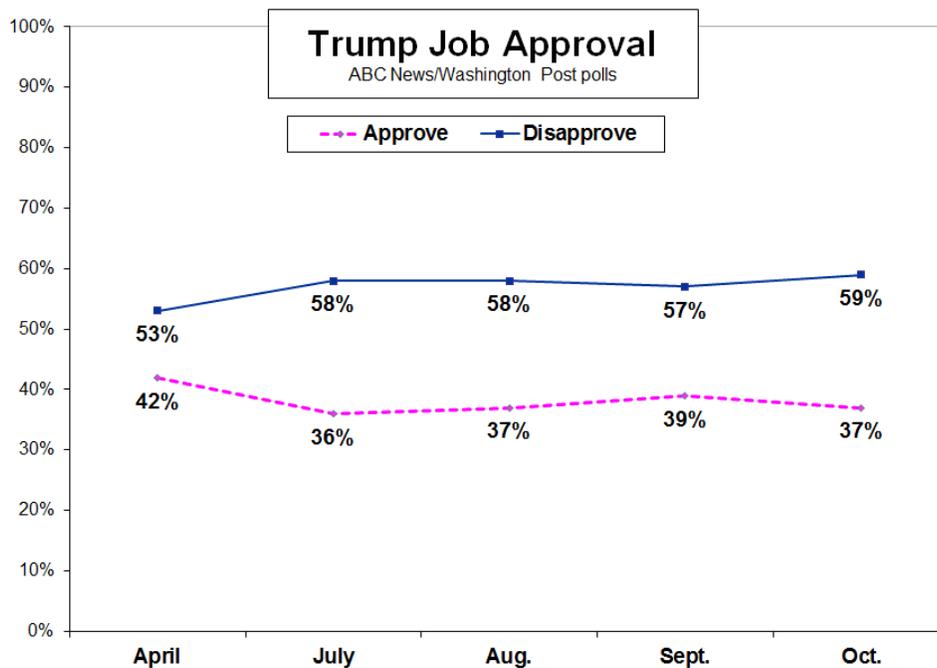


## **A Year after his Surprise Election, 65% Say Trump's Achieved Little**

A year after his surprise election victory, Donald Trump is underperforming expectations and lagging his predecessors, with the lowest job approval of any postwar president at this point in office, broad distrust across a range of issues and majority belief that he's not delivering on his campaign promises.

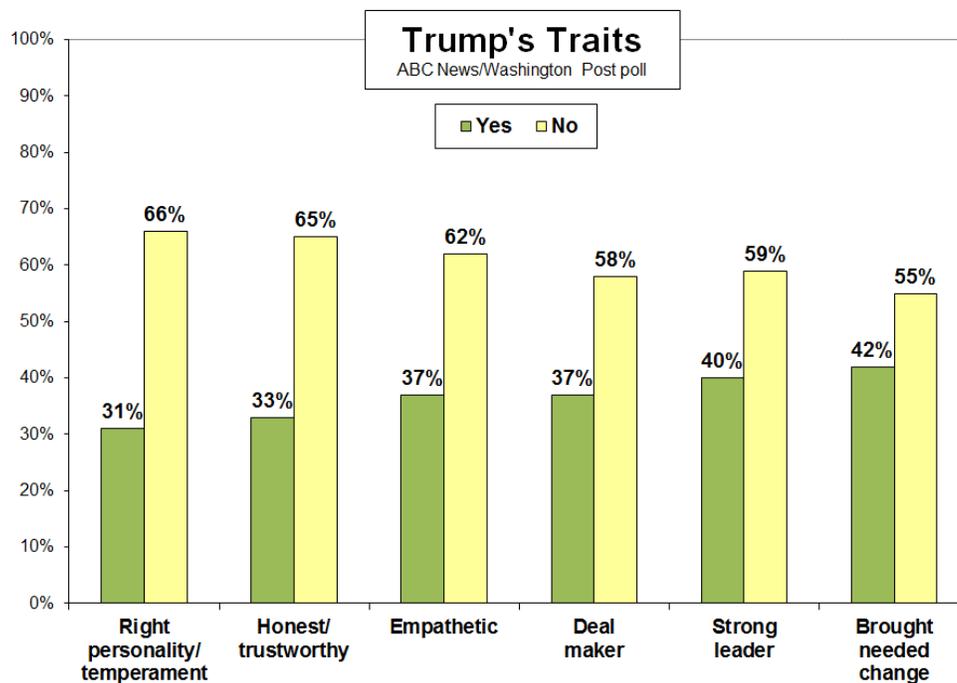
Yet for all his shortcomings, Trump runs a dead heat with Hillary Clinton among 2016 voters in a hypothetical rematch in this ABC News/Washington Post poll, underscoring Clinton's own enduring unpopularity. Ninety-one percent of Trump voters say they'd support him again (albeit down from 96 percent in April). And marking a still-struggling opposition, 61 percent of Americans say Democratic leaders are mainly criticizing Trump, not presenting alternatives.

Democratic disarray, though, doesn't negate Trump's own challenges. Just 37 percent of Americans approve of his job performance, lowest for any president at nine months in office in polling dating to 1946. Fifty-nine percent disapprove, numerically a new high for this president, but essentially unchanged since summer. Half disapprove "strongly," another high – twice as many as strongly approve.



And Trump has big deficits on key issues and personal attributes alike. Consider these results from this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#):

- Fifty-five percent say he’s not delivering on his major campaign promises, up sharply from 41 percent in April, at his 100-day mark.
- Views of Trump as a “strong leader” have plummeted by 13 percentage points, from 53 percent at 100 days to 40 percent today – lower than the worst rating on this question for either of his two predecessors throughout their two terms in office.
- As the president travels in Asia, a remarkable 67 percent of Americans don’t trust him to act responsibly in handling the situation involving North Korea – up 5 points from September. Also relevant to his travels, a majority, 53 percent, now says America’s leadership in the world has gotten weaker under Trump.
- Two-thirds (65 percent) also now say he’s accomplished anywhere from “not much” to “little or nothing” as president – up from 56 percent who said so after his first 100 days, and sharply contradicting the president’s own claims to be highly productive.
- Again two-thirds (66 percent) say Trump lacks the personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president, and essentially as many (65 percent) say he’s not honest and trustworthy.
- Scores also are negative (if somewhat less broadly so) on some of his campaign hallmarks: Sixty-two percent of Americans say he doesn’t understand their problems, 58 percent reject the idea that he’s “good at making political deals” and 55 percent say he has not brought needed change to Washington. (The latter includes his best positive score in this series; 42 percent say he has brought needed change.)

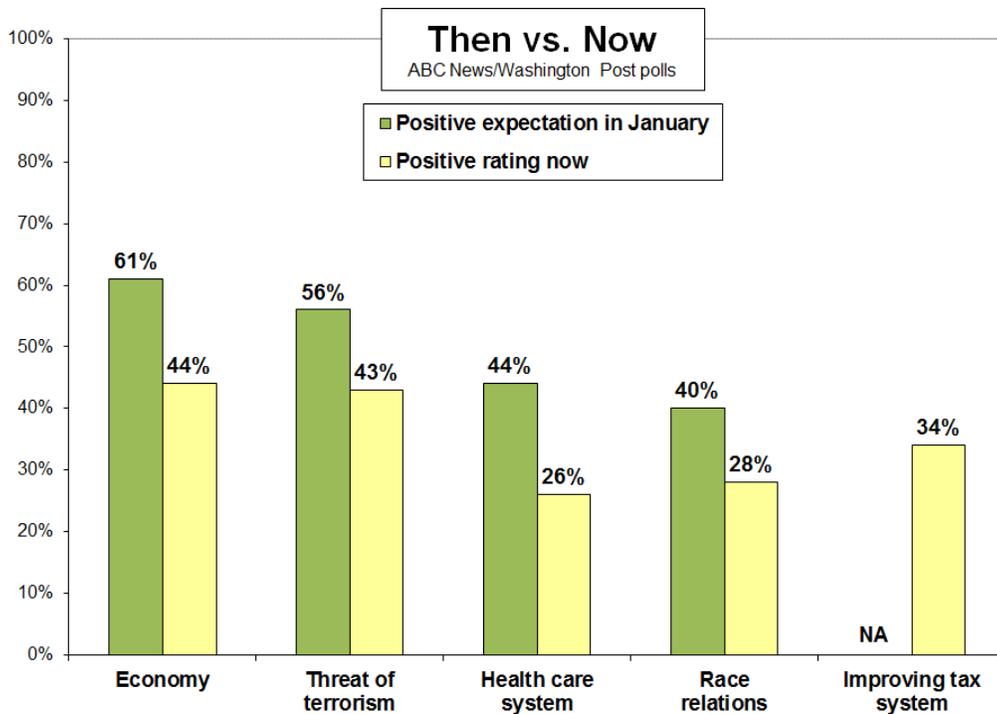


**SHORTFALL** – Even with muted expectations when he took office, moreover, Trump’s falling short. At the time of his inauguration, for example, 61 percent expected him to do an excellent or good job handling the economy. Today just 44 percent say he’s doing so, a 17-point dropoff.

Similarly, 44 percent expected Trump to do well improving the health care system, while now just 26 percent say he’s delivering on this issue. He’s 13 points below expectations on dealing with terrorism – 56 percent expected good work, 43 percent say he’s delivering it. And while just 40 percent expected Trump to do a good job handling race relations, again many fewer, 28 percent, say he’s actually doing so.

As noted in previous analyses from this survey in the last few days, Americans by 56-34 percent give a negative rating to Trump’s efforts to improve the federal tax system. Further, only three in 10 think the full extent of wrongdoing in Trump’s presidential campaign has been disclosed, just 37 percent think he’s cooperating with investigators – and, in a sharply partisan result, 49 percent think it’s likely that the president himself committed a crime in connection with possible Russian attempts to influence the election.

Declines from expectations of Trump last January to his performance ratings now are broadly based, but steepest in a few groups. In the biggest shortfall, 66 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds expected him to do an excellent or good job handling the economy; just 34 percent say that’s now occurring. He’s also underperforming economic expectations by 25 points among independents, 23 points among suburbanites and 16 points among college-educated white women.



Trump’s troubles extend further. Fifty-five percent of Americans think he’s biased against women, including 59 percent of women; and 50 percent think he’s biased against blacks – including an overwhelming 73 percent of blacks themselves. His approval rating among blacks is just 11 percent; among women, 34 percent. But he’s underwater among whites (46 percent approval) and men (40 percent) as well. The gender gap indeed is its smallest of his presidency.

On another policy matter, moreover, 59 percent think he’s trying to make the current federal health care law fail – and 85 percent of them oppose his doing that.

Within his party, Trump has company from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has a mere 25 percent approval rating, with 51 percent disapproval (another quarter have no opinion). Regardless, Republicans and GOP-leaning independents don’t see it as a time to band together; 71 percent of them say Republican leaders should speak out when they disagree with Trump, up from 62 percent during the primary campaign.

**GROUPS/CHANGE** – The president’s difficulties also are reflected in comparison with the election. Most strikingly, he won 81 percent of conservative voters a year ago – but has just 63 percent approval from conservatives now, a career low. Trump won 61 percent support from working-class white women, vs. approval from just 46 percent in this group now. His approval rating lags his 2016 vote share among political independents by 13 points, among men by 12 points and among whites by 11 points.

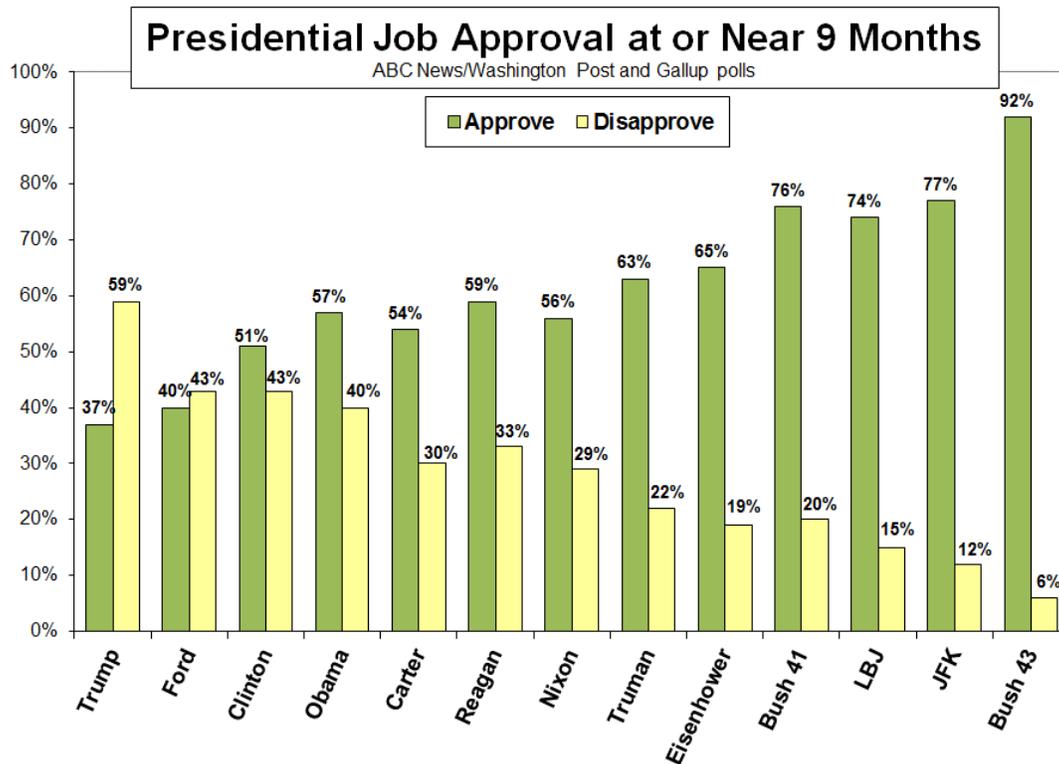
	% Support (exit poll)	% Approve (now)	Diff.
Conservatives	81%	63%	-18 pts.
White women, no degree	61	46	-15
Independents	46	33	-13
Men	52	40	-12
White men, no degree	71	60	-11
Whites	57	46	-11
Moderates	40	29	-11
Republicans	88	79	-9

Trump’s 13-point decline on strong leadership since April also is particularly noticeable among a few groups: college graduates, down 20 points to 31 percent; moderates, down 18 points to 33 percent; and those with \$100,000-plus incomes, down 17 points to 37 percent.

Those groups, among others, also have soured on Trump’s temperament. Among all adults, 31 percent see him as having the personality and temperament needed to be an effective president, down 7 points in the last six months. Again that’s fallen most steeply among college graduates and \$100,000-plus earners.

**HISTORY** – By historical standards, Trump’s approval rating at nine months isn’t just weak, but glaringly so. He’s seen more negatively than positively by a 22-point margin, 59 vs. 37 percent. Next closest at about this point was Gerald Ford, -3 points. All others in polls dating to Harry Truman were in positive territory; Trump’s predecessor, Barack Obama, for example, had a 17-point net positive rating a year after he first was elected, with 57 percent approving.

Approval ratings can be situational; George W. Bush stood at a lofty 92 percent approval at this point in 2001, as the nation rallied behind him after the 9/11 attacks. That said, the average job approval rating for the previous 12 presidents at about nine months is 64 percent, and the median is 61 percent. Trump lags those benchmarks by 27 and 24 points, respectively.



**METHODOLOGY** – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2017, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,005 adults. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 3.5 points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 31-23-38 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#) of New York, N.Y., with sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt Associates of Cambridge, Massachusetts. See details on the survey’s methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

5e, 22, 24, 28-32 previously released; 2, 14, 16-21, 23 held for release.

\*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Senate Majority Leader? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/1/17	25	6	20	51	22	28	24

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3/9/97	44	NA	NA	24	NA	NA	31
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4. Trump has been president for about nine months. Would you say he has accomplished a great deal during that time, a good amount, not very much or little or nothing?

	Grt deal/Good amount			-- Not much/nothing --			
	NET	Great	Good	NET	Not	Little or	No opinion
		deal	amount		much	nothing	
11/1/17	35	12	23	65	22	43	1
4/20/17	42	16	27	56	21	35	2

Obama:

1/15/12	47	12	35	52	25	27	1
1/15/10	47	12	35	52	30	22	1
10/18/09	49	14	35	50	27	23	1
4/24/09	63	24	39	36	21	15	1

Clinton:

8/16/94	36	6	30	64	39	25	*
1/23/94	47	11	36	53	33	19	1
4/26/93	37	5	32	63	38	25	*

\*Question updated for passage of time.

5. What kind of job do think Trump is doing on [ITEM] - excellent, good, not so good or poor?

11/1/17 - Summary Table

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
a. handling the economy	44	20	24	53	23	30	3
b. dealing with race relations	28	7	21	70	19	51	1
c. improving the health care system	26	6	20	70	23	47	4
d. dealing with the threat of terrorism	43	18	25	55	21	33	2
e. improving the							

federal tax system 34 10 24 56 22 34 10  
 \*Full sample asked item a; half sample asked items b-c; other half asked items d-e.

Trend:

a. handling the economy

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
11/1/17	44	20	24	53	23	30	3
1/15/17*	61	25	36	37	17	21	2

\*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

b. dealing with race relations

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
11/1/17	28	7	21	70	19	51	1
1/15/17*	40	12	28	57	23	35	2

\*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

c. improving the health care system

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
11/1/17	26	6	20	70	23	47	4
1/15/17*	44	14	30	51	24	27	5

\*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

d. dealing with the threat of terrorism

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
11/1/17	43	18	25	55	21	33	2
1/15/17*	56	23	33	42	19	23	2

\*"What kind of job do you expect Trump to do on..."

e. No trend.

6. Under Trump, do you think America's leadership in the world has gotten (stronger), gotten (weaker), or remained about the same?

	Stronger	Weaker	Same	No opinion
11/1/17	26	53	20	1
7/13/17	27	48	23	3

7. Is Trump keeping most of his major campaign promises, or not?

	Yes	No	Some (vol.)	No opinion
11/1/17	35	55	4	5
4/20/17	44	41	8	7

Obama:

1/15/10	41	46	8	4
4/24/09	60	26	8	6

Clinton:

5/15/94	37	48	11	5
1/23/94	37	46	7	10
4/26/93	42	50	6	2

8. Do you think Trump [ITEM], or not?

11/1/17 - Summary Table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is a strong leader	40	59	1
b. is honest and trustworthy	33	65	2
c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president	31	66	3
d. has brought needed change to Washington	42	55	3
e. understands the problems of people like you	37	62	1
f. is good at making political deals	37	58	4

\*Half sample asked items a-c; other half asked d-f

Trend:

a. is a strong leader

	Yes	No	No opinion
11/1/17	40	59	1
4/20/17	53	45	2

b. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
11/1/17	33	65	2
4/20/17	38	58	4
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15*	35	59	6

c. has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
11/1/17	31	66	3
4/20/17	38	59	3
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	35	61	4
8/4/16	31	67	2
3/6/16	25	72	3
9/10/15*	33	63	4

\*\*Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He has the kind of personality and temperament it takes to serve effectively as president"

d. has brought needed change to Washington

	Yes	No	No opinion
11/1/17	42	55	3
9/21/17	39	59	2

e. understands the problems of people like you

	Yes	No	No opinion
11/1/17	37	62	1
4/20/17	37	61	2
3/6/16	26	72	2
9/10/15*	29	67	4

\*Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not. He understands the problems of people like you.

f. No trend.

9. Do you think Trump is or is not biased against [ITEM]? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

11/1/17 - Summary table

	----- Is biased -----			----- Is not biased ----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. women	55	42	13	40	10	30	5
b. black people	50	36	14	42	10	33	7

Compare to:

Do you think Trump is or is not biased against women and minorities? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Is biased -----			----- Is not biased ----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/8/16	60	48	12	36	10	26	4
8/4/16	60	46	14	36	11	25	4
7/14/16	56	44	13	39	12	27	5

10. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Do you think Republican leaders should speak out against Trump when they disagree with his views, or should they avoid criticizing Trump even when they disagree with him?

	Should speak out	Should avoid criticizing	No opinion
11/1/17	71	27	2

Compare to:

(ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Do you think Republican leaders should speak out against Trump when they disagree with his views, or should they avoid criticizing the party's likely nominee even when they disagree with him?

	Should speak out	Should avoid criticizing	No opinion
6/23/16	62	35	3

11. Did you happen to vote in the last presidential election, when Donald Trump ran against Hillary Clinton, Gary Johnson and Jill Stein, or did you skip that one?

	Did vote	Did not vote	No opinion
11/1/17	73	27	0
4/20/17	74	26	*

12. (ASK IF VOTED IN LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION) Which candidate did you vote for?

	Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton	Gary Johnson	Jill Stein	Someone else (vol.)	No opinion
11/1/17	43	46	3	1	4	2
4/20/17	43	46	4	2	3	2

13. Who would you vote for if the election was held again today - [(Trump), (Clinton),] [(Johnson) or (Stein)]?

	Other	None of these	Would not vote	No
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	Trump	Clinton	Johnson	Stein	(vol.)	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
11/1/17	34	41	8	3	4	6	1	4
2016 voters	40	40	6	2	5	4	*	3
4/20/17	37	41	5	3	4	5	2	3
2016 voters	43	40	5	3	3	4	1	2

15. Do you think leaders of the Democratic Party are mainly (presenting alternatives to Trump's proposals), or mainly (criticizing Trump's proposals without presenting alternatives)?

	Presenting alternatives	Mainly criticizing	No opinion
11/1/17	28	61	11

Compare to:

Do you think leaders of the Republican Party are mainly (presenting alternatives to Obama's proposals), or mainly (criticizing Obama's proposals without presenting alternatives)?

	Presenting alternatives	Mainly criticizing	No opinion
11/15/09	31	61	8

25. How much do you trust Trump to act responsibly in handling the situation involving North Korea - a great deal, a good amount, just some or not at all?

	---- Trust more ----			---- Trust less ---			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Just some	Not at all	No opinion
11/1/17	32	21	12	67	16	51	1
9/21/17	37	23	14	62	20	42	1
7/13/17*	36	22	14	63	22	40	1

\*"handle the situation"

26. Do you think that Trump is trying to make the current federal health care law work as well as it can, or trying to make it fail?

	Make the law work	Make it fail	No opinion
11/1/17	33	59	8

27. (IF MAKE THE LAW WORK OR MAKE IT FAIL) Do you support or oppose his doing that?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
11/1/17	38	60	2

26/27 NET:

	----- Make the law work -----				----- Make it fail -----				
	NET	Support	Oppose	No op.	NET	Support	Oppose	No op.	No op.
11/1/17	33	27	4	1	59	8	50	1	8

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