



**Interviews with 1,025 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on March 1-4, 2017. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

**This sample includes 509 interviews among landline respondents and 516 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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Q19. I'm going to read you some of the proposals expected to be included in Donald Trump's budget. For each, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that proposal. Here's the [first/next]... [READ ITEM, RANDOM ORDER]. Do you approve or disapprove of that proposal?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Reducing the tax rates paid by middle-class Americans</b>			
March 1-4, 2017	84%	15%	*
<b>Increase spending on infrastructure</b>			
March 1-4, 2017	79%	18%	3%
<b>Reducing the tax rates paid by American businesses</b>			
March 1-4, 2017	54%	45%	1%
<b>Increase military spending by cutting funding for the State Department, Environmental Protection Agency and other non-defense agencies</b>			
March 1-4, 2017	41%	58%	1%
<b>Funding to build a wall along the border with Mexico</b>			
March 1-4, 2017	39%	61%	1%

NO QUESTION 20

Q20a. Which of these statements comes closer to your own view: [READ LIST, ROTATE]

March 1-4  
2017

Reducing the federal budget deficit should be given priority, even at the risk of limiting economic growth	40%
Economic growth should be given priority, even if the federal budget deficit grows	57%
No opinion	3%

Q20b. Overall, do you think the federal budget proposals put forth by Donald Trump generally do more to help the rich, do more to help the middle class, or do more to help the poor?

March 1-4  
2017

Do more to help the rich	54%
Do more to help the middle class	35%
Do more to help the poor	7%
No opinion	4%

## METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,025 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. Among the entire sample, 28% described themselves as Democrats, 25% described themselves as Republicans, and 47% 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 "NA".

Question 19A

I'm going to read you some of the proposals expected to be included in Donald Trump's budget. For each, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that proposal. Here's the [first/next]... Do you approve or disapprove of that proposal?

A. Increase military spending by cutting funding for the State Department, Environmental Protection Agency and other non-defense agencies

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	41%	46%	36%	46%	31%
Disapprove	58%	54%	62%	53%	68%
No opinion	1%	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Approve	41%	29%	43%	43%	52%	33%	47%
Disapprove	58%	70%	55%	56%	46%	66%	52%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Approve	41%	42%	40%	34%	43%	37%	50%
Disapprove	58%	56%	59%	66%	55%	62%	49%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	41%	13%	39%	75%	12%	31%	77%
Disapprove	58%	86%	60%	23%	87%	67%	21%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	41%	33%	41%	48%	36%	30%	45%	54%
Disapprove	58%	65%	59%	50%	62%	68%	54%	43%
No opinion	1%	2%	*	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Approve	41%	14%	72%	78%	17%
Disapprove	58%	86%	26%	20%	82%
No opinion	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 19B

I'm going to read you some of the proposals expected to be included in Donald Trump's budget. For each, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that proposal. Here's the [first/next]... Do you approve or disapprove of that proposal?

B. Reducing the tax rates paid by American businesses

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	54%	62%	46%	57%	47%
Disapprove	45%	38%	53%	42%	52%
No opinion	1%	1%	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Approve	54%	53%	50%	56%	56%	51%	56%
Disapprove	45%	46%	50%	43%	42%	48%	43%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Approve	54%	54%	53%	49%	56%	52%	59%
Disapprove	45%	45%	47%	49%	43%	46%	40%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	2%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	54%	35%	52%	79%	31%	54%	76%
Disapprove	45%	63%	48%	21%	67%	46%	24%
No opinion	1%	2%	1%	*	2%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	54%	51%	53%	62%	45%	47%	57%	62%
Disapprove	45%	49%	46%	37%	54%	52%	43%	37%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Approve	54%	35%	77%	81%	36%
Disapprove	45%	64%	23%	19%	63%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 19C

I'm going to read you some of the proposals expected to be included in Donald Trump's budget. For each, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that proposal. Here's the [first/next]... Do you approve or disapprove of that proposal?

C. Reducing the tax rates paid by middle-class Americans

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White		
Approve	84%	85%	83%	88%	78%		
Disapprove	15%	14%	16%	12%	22%		
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*		
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0		

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Approve	84%	83%	85%	86%	86%	83%	86%
Disapprove	15%	16%	15%	14%	14%	16%	14%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Approve	84%	83%	88%	86%	84%	87%	89%
Disapprove	15%	16%	12%	13%	16%	12%	11%
No opinion	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	84%	79%	83%	92%	82%	80%	93%
Disapprove	15%	20%	17%	7%	18%	19%	6%
No opinion	*	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	84%	84%	84%	87%	81%	80%	88%	86%
Disapprove	15%	15%	16%	13%	18%	19%	12%	13%
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

  

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Approve	84%	79%	93%	94%	79%
Disapprove	15%	21%	7%	6%	21%
No opinion	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 19D

I'm going to read you some of the proposals expected to be included in Donald Trump's budget. For each, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that proposal. Here's the [first/next]... Do you approve or disapprove of that proposal?

D. Increase spending on infrastructure

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	79%	87%	71%	82%	74%
Disapprove	18%	12%	24%	15%	24%
No opinion	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Approve	79%	72%	82%	79%	86%	75%	83%
Disapprove	18%	23%	15%	20%	11%	22%	15%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Approve	79%	71%	87%	83%	77%	83%	81%
Disapprove	18%	24%	12%	15%	20%	16%	15%
No opinion	3%	6%	1%	2%	4%	1%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	79%	72%	79%	87%	71%	80%	84%
Disapprove	18%	25%	19%	10%	25%	18%	14%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	79%	81%	74%	79%	80%	73%	86%	74%
Disapprove	18%	16%	21%	18%	17%	24%	12%	20%
No opinion	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	1%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Approve	79%	75%	88%	88%	72%
Disapprove	18%	21%	10%	9%	25%
No opinion	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%



Question 19E

I'm going to read you some of the proposals expected to be included in Donald Trump's budget. For each, please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of that proposal. Here's the [first/next]... Do you approve or disapprove of that proposal?

E. Funding to build a wall along the border with Mexico

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Approve	39%	44%	34%	44%	27%
Disapprove	61%	56%	65%	55%	72%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Approve	39%	28%	39%	45%	48%	29%	47%
Disapprove	61%	72%	60%	54%	52%	70%	52%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Approve	39%	39%	39%	32%	42%	34%	50%
Disapprove	61%	61%	60%	68%	57%	66%	50%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Approve	39%	12%	34%	77%	12%	29%	72%
Disapprove	61%	88%	65%	22%	88%	71%	26%
No opinion	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	1%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Approve	39%	30%	39%	47%	34%	28%	42%	53%
Disapprove	61%	68%	61%	52%	66%	72%	57%	47%
No opinion	1%	1%	*	*	*	*	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Approve	39%	12%	71%	84%	10%
Disapprove	61%	88%	28%	15%	90%
No opinion	1%	*	1%	1%	*
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 20A

Which of these statements comes closer to your own view:

Reducing the federal budget deficit should be given priority, even at the risk of limiting economic growth:

Economic growth should be given priority, even if the federal budget deficit grows:

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White
Reducing budget priority	40%	41%	39%	41%	38%
Economic growth priority	57%	56%	57%	56%	59%
No opinion	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Reducing budget priority	40%	42%	45%	39%	33%	42%	39%
Economic growth priority	57%	55%	54%	59%	60%	56%	57%
No opinion	3%	2%	1%	3%	7%	2%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Reducing budget priority	40%	41%	39%	39%	41%	42%	41%
Economic growth priority	57%	55%	58%	59%	56%	56%	56%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Reducing budget priority	40%	35%	40%	46%	36%	42%	42%
Economic growth priority	57%	60%	57%	52%	61%	56%	53%
No opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Reducing budget priority	40%	36%	43%	42%	38%	38%	43%	36%
Economic growth priority	57%	60%	53%	57%	57%	59%	54%	59%
No opinion	3%	4%	5%	1%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Reducing budget priority	40%	36%	45%	45%	37%
Economic growth priority	57%	61%	51%	52%	61%
No opinion	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%

Question 20B

Overall, do you think the federal budget proposals put forth by Donald Trump generally do more to help the rich, do more to help the middle class, or do more to help the poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White			
Do more to help the rich	54%	49%	59%	48%	67%			
Do more to help middle class	35%	38%	32%	41%	23%			
Do more to help the poor	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%			
No opinion	4%	6%	2%	4%	3%			
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-3.5	+/-6.0			

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 45	45 and Older
Do more to help the rich	54%	56%	55%	53%	50%	58%	50%
Do more to help middle class	35%	35%	33%	35%	38%	34%	36%
Do more to help the poor	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%	7%	8%
No opinion	4%	1%	6%	4%	6%	2%	6%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-7.5	+/-7.5	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-6.0	+/-3.5

  

	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	College Grad	Non College Grad	White College Grad	White Non College Grad
Do more to help the rich	54%	56%	53%	60%	51%	58%	42%
Do more to help middle class	35%	33%	37%	29%	38%	32%	46%
Do more to help the poor	7%	8%	6%	6%	8%	5%	8%
No opinion	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.0	+/-4.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep-endent	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mod-erate	Conser-vative
Do more to help the rich	54%	90%	53%	16%	85%	59%	21%
Do more to help middle class	35%	3%	34%	72%	8%	30%	65%
Do more to help the poor	7%	6%	8%	9%	5%	7%	9%
No opinion	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	4%	5%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-6.0	+/-6.0	+/-5.0	+/-5.0

  

	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Do more to help the rich	54%	65%	53%	46%	56%	63%	51%	43%
Do more to help middle class	35%	28%	38%	39%	32%	27%	40%	39%
Do more to help the poor	7%	5%	6%	10%	8%	8%	6%	10%
No opinion	4%	2%	3%	6%	4%	3%	4%	7%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5	+/-7.5

  

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub-lican	Trump Supporter	Non Supporter
Do more to help the rich	54%	86%	18%	10%	82%
Do more to help middle class	35%	8%	67%	72%	11%
Do more to help the poor	7%	4%	9%	11%	5%
No opinion	4%	2%	6%	7%	2%
Sampling Error	+/-3.0	+/-4.5	+/-4.5	+/-5.0	+/-4.0

\* percentage less than 1%