 or more	20%	36%	40%	4%
	Not college graduate	21%	35%	39%	5%
Race	College graduate	18%	34%	44%	4%
	White	17%	37%	42%	3%
	African American	21%	20%	51%	8%
Race and Education	Latino	29%	35%	33%	4%
	White - Not College Graduate	17%	37%	43%	4%
Gender - Race - Education	White - College Graduate	18%	37%	42%	3%
	Men - White - Not College Graduate	15%	36%	45%	4%
	Men - White - College Graduate	11%	32%	55%	2%
	Women - White - Not College Graduate	18%	37%	40%	4%
Age	Women - White - College Graduate	24%	42%	31%	3%
	18 to 29	21%	37%	40%	2%
	30 to 44	18%	42%	36%	3%
	45 to 59	21%	30%	46%	4%
Age	60 or older	20%	31%	41%	7%
	Under 45	20%	40%	38%	3%
Gender	45 or older	20%	30%	44%	6%
	Men	17%	35%	43%	5%
White Evangelical Christians	Women	23%	34%	39%	4%
	15%	33%	46%	5%	
Area Description	Big city	21%	33%	42%	4%
	Small city	25%	42%	31%	2%
	Suburban	21%	34%	40%	5%
	Small town	18%	35%	42%	5%
	Rural	15%	28%	50%	6%
Small city/Suburban Men	19%	36%	43%	3%	
Small city/Suburban Women	26%	40%	29%	4%	

NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Adults. Interviews conducted November 28th through December 4th, 2018 n=1075 MOE +/- 3.7 percentage points.

^National Registered Voters: n=835 MOE +/- 4.2 percentage points. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

*Soft Democrats include registered voters who identify as "not strong Democrats" or Democratic leaning independents. Soft Republicans include those registered voters who identify as "not strong Republicans" or Republican leaning independents.