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Interviews with 1,028 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on October 14 - 17, 2015. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The sample also includes 956 interviews among registered voters (plus or minus 3 percentage points).

This sample includes 628 interviews among landline respondents and 400 interviews among cell phone respondents.

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20. As you may know, in 2012, terrorists attacked the U.S. consulate in a town in Libya named Benghazi and killed the U.S. ambassador to that country and three other U.S. citizens. Thinking specifically about Hillary Clinton, who was Secretary of State at the time of the attack, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Clinton has handled this matter?

	Oct. 14-17 <u>2015</u>	May 29-June 1 <u>2014</u>
Satisfied	36%	43%
Dissatisfied	59%	55%
No opinion	5%	3%

21. When it comes to the congressional hearings on the Benghazi attack, do you think Republicans have gone too far or do you think Republicans have handled the hearings appropriately? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 505 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION A -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Oct. 14-17 <u>2015</u>	May 29-June 1 <u>2014</u>
Gone too far	40%	44%
Handled appropriately	51%	48%
No opinion	9%	8%

PEW RESEARCH CENTER TRENDS

	<u>Gone too far</u>	<u>Handled appropriately</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 May 9-12	36	34	30

22. Do you think the House Select Committee on Benghazi is mostly conducting an objective investigation of what happened in the Benghazi attack, or is it mostly using the investigation to gain political advantage? (ASKED OF HALF SAMPLE. RESULTS BASED ON 523 INTERVIEWS IN VERSION B -- SAMPLING ERROR: +/- 4.5 PERCENTAGE POINTS.)

	Oct. 14-17 <u>2015</u>
Mostly conducting an objective investigation	23%
Mostly using the investigation to gain political advantage	72%
No opinion	5%

22a. Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion? (RANDOM ORDER)

	Oct. 14-17 <u>2015</u>	Mar. 13-5 <u>2015</u>
The way Clinton handled her email while serving as Secretary of State is an important indicator of her character and ability to serve as president	54%	46%
The way Clinton handled her email while serving as Secretary of State is not relevant to her character or her ability to serve as president	43%	52%
No opinion	4%	2%

FOR COMPARISON:

<u>CNN/USA TODAY/GALLUP TRENDS</u>			
	<u>Important indicators</u>	<u>Allegations not relevant</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1994 Mar 7-8	42	51	7

QUESTION WORDING: Which of these statements come closer to your own opinions—The Whitewater allegations are important indicators of Bill Clinton's character and ability to serve as President, or the Whitewater allegations are not relevant to Bill Clinton's ability to serve as President?

METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,028 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 31% described themselves as Democrats, 26% described themselves as Republicans, and 43% described themselves as independents or members of another party.

All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, and telephone usage.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 20

As you may know, in 2012, terrorists attacked the U.S. consulate in a town in Libya named Benghazi and killed the U.S. ambassador to that country and three other U.S. citizens. Thinking specifically about Hillary Clinton, who was Secretary of State at the time of the attack, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Clinton has handled this matter?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Satisfied	36%	33%	38%	30%	48%
Dissatisfied	59%	64%	55%	64%	49%
No opinion	5%	3%	7%	5%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Satisfied	36%	35%	38%	37%	34%	36%	36%
Dissatisfied	59%	56%	59%	60%	63%	58%	61%
No opinion	5%	8%	3%	4%	3%	6%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Satisfied	36%	35%	36%	32%	39%	61%	12%
Dissatisfied	59%	60%	60%	62%	57%	34%	84%
No opinion	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Satisfied	36%	63%	31%	11%	58%	42%	18%
Dissatisfied	59%	30%	65%	85%	37%	54%	79%
No opinion	5%	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Satisfied	36%	42%	38%	29%	38%	43%	32%	28%
Dissatisfied	59%	53%	56%	66%	57%	51%	64%	67%
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Satisfied	36%	10%	29%	64%
Dissatisfied	59%	87%	65%	32%
No opinion	5%	3%	5%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 21

When it comes to the congressional hearings on the Benghazi attack, do you think Republicans have gone too far or do you think Republicans have handled the hearings appropriately?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Gone too far	40%	31%	48%	34%	N/A		
Handled appropriately	51%	60%	43%	59%	N/A		
No opinion	9%	9%	9%	7%	N/A		
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0			

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Gone too far	40%	N/A	N/A	39%	35%	43%	37%
Handled appropriately	51%	N/A	N/A	56%	61%	46%	57%
No opinion	9%	N/A	N/A	6%	4%	11%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-8.0	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Gone too far	40%	47%	35%	36%	43%	65%	16%
Handled appropriately	51%	44%	59%	55%	49%	26%	77%
No opinion	9%	9%	6%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-8.0	+/-5.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gone too far	40%	71%	36%	16%	N/A	46%	21%
Handled appropriately	51%	20%	57%	74%	N/A	47%	71%
No opinion	9%	9%	8%	10%	N/A	7%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-7.5		+/-8.0	+/-6.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Gone too far	40%	N/A	N/A	43%	N/A	58%	32%	N/A
Handled appropriately	51%	N/A	N/A	52%	N/A	38%	57%	N/A
No opinion	9%	N/A	N/A	5%	N/A	5%	12%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-8.5	+/-6.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Gone too far	40%	N/A	30%	78%
Handled appropriately	51%	N/A	59%	20%
No opinion	9%	N/A	11%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-6.5	+/-7.5

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22

Do you think the House Select Committee on Benghazi is mostly conducting an objective investigation of what happened in the Benghazi attack, or is it mostly using the investigation to gain political advantage?

Base = Half Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Conducting obj investigation	23%	23%	23%	25%	N/A
Using to gain political advan	72%	74%	71%	71%	N/A
No opinion	5%	4%	6%	4%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Conducting obj investigation	23%	N/A	N/A	29%	28%	18%	29%
Using to gain political advan	72%	N/A	N/A	64%	67%	79%	65%
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	7%	6%	3%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-8.0	+/-7.0	+/-7.5	+/-5.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Conducting obj investigation	23%	21%	26%	18%	27%	12%	39%
Using to gain political advan	72%	72%	73%	76%	70%	83%	56%
No opinion	5%	7%	2%	7%	3%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-8.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.0	+/-6.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Conducting obj investigation	23%	10%	20%	47%	N/A	15%	44%
Using to gain political advan	72%	85%	75%	49%	N/A	79%	53%
No opinion	5%	5%	5%	4%	N/A	6%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5	+/-7.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5		+/-7.0	+/-7.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Conducting obj investigation	23%	N/A	N/A	27%	N/A	18%	26%	N/A
Using to gain political advan	72%	N/A	N/A	69%	N/A	78%	69%	N/A
No opinion	5%	N/A	N/A	4%	N/A	4%	6%	N/A
Sampling Error	+/-4.5			+/-7.5		+/-7.5	+/-6.5	

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Conducting obj investigation	23%	N/A	22%	8%
Using to gain political advan	72%	N/A	73%	90%
No opinion	5%	N/A	5%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-4.5		+/-6.5	+/-7.0

* percentage less than 1%

Question 22A

Which of these statements comes closer to your opinion:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Important indicator, character	54%	58%	50%	58%	45%
Not relevant to character	43%	41%	44%	39%	51%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older
Important indicator, character	54%	48%	56%	54%	60%	51%	56%
Not relevant to character	43%	47%	44%	42%	36%	46%	40%
No opinion	4%	5%	*	4%	4%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican
Important indicator, character	54%	52%	55%	57%	51%	31%	77%
Not relevant to character	43%	44%	42%	37%	47%	68%	18%
No opinion	4%	4%	3%	6%	2%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5	+/-4.5	+/-4.5

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Important indicator, character	54%	28%	57%	80%	31%	49%	72%
Not relevant to character	43%	70%	39%	17%	67%	47%	25%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.5

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Important indicator, character	54%	53%	49%	58%	53%	45%	57%	61%
Not relevant to character	43%	46%	50%	36%	43%	54%	41%	28%
No opinion	4%	1%	1%	6%	4%	2%	2%	11%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.5

	Total	Tea Pty Support	Tea Pty Neutral	Tea Pty Oppose
Important indicator, character	54%	81%	59%	27%
Not relevant to character	43%	17%	37%	71%
No opinion	4%	2%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.0	+/-4.5	+/-5.5

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