



### **CNN October 2017**

The study was conducted for CNN via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **October 12, 2017 – October 15 2017** among a sample of **1,010** respondents. The landline total respondents were **405** and there were **605** of cell phone respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is +/-3.5 at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is 1.32. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting [www.ssrs.com](http://www.ssrs.com).

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Q2. (A2) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

Taxes	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
October 12-15, 2017	36%	50%	14%
September 17-20, 2017	34%	47%	19%
August 03-06, 2017*	34%	48%	18%
March 1-4, 2017*	43%	48%	9%

Q15. Overall, do you favor or oppose the tax reform proposals made by the Trump administration?

	Favor	Oppose	No opinion
October 12-15, 2017	34%	52%	14%

Q16. From what you know of those proposals, do you think you and your family will be better off, worse off, or about the same if they are passed and signed into law?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	No opinion
October 12-15, 2017	24%	31%	37%	8%

Q17. If these tax proposals are passed and signed in to law, what effect do you think they would have on the federal budget deficit? Would the federal budget deficit...

	Get larger	Get smaller	Remain about the same	No opinion
October 12-15, 2017	38%	22%	31%	9%

Q18. If these tax proposals are passed and signed in to law, what effect do you think they would have on the national economy? Would the national economy...

	Get better	Get worse	Remain about the same	No opinion
October 12-15, 2017	31%	35%	27%	7%

Q19. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not release his tax returns for public review?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
October 12-15, 2017	67%	24%	9%
Jan. 12-15, 2017	74%	23%	3%
Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2016(RV)	73%	24%	3%

#### MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,010 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Among the entire sample, 31% described themselves as Democrats, 23% described themselves as Republicans, and 42% 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.

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of +/-3.5 percentage points. For the sample of 894 registered voters, it is +/-3.8 percentage points.

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 once adjusted for design effect. 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 design-effect adjusted sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".



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2I. (A2i) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Taxes?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	36%	44%	28%	44%	21%
Disapprove	50%	42%	56%	43%	64%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	14%	15%	14%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	4.9	5.1	4.3	6.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	36%	25%	34%	46%	41%	28%	43%
Disapprove	50%	55%	54%	43%	47%	54%	46%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	20%	12%	11%	13%	18%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.4	5.8	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	36%	26%	43%	36%	36%	45%	40%
Disapprove	50%	58%	45%	49%	52%	39%	49%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	16%	12%	15%	12%	15%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.7	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.7	6.2

	Total	Democrat	Indep Other	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	36%	13%	33%	75%	8%	30%	62%
Disapprove	50%	78%	48%	15%	81%	53%	27%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	10%	19%	10%	11%	17%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	6.3	5.5	7.0	7.5	5.7	5.9

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump approve	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	36%	11%	70%	80%	8%	38%
Disapprove	50%	77%	18%	10%	78%	49%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	12%	12%	10%	14%	13%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	3.8



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15. Overall, do you favor or oppose the tax reform proposals made by the Trump administration?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Favor	34%	43%	26%	41%	20%
Oppose	52%	47%	57%	45%	65%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	11%	17%	13%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	4.9	5.1	4.3	6.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Favor	34%	23%	34%	43%	39%	27%	41%
Oppose	52%	60%	56%	43%	48%	59%	46%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	17%	10%	14%	13%	15%	13%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.4	5.8	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Favor	34%	27%	40%	33%	37%	43%	38%
Oppose	52%	57%	48%	52%	53%	41%	53%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	16%	11%	16%	10%	15%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.7	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.7	6.2

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Favor	34%	9%	35%	70%	8%	25%	62%
Oppose	52%	81%	50%	14%	82%	58%	27%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	10%	15%	15%	11%	16%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	6.3	5.5	7.0	7.5	5.7	5.9

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Favor	34%	8%	69%	79%	6%	36%
Oppose	52%	80%	19%	9%	81%	50%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	14%	12%	13%	12%	12%	13%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	3.8



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16. From what you know of those proposals, do you think you and your family will be better off, worse off, or about the same if they are passed and signed into law?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
Better off	24%	28%	20%	27%	18%
Worse off	31%	26%	36%	25%	43%
About the same	37%	39%	35%	40%	31%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	8%	7%	9%	8%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	4.9	5.1	4.3	6.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
Better off	24%	19%	23%	29%	24%	21%	26%
Worse off	31%	27%	38%	27%	35%	32%	31%
About the same	37%	46%	34%	36%	29%	40%	34%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	8%	8%	5%	8%	12%	7%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.4	5.8	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
Better off	24%	18%	29%	23%	25%	28%	26%
Worse off	31%	37%	28%	30%	34%	22%	32%
About the same	37%	38%	36%	37%	36%	41%	36%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	8%	8%	7%	9%	5%	9%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.7	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.7	6.2

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
Better off	24%	12%	22%	44%	11%	15%	42%
Worse off	31%	49%	30%	8%	46%	37%	16%
About the same	37%	33%	39%	38%	38%	39%	35%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	8%	6%	8%	10%	5%	9%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	6.3	5.5	7.0	7.5	5.7	5.9

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap-prove	Reg. voter
Better off	24%	9%	44%	48%	9%	26%
Worse off	31%	51%	7%	3%	51%	30%
About the same	37%	34%	41%	41%	34%	36%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	8%	7%	8%	8%	5%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	3.8



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17. If these tax proposals are passed and signed in to law, what effect do you think they would have on the federal budget deficit? Would the federal budget deficit ...  
 Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
Get larger	38%	40%	36%	37%	40%
Get smaller	22%	24%	19%	21%	22%
Remain about the same	31%	29%	33%	34%	26%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	7%	12%	8%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	4.9	5.1	4.3	6.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
Get larger	38%	37%	40%	37%	38%	39%	37%
Get smaller	22%	24%	18%	24%	18%	22%	21%
Remain about the same	31%	29%	35%	31%	30%	31%	31%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	10%	7%	8%	14%	9%	10%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.4	5.8	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
Get larger	38%	34%	42%	35%	45%	33%	44%
Get smaller	22%	23%	20%	23%	18%	23%	17%
Remain about the same	31%	34%	30%	33%	28%	36%	32%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	9%	8%	10%	9%	9%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.7	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.7	6.2

	Total	Democrat	Indep Other	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Get larger	38%	54%	38%	18%	60%	39%	22%
Get smaller	22%	12%	22%	35%	9%	19%	34%
Remain about the same	31%	25%	31%	39%	24%	32%	35%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	9%	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	6.3	5.5	7.0	7.5	5.7	5.9

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump approve	Trump disapprove	Reg. voter
Get larger	38%	52%	20%	17%	53%	38%
Get smaller	22%	12%	34%	36%	13%	22%
Remain about the same	31%	27%	37%	39%	27%	31%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	3.8



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18. If these tax proposals are passed and signed in to law, what effect do you think they would have on the national economy? Would the national economy...

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
Get better	31%	39%	24%	34%	23%
Get worse	35%	26%	43%	31%	44%
Remain about the same	27%	29%	25%	27%	25%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	7%	6%	9%	8%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	4.9	5.1	4.3	6.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
Get better	31%	25%	26%	40%	33%	26%	35%
Get worse	35%	38%	39%	30%	31%	39%	31%
Remain about the same	27%	30%	26%	24%	26%	28%	26%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	7%	7%	8%	6%	10%	7%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.4	5.8	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
Get better	31%	24%	37%	29%	34%	35%	33%
Get worse	35%	39%	33%	33%	38%	27%	37%
Remain about the same	27%	30%	24%	29%	22%	30%	23%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	7%	8%	6%	8%	5%	8%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.7	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.7	6.2

	Total	Democrat	Indep Other	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Get better	31%	12%	30%	60%	12%	22%	55%
Get worse	35%	56%	33%	10%	57%	39%	16%
Remain about the same	27%	26%	30%	22%	26%	32%	21%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	7%	6%	7%	8%	5%	7%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	6.3	5.5	7.0	7.5	5.7	5.9

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump approve	Trump disapprove	Reg. voter
Get better	31%	10%	60%	67%	8%	33%
Get worse	35%	57%	9%	3%	57%	36%
Remain about the same	27%	28%	24%	25%	29%	25%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	7%	5%	7%	5%	7%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	3.8



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19. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not release his tax returns for public review?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should	67%	61%	73%	63%	76%
Should not	24%	29%	20%	26%	19%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	10%	7%	10%	5%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	4.9	5.1	4.3	6.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should	67%	72%	71%	59%	67%	72%	64%
Should not	24%	18%	25%	32%	23%	20%	28%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	11%	4%	9%	10%	8%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	7.4	7.7	6.4	6.4	5.8	4.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should	67%	74%	61%	67%	69%	61%	67%
Should not	24%	20%	28%	25%	23%	28%	23%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	6%	11%	8%	9%	11%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.7	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.7	6.2

	Total	Democrat	Indep Other	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should	67%	91%	66%	38%	92%	73%	45%
Should not	24%	8%	24%	47%	6%	21%	40%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	1%	10%	15%	3%	6%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	6.3	5.5	7.0	7.5	5.7	5.9

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump approve	Trump disapprove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should	67%	90%	40%	35%	89%	66%
Should not	24%	8%	46%	50%	8%	26%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	2%	14%	16%	3%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.5	5.2	5.4	5.6	4.8	3.8