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Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service
35th Edition: March 8 – March 25, 2018
N=2,631 18- to- 29-Year-Olds in English and Spanish (with GfK KnowledgePanel)
Margin of Error: +/- 2.54% at the 95% Level
Release #1

***Additional sections of this poll will be released during the month of April. The full questionnaire, with data tables, is available at <http://iop.harvard.edu/spring-2018-poll>.**

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply:

	<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
High school	7%	7%	7%
Trade/Vocational school	2%	1%	2%
2-year or junior college or community college	8%	9%	7%
4-year college or university	22%	24%	21%
Graduate school.....	4%	5%	3%
Business school or professional school	1%	1%	1%
Not enrolled in college/university, but taking at least one course.....	1%	2%	1%
Not currently enrolled in any of these	56%	52%	58%
Refused	1%	0%	1%

2. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes.....	73%	96%	59%
No	23%	3%	34%
Don't know	4%	1%	6%
Refused	1%	0%	1%

3. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

	<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
Net: Democratic party	40%	55%	31%
Strong Democrat	22%	37%	13%
Not a very strong Democrat	18%	18%	18%
Net: Republican party	21%	21%	22%
Strong Republican	11%	14%	9%
Not a very strong Republican	10%	7%	13%
Net: Independent/Unaffiliated	37%	24%	45%
Leans Democrat	10%	9%	10%
Leans Republican	5%	4%	5%
Does not lean either way	21%	10%	30%
Refused	2%	1%	3%

4. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

Liberal	32%	42%	25%
Moderate leaning liberal	9%	10%	8%
Moderate	27%	18%	32%
Moderate leaning conservative	8%	6%	10%
Conservative	24%	23%	25%

5. How likely is it that you will vote in the upcoming elections for Congress?

Definitely will be voting	37%	100%	0%
Probably will be voting	16%	0%	26%
50-50	21%	0%	34%
Probably won't be voting	13%	0%	20%
Definitely won't be voting	12%	0%	18%
Refused	1%	0%	2%

6. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

Yes	29%	53%	15%
No	70%	47%	83%
Refused	1%	0%	2%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

8.	Donald Trump as president			
		<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
	Approve	25%	23%	26%
	Disapprove	72%	76%	70%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%
9.	The Democrats in Congress			
	Approve	41%	46%	37%
	Disapprove	56%	52%	58%
	Refused.....	3%	1%	5%
10.	The Republicans in Congress			
	Approve	24%	18%	27%
	Disapprove	73%	81%	68%
	Refused	3%	1%	5%
11.	What is your preference for the outcome of the 2018 Congressional elections, a Congress controlled by Democrats, or a Congress controlled by Republicans?			
	Democrats control	58%	69%	51%
	Republicans control	36%	28%	41%
	Refused	6%	3%	8%

Now thinking specifically about Donald Trump, do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling:

12.	Climate change			
		<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
	Approve	22%	22%	21%
	Disapprove	75%	77%	74%
	Refused	3%	1%	5%
13.	The economy			
	Approve	34%	30%	36%
	Disapprove	63%	68%	60%
	Refused	3%	1%	5%
14.	Health care			
	Approve	27%	24%	28%
	Disapprove	70%	75%	67%
	Refused	3%	2%	5%
15.	The Islamic State / ISIS / ISIL			
	Approve	31%	29%	32%
	Disapprove	65%	69%	63%
	Refused	4%	2%	5%
16.	Race relations			
	Approve	21%	20%	23%
	Disapprove	75%	79%	73%
	Refused	4%	2%	5%
17.	North Korea			
	Approve	27%	27%	28%
	Disapprove	69%	72%	68%
	Refused	4%	2%	5%

18.	Tax reform			
		<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
	Approve	31%	31%	31%
	Disapprove	65%	67%	63%
	Refused	4%	2%	5%
19.	Gun violence			
	Approve	24%	24%	24%
	Disapprove	72%	74%	71%
	Refused	4%	2%	5%

How often do you trust each of the following to do the right thing?

20.	The President			
	Net: All/Most	22%	22%	22%
	All of the time	4%	5%	3%
	Most of the time	18%	17%	18%
	Net: Some/Never	75%	77%	74%
	Some of the time	39%	39%	39%
	Never	36%	38%	35%
	Refused	3%	2%	4%
21.	The United States military			
	Net: All/Most	51%	54%	50%
	All of the time	13%	13%	12%
	Most of the time	38%	41%	37%
	Net: Some/Never	46%	45%	46%
	Some of the time	34%	35%	33%
	Never	12%	9%	13%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%

22.	The Supreme Court			
		<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
	Net: All/Most	43%	47%	41%
	All of the time	6%	6%	6%
	Most of the time	37%	41%	34%
	Net: Some/Never	54%	52%	55%
	Some of the time	41%	42%	41%
	Never	13%	10%	15%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%
23.	The United Nations			
	Net: All/Most	40%	45%	38%
	All of the time	6%	7%	6%
	Most of the time	34%	38%	32%
	Net: Some/Never	56%	54%	58%
	Some of the time	39%	38%	40%
	Never	17%	16%	18%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%
24.	The Congress			
	Net: All/Most	17%	14%	19%
	All of the time	2%	2%	2%
	Most of the time	15%	12%	17%
	Net: Some/Never	79%	84%	77%
	Some of the time	56%	61%	54%
	Never	23%	24%	23%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%
25.	The federal government			
	Net: All/Most	21%	20%	22%
	All of the time	3%	3%	4%
	Most of the time	18%	17%	18%
	Net: Some/Never	75%	78%	74%
	Some of the time	55%	61%	51%
	Never	21%	17%	22%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%

	<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
26. Your state government			
Net: All/Most	34%	38%	32%
All of the time	3%	3%	2%
Most of the time	31%	35%	30%
Net: Some/Never	63%	61%	64%
Some of the time	45%	47%	44%
Never	18%	14%	20%
Refused	3%	1%	4%
27. Your local government			
Net: All/Most	38%	39%	37%
All of the time	5%	5%	5%
Most of the time	33%	35%	31%
Net: Some/Never	60%	59%	60%
Some of the time	46%	48%	46%
Never	13%	12%	14%
Refused	3%	1%	3%
28. Wall Street			
Net: All/Most	12%	11%	13%
All of the time	2%	1%	2%
Most of the time	10%	9%	11%
Net: Some/Never	85%	88%	83%
Some of the time	47%	48%	47%
Never	38%	40%	36%
Refused	3%	1%	4%
29. The media			
Net: All/Most	16%	24%	12%
All of the time	2%	3%	2%
Most of the time	14%	21%	10%
Net: Some/Never	80%	74%	84%
Some of the time	47%	45%	48%
Never	33%	29%	36%
Refused	3%	2%	4%

30.	Your college or university administration			
		<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
	Net: All/Most	61%	65%	58%
	All of the time	9%	10%	9%
	Most of the time	52%	54%	50%
	Net: Some/Never	37%	34%	38%
	Some of the time	30%	30%	30%
	Never	7%	5%	8%
	Refused	3%	1%	4%
31.	Your local police department			
	Net: All/Most	52%	57%	49%
	All of the time	9%	10%	8%
	Most of the time	43%	47%	41%
	Net: Some/Never	45%	41%	47%
	Some of the time	33%	33%	33%
	Never	12%	9%	14%
	Refused	3%	2%	4%
32.	FBI			
	Net: All/Most	42%	42%	41%
	All of the time	7%	6%	7%
	Most of the time	35%	37%	34%
	Net: Some/Never	55%	56%	55%
	Some of the time	41%	44%	38%
	Never	15%	11%	16%
	Refused	3%	2%	4%
33.	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)			
	Net: All/Most	38%	43%	35%
	All of the time	6%	7%	6%
	Most of the time	31%	36%	29%
	Net: Some/Never	59%	56%	61%
	Some of the time	42%	41%	43%
	Never	17%	15%	18%
	Refused	3%	2%	4%

34. U.S. Department of Justice

	<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
Net: All/Most	35%	36%	35%
All of the time	5%	4%	6%
Most of the time	30%	32%	30%
Net: Some/Never	62%	63%	61%
Some of the time	46%	49%	44%
Never	16%	14%	17%
Refused	3%	2%	4%

35. U.S Department of Education

Net: All/Most	29%	26%	31%
All of the time	5%	4%	6%
Most of the time	24%	23%	25%
Net: All/Most	68%	72%	65%
Some of the time	50%	55%	48%
Never	17%	18%	17%
Refused	3%	2%	4%

36. U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Net: All/Most	25%	25%	25%
All of the time.....	4%	4%	4%
Most of the time.....	21%	21%	21%
Net: Some/Never	72%	73%	71%
Some of the time.....	47%	46%	48%
Never.....	25%	28%	23%
Refused.....	3%	1%	4%

How often do you trust each of the following companies to do the right thing?

37. Amazon

	<u>All</u>	<u>Likely Voters</u>	<u>All Others</u>
Net: All/Most	45%	45%	44%
All of the time	10%	8%	11%
Most of the time	35%	37%	33%
Net: Some/Never	53%	53%	52%
Some of the time	38%	40%	37%
Never	14%	13%	15%
Refused	3%	2%	3%

38. Google

Net: All/Most	44%	44%	45%
All of the time	8%	7%	9%
Most of the time	36%	37%	35%
Net: Some/Never	53%	54%	52%
Some of the time	38%	41%	36%
Never	15%	14%	16%
Refused	3%	2%	3%

39. Uber

Net: All/Most	28%	28%	28%
All of the time	4%	3%	4%
Most of the time	24%	25%	24%
Net: Some/Never	69%	70%	68%
Some of the time	45%	46%	45%
Never	24%	24%	24%
Refused	3%	2%	4%

40. Facebook

Net: All/Most.....	27%	25%	27%
All of the time	4%	3%	5%
Most of the time	22%	22%	22%
Net: Some/Never.....	71%	73%	69%
Some of the time	48%	50%	47%
Never	23%	23%	23%
Refused	3%	1%	3%

41. Twitter

Net: All/Most.....	27%	27%	26%
All of the time	4%	3%	4%
Most of the time	23%	24%	22%
Net: Some/Never.....	70%	71%	70%
Some of the time	48%	50%	47%
Never	22%	21%	23%
Refused.....	3%	2%	4%

42. Race / Ethnicity

White, Non-Hispanic	55%	59%	53%
Hispanic	22%	17%	24%
Black, Non-Hispanic	14%	17%	12%
Other, Non-Hispanic.....	7%	5%	9%
2+ Races, Non-Hispanic	2%	3%	2%

43. Gender

Male	49%	52%	48%
Female.....	51%	48%	52%

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