

S2. Are you currently registered to vote in [STATE]?

	Nationwide	Battleground
Yes.....	100%	100%
No.....	-	-
Not sure.....	-	-

S3. As you may know, there will be an election for President, Congress, and other offices in 2020. It is a long time from now, but how likely are you to vote in the election in 2020?

	Nationwide	Battleground
Definitely.....	85%	88%
Probably.....	10	9
Chance 50-50.....	5	3
Probably not.....	-	-
Definitely not.....	-	-

P1. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, an independent, or some other political party? [IF INDEPENDENT/OTHER] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

	Nationwide	Battleground
Strong Democrat.....	26%	26%
Weak Democrat.....	14	15
Independent / Closer to the Democrats.....	7	6
Independent.....	12	10
Independent / Closer to the Republicans.....	6	7
Weak Republican.....	13	14
Strong Republican.....	23	21
DEMOCRAT (NET).....	40%	41
INDEPENDENT (NET).....	25	24
REPUBLICAN (NET).....	36	35
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET).....	47%	47
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET).....	42	42

FT1. Since Donald Trump has become President, would you say that you are financially...

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Much better off.....	18%	12%	15%	13%	15%	12%
Somewhat better off.....	19	20	20	23	22	26
No change.....	35	37	33	33	31	32
Somewhat worse off.....	15	18	17	18	18	17
Much worse off.....	13	14	14	13	14	13
BETTER (NET).....	37%	32	35	36	37	38
WORSE (NET).....	28	31	31	31	32	30

FT2. Which of the following is the most important reason for the change in how you are doing financially?

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Wages or income level.....	20%	19%	25%	23%	20%	25%
Amount of personal savings and investments.....	15	13	13	16	14	15
Employment status.....	12	12	10	11	11	10
Size of personal or family debts.....	11	10	9	11	12	9
Something else.....	4	6	7	4	7	6
Value of primary residence.....	3	4	3	2	5	4
VOL: (No change in financial situation).....	35%	37	33	33	31	32

FT3. Which of the following do you believe is the biggest threat to the United States economy?

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Rising health care costs	29%	28%	26%	33%	30%	31%
Disputes with major trading partners like China and Mexico	22	21	27	21	23	25
A potential slowdown in the global economy	14	15	13	15	13	12
Loss of high-paying jobs due to automation.....	11	12	10	8	10	6
A potential stock market downturn	9	7	8	8	10	9
Federal Reserve policy, including interest rate levels	6	8	7	6	6	7
Something else.....	9	9	10	10	10	9

FT4. Have President Trump's economic policies...

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Helped the economy - strongly.....	27%	22%	24%	25%	27%	23%
Helped the economy - somewhat.....	23	21	21	23	20	26
No impact	10	9	10	10	9	8
Hurt the economy - somewhat	19	23	20	22	22	20
Hurt the economy - strongly	20	24	25	20	22	23
HELPED (NET).....	51%	44	45	48	48	49
HURT (NET).....	39	47	45	42	44	44

FT5. When it comes to managing the national debt, would you say things in the United States are heading in the right direction, or do you think things are off on the wrong track?

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Right direction - Strongly	17%	12%	13%	13%	12%	15%
Right direction - Somewhat	23	24	24	24	22	25
Wrong track - Somewhat.....	25	30	27	28	33	25
Wrong track - Strongly.....	35	35	35	35	33	35
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET).....	40%	36	37	37	34	40
WRONG TRACK (NET)	60	64	63	63	66	60

FT6. Which of the following is the most significant effect of the national debt on the United States economy?

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Could threaten programs like Social Security and Medicare	30%	31%	32%	32%	33%	34%
Interest on the debt limits resources available for other priorities (such as infrastructure, climate change, education, defense).....	20	15	16	19	16	19
Harms economic growth and the future incomes of U.S. households	16	21	20	17	17	18
Reliance on foreign lenders reduces our global power and influence	11	10	8	10	11	10
Leaves government with less flexibility to respond to economic and other crises.....	9	8	9	7	8	6
Increases the risk of higher interest rates	6	6	6	7	5	5
Undermines U.S. economic leadership role.....	5	5	6	5	6	6
Something else.....	3	3	2	3	5	2

FT7. Which of the following do you believe is the biggest obstacle to managing the national debt?

	Nationwide			Battleground		
	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19	Dec 19	Nov 19	Oct 19
Lack of leadership and political courage by elected officials.....	31%	32%	28%	31%	27%	29%
Politicians refusing to consider spending cuts	26	23	27	25	26	29
Partisanship in Washington.....	18	19	20	19	18	18
Lack of long-term planning	11	15	14	10	15	12
Politicians refusing to consider tax increases	9	7	7	11	9	7
Something else.....	5	4	4	4	5	5

Q1. As you may know, this month there is the possibility of a federal government shutdown or a short-term continuing resolution that funds government operations at the current level but does not pass a new budget. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Uncertainty about a government shutdown and the budget could have negative fiscal and economic effects.

	Nationwide	Battleground
Strongly agree	42%	38%
Somewhat agree.....	42	46
Somewhat disagree.....	13	12
Strongly disagree.....	4	4
AGREE (NET).....	84%	84
DISAGREE (NET).....	16	16

B1. And as you may know, the United States has been engaged in a trade war with some of its largest trading partners, resulting in rising prices and restrictions on imports and exports. Please indicate how much of an impact the trade war has had on each of the following.

	STRONG		NOT		NET	
	Very	Some	Not that	Not at all	STRONG	NOT
• The U.S. economy.....	34%	42	21	3	76	24
Battleground	28%	46	21	4	75	25
• Your community's economy	18%	35	38	9	52	48
Battleground	14%	39	37	10	53	47
• You and your family's finances	16%	27	40	17	43	57
Battleground	13%	28	42	17	40	60

Q5. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on trade issues, even if none are exactly right?

	Nationwide	Battleground
Fighting with our largest trading partners is counterproductive and disputes should be resolved through negotiations rather than tariffs.....	46%	46%
The United States should be tough with China, but the trade war has gone on long enough and we need to strike a deal soon.....	31	31
The United States should take a hard line with China regardless of the economic consequences.	23	23

Q6. The United States has imposed tariffs on countries like China that are not considered allies, but has also threatened or imposed tariffs on close allies including France, Germany, Canada, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right?

	Nationwide	Battleground
We should treat allies differently; trade and economic disputes between close allies should be dealt with through negotiations, not tariffs.	39%	41%
We should treat allies differently, but they still need to trade fairly and tariffs can be an effective tool to maintain an equal playing field.	35	34
We should treat all foreign economies equally when it comes to trade, not give our allies special treatment.	26	25

For statistical purposes only, please answer the following questions.

DAGE. What is your age?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
18-29.....	15%	15%
30-44.....	23	22
45-54.....	19	17
55-64.....	20	19
65+.....	23	26

D100. What is your gender?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Male.....	46%	46%
Female.....	54	54

D102. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Did not complete high school.....	1%	3%
Graduated high school.....	20	18
Attended technical/vocational school.....	4	6
Attended some college but no degree.....	25	27
Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree.....	12	11
Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree.....	25	24
Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	12	11

D105. When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Very liberal.....	12%	11%
Somewhat liberal.....	21	19
Moderate.....	31	33
Somewhat conservative.....	20	20
Very conservative.....	17	16
LIBERAL (NET).....	32%	31
CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	37	36

D108. Which of the following best describes your employment status?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Employed Full-Time.....	34%	38%
Employed Part-Time.....	11	9
Self-employed/Own a company.....	8	5
Homemaker.....	7	7
A student.....	4	3
Unemployed.....	9	8
Retired.....	27	30

DRACE. To ensure we have a representative sample, please indicate your race. [IF BLACK/WHITE/OTHER] Do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Black/African-American.....	12%	10%
White/Caucasian.....	77	80
Hispanic/Latino.....	8	8
Asian-American.....	2	1
Native American.....	1	*
Other.....	1	1

D310. And, for statistical purposes only, what would you say is your total annual family income before taxes?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Less than \$25,000	21%	20%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	29	30
\$50,000 - \$74,999	22	24
\$75,000 - \$99,999	11	13
\$100,000 - \$149,999	11	9
\$150,000 - \$199,999	3	4
\$200,000 or more	1	1

STATEBG. [IF BATTLEGROUND STATE] What state do you live in?

Arizona	7%
Colorado	7
Florida	24
Iowa	4
Michigan	12
Minnesota	7
North Carolina	12
New Hampshire	2
Nevada	3
Pennsylvania	16
Wisconsin	6

REGION. What state do you live in?

	<u>Nationwide</u>	<u>Battleground</u>
Northeast	18%	18%
Midwest	24	29
South	37	36
West	22	17