

The study was conducted for CNN via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from **August 03 – August 06 2017** among a sample of **1018** respondents. The landline total respondents were **396** and there were **622** of cell phone respondents. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.6% at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is 1.3. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com.

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

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
The investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election August 3-6, 2017	31%	59%	9%

Q29. Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all?

	<u>Very serious threat</u>	<u>Moderately serious threat</u>	<u>Just a slight threat</u>	<u>No threat at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Russia					
August 3-6, 2017	35%	37%	17%	10%	1%
March 1-4, 2017	34%	41%	14%	10%	*
Apr. 28-May 1, 2016	21%	40%	22%	15%	1%
Feb. 24-27, 2016	27%	42%	17%	13%	*
Oct. 14-17, 2015	31%	37%	18%	13%	1%
Sept. 4-8, 2015	30%	40%	16%	13%	1%
April 16-19, 2015	25%	37%	18%	19%	*
Dec. 18-21, 2014*	22%	43%	23%	11%	1%
March 7-9, 2014	29%	40%	19%	12%	*
April 13-15, 2012	11%	33%	29%	24%	2%
June 26-28, 2009	11%	28%	29%	31%	1%

*Asked of half sample

CNN/TIME TRENDS

	<u>Very serious</u>	<u>Moderately serious</u>	<u>Slight threat</u>	<u>Not a threat</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Russia					
January 15-16, 2003	11	25	27	34	3
May 22-23, 2002	7	24	25	41	3
June 14-15, 2000	19	33	24	18	6
May 26-27, 1999	24	33	20	20	3
May 8-9, 1996	14	36	23	24	3
November, 1989*	19	36	23	18	4
November, 1985*	32	44	17	5	2
December, 1983*	49	39	7	3	2
September, 1983*	52	35	10	2	1
June, 1983*	65	25	6	3	1

* Russia was asked as the "Soviet Union" from 1983 to 1989.

Q35. Thinking about the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, which comes closer to your point of view about it?

Aug. 03-06,
2017

You think it's a serious matter that should be fully investigated	60%
You think it's mainly an effort to discredit Donald Trump's presidency	38%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused (vol.)	3%

Q36. The investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election falls under the control of the Justice Department. Attorney General Jeff Sessions is the head of the Justice Department, but has removed himself from any involvement in the investigation because of his role in Donald Trump's presidential campaign. Do you think Sessions did the right thing or the wrong thing by removing himself from this investigation?

Aug. 03-06,
2017

Did the right thing	67%
Did the wrong thing	27%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused (vol.)	6%

Q37. The Justice Department has appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller to lead the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the election. Do you think Mueller **will** or **will not** be able to conduct a thorough investigation free from outside influence?

Aug. 03-06,
2017

Will	51%
Will not	40%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused (vol.)	10%

Q38. As part of the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the election, do you think Mueller should be able to investigate whether Donald Trump had any financial dealings with Russia, or should Trump's finances be off-limits to investigators?

Aug. 03-06,
2017

Should be able to investigate Trump's finances	70%
Trump's finances should be off limits	25%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused (vol.)	4%

MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,018 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, 30% described themselves as Democrats, 25% 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.

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".

TABLE 013

A2M. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling The investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white		
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====		
Approve	31%	33%	30%	38%	19%		
Disapprove	59%	55%	63%	52%	74%		
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	12%	7%	10%	8%		
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.9	5.2	4.2	6.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	31%	25%	35%	31%	38%	28%	34%
Disapprove	59%	68%	54%	61%	49%	63%	55%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	7%	11%	8%	13%	9%	10%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.4	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	31%	28%	34%	32%	30%	41%	34%
Disapprove	59%	65%	57%	57%	64%	48%	59%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	6%	9%	11%	7%	11%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.0

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	31%	15%	29%	56%	18%	25%	49%
Disapprove	59%	81%	59%	34%	76%	69%	36%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	4%	12%	10%	6%	6%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.7	7.3	5.6	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	31%	14%	52%	60%	13%	33%
Disapprove	59%	81%	35%	26%	83%	59%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	9%	5%	12%	14%	4%	8%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.8	3.7

TABLE 055

29C. Would you say that the following represent a very serious threat to the United States, a moderately serious threat, just a slight threat, or no threat at all? Russia
 Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very serious threat	35%	29%	41%	28%	48%
Moderately serious threat	37%	37%	37%	42%	27%
Just a slight threat	17%	19%	15%	19%	14%
No threat at all	10%	14%	7%	11%	9%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.9	5.2	4.2	6.5

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very serious threat	35%	28%	37%	41%	33%	32%	37%
Moderately serious threat	37%	36%	35%	36%	41%	35%	39%
Just a slight threat	17%	21%	16%	14%	17%	19%	16%
No threat at all	10%	14%	10%	8%	8%	13%	8%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.4	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very serious threat	35%	38%	32%	36%	32%	30%	24%
Moderately serious threat	37%	34%	40%	34%	43%	38%	48%
Just a slight threat	17%	16%	18%	17%	18%	18%	20%
No threat at all	10%	11%	10%	11%	8%	13%	7%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	*	2%	*	1%	*
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.0

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep-ent Other	Repub-lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con-serva-tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very serious threat	35%	51%	29%	22%	48%	36%	23%
Moderately serious threat	37%	33%	39%	41%	32%	36%	41%
Just a slight threat	17%	12%	18%	23%	12%	16%	22%
No threat at all	10%	3%	13%	14%	6%	11%	12%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	2%	-	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.7	7.3	5.6	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub-lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap-prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Very serious threat	35%	47%	22%	20%	46%	33%
Moderately serious threat	37%	35%	40%	38%	36%	39%
Just a slight threat	17%	13%	20%	25%	12%	17%
No threat at all	10%	4%	17%	17%	5%	10%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.8	3.7

TABLE 063

35. Thinking about the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election in 2016, which comes closer to your point of view about it?
 Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white		
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====		
You think it's a serious matter that should be fully investigated.....	60%	52%	67%	52%	75%		
You think it's mainly an effort to discredit Donald Trump's presidency.....	38%	44%	31%	45%	23%		
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%		
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.9	5.2	4.2	6.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
You think it's a serious matter that should be fully investigated.....	60%	63%	62%	56%	56%	64%	56%
You think it's mainly an effort to discredit Donald Trump's presidency.....	38%	33%	35%	42%	41%	33%	42%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.4	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
You think it's a serious matter that should be fully investigated.....	60%	67%	54%	58%	63%	49%	57%
You think it's mainly an effort to discredit Donald Trump's presidency.....	38%	32%	42%	39%	35%	46%	42%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.0

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
You think it's a serious matter that should be fully investigated.....	60%	87%	62%	23%	88%	64%	33%
You think it's mainly an effort to discredit Donald Trump's presidency.....	38%	12%	36%	73%	10%	34%	63%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.7	7.3	5.6	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
You think it's a serious matter that should be fully investigated.....	60%	87%	26%	18%	90%	57%
You think it's mainly an effort to discredit Donald Trump's presidency.....	38%	11%	71%	79%	8%	39%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.8	3.7

TABLE 064

36. The investigation into Russian efforts to influence the U.S. presidential election falls under the control of the Justice Department. Attorney General Jeff Sessions is the head of the Justice Department, but has removed himself from any involvement in the investigation because of his role in Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

Do you think Sessions did the right thing or the wrong thing by removing himself from this investigation?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white		
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====		
Did the right thing	67%	68%	66%	71%	58%		
Did the wrong thing	27%	27%	28%	23%	37%		
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%		
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.9	5.2	4.2	6.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Did the right thing	67%	68%	64%	67%	68%	65%	68%
Did the wrong thing	27%	29%	31%	25%	25%	31%	25%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	3%	5%	8%	7%	4%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.4	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Did the right thing	67%	60%	74%	61%	79%	66%	82%
Did the wrong thing	27%	33%	22%	32%	17%	28%	14%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	7%	4%	7%	3%	7%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.0

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Did the right thing	67%	72%	67%	62%	74%	73%	56%
Did the wrong thing	27%	24%	27%	31%	21%	23%	38%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	5%	5%	7%	5%	4%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.7	7.3	5.6	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Did the right thing	67%	75%	61%	59%	73%	69%
Did the wrong thing	27%	22%	33%	33%	24%	26%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	6%	4%	7%	8%	3%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.8	3.7

TABLE 065

37. The Justice Department has appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller to lead the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the election. Do you think Mueller will or will not be able to conduct a thorough investigation free from outside influence?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non- white		
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====		
Will	51%	51%	50%	53%	46%		
Will not	40%	39%	40%	37%	45%		
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	10%	9%	10%	10%	9%		
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.9	5.2	4.2	6.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Will	51%	45%	54%	52%	51%	48%	52%
Will not	40%	45%	35%	40%	36%	41%	39%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	10%	9%	11%	7%	12%	10%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.4	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non- coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non- coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Will	51%	45%	55%	46%	61%	49%	62%
Will not	40%	44%	37%	44%	31%	40%	31%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	10%	11%	8%	10%	7%	11%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.0

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib- eral	Mode- rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Will	51%	62%	48%	43%	66%	54%	37%
Will not	40%	32%	41%	49%	26%	37%	53%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	10%	7%	11%	9%	7%	9%	10%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.7	7.3	5.6	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo- crat	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap- prove	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Will	51%	62%	40%	36%	61%	52%
Will not	40%	31%	49%	52%	32%	38%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	10%	7%	11%	13%	7%	9%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.8	3.7

TABLE 066

38. As part of the investigation into Russian efforts to influence the election, do you think Mueller should be able to investigate whether Donald Trump had any financial dealings with Russia, or should Trump's finances be off-limits to investigators?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-white		
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====		
Should be able to investigate Trump's finances	70%	66%	74%	66%	80%		
Trump's finances should be off limits	25%	30%	21%	29%	18%		
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	4%	4%	6%	2%		
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	4.9	5.2	4.2	6.5		

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should be able to investigate Trump's finances	70%	77%	75%	67%	58%	78%	64%
Trump's finances should be off limits	25%	20%	21%	27%	36%	20%	30%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	3%	3%	6%	6%	3%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	7.4	8.0	6.2	6.2	5.9	4.3

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non-coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should be able to investigate Trump's finances	70%	72%	69%	68%	76%	61%	75%
Trump's finances should be off limits	25%	23%	27%	28%	21%	32%	22%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	7%	3%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.9	4.7	4.6	5.1	5.7	6.0

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should be able to investigate Trump's finances	70%	91%	72%	41%	89%	77%	48%
Trump's finances should be off limits	25%	6%	25%	52%	9%	20%	44%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	3%	4%	7%	2%	3%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	6.4	5.6	6.7	7.3	5.6	6.2

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Trump ap-prove	Trump disap prove	Reg. voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Should be able to investigate Trump's finances	70%	91%	47%	39%	92%	68%
Trump's finances should be off limits	25%	7%	47%	53%	6%	27%
Don't know/Undecided/Refused	4%	2%	6%	8%	1%	5%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.6	5.1	5.3	5.6	4.8	3.7