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1. While in prison

Thinking about individuals who have committed a felony, do you support or oppose restoring their voting rights while they are in prison?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	10%	13%	8%	17%	14%	7%	6%	9%	18%	10%	4%
Somewhat support	14%	13%	15%	23%	15%	12%	8%	13%	18%	10%	15%
Somewhat oppose	17%	14%	19%	21%	20%	14%	14%	18%	7%	18%	26%
Strongly oppose	41%	45%	37%	16%	27%	51%	61%	47%	28%	18%	34%
Not sure	18%	15%	21%	24%	25%	16%	11%	12%	29%	43%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	989	422	567	156	307	325	201	707	117	92	73

	Party ID				2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	10%	17%	8%	5%	21%	4%	12%	9%	11%	8%	14%	10%	9%
Somewhat support	14%	21%	11%	9%	22%	5%	18%	11%	11%	16%	11%	16%	9%
Somewhat oppose	17%	19%	17%	13%	18%	15%	16%	24%	15%	17%	16%	16%	21%
Strongly oppose	41%	27%	37%	65%	23%	74%	37%	41%	59%	40%	43%	40%	39%
Not sure	18%	16%	26%	7%	16%	3%	18%	15%	4%	19%	16%	18%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	989	353	411	225	359	323	467	265	114	223	220	357	189

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2. While on probation or parole

Thinking about individuals who have committed a felony, do you support or oppose restoring their voting rights while they are on probation or parole?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	16%	18%	14%	25%	21%	11%	10%	15%	25%	12%	17%
Somewhat support	22%	20%	25%	26%	24%	22%	18%	23%	25%	11%	32%
Somewhat oppose	16%	15%	17%	17%	15%	16%	16%	17%	9%	21%	13%
Strongly oppose	28%	32%	25%	8%	17%	37%	46%	33%	13%	14%	26%
Not sure	18%	16%	19%	25%	24%	14%	10%	13%	28%	42%	12%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	984	423	561	158	305	321	200	707	116	88	73

	Party ID				2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	16%	30%	11%	6%	34%	7%	17%	18%	15%	18%	18%	15%	13%
Somewhat support	22%	28%	21%	19%	29%	14%	25%	23%	22%	20%	26%	21%	25%
Somewhat oppose	16%	16%	13%	21%	14%	17%	15%	20%	19%	21%	12%	15%	17%
Strongly oppose	28%	14%	28%	48%	11%	59%	26%	31%	42%	21%	30%	32%	27%
Not sure	18%	12%	27%	6%	11%	3%	18%	9%	3%	20%	14%	18%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	984	349	411	224	358	322	467	264	112	222	221	356	185

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3. After completing their sentences

Thinking about individuals who have committed a felony, do you support or oppose restoring their voting rights after they have completed their entire sentences?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	34%	34%	35%	35%	38%	34%	31%	36%	40%	19%	31%
Somewhat support	29%	31%	27%	29%	25%	31%	30%	30%	25%	21%	34%
Somewhat oppose	9%	8%	11%	9%	7%	9%	14%	11%	3%	7%	13%
Strongly oppose	11%	12%	11%	5%	8%	13%	16%	12%	8%	11%	7%
Not sure	16%	16%	17%	22%	22%	14%	9%	11%	24%	41%	15%
Totals	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	988	424	564	158	305	325	200	707	119	89	73

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	34%	53%	28%	23%	59%	27%	37%	35%	31%	35%	40%	32%	32%
Somewhat support	29%	25%	26%	39%	21%	31%	30%	32%	32%	30%	29%	27%	31%
Somewhat oppose	9%	6%	9%	14%	6%	16%	8%	11%	15%	7%	9%	11%	11%
Strongly oppose	11%	6%	11%	18%	6%	20%	10%	12%	15%	12%	11%	12%	9%
Not sure	16%	9%	26%	6%	7%	7%	14%	10%	7%	17%	12%	18%	18%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	988	352	412	224	361	322	468	265	114	223	222	355	188

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4. Restored automatically

Thinking about individuals who have committed a felony, which comes closer to your view about what should happen after they have completed their entire sentences?

Asked of those who support restoration of voting rights

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
They should have their voting rights restored automatically	53%	59%	47%	57%	52%	55%	45%	51%	67%	45%	49%
They should have to go through a process to restore their voting rights	40%	36%	44%	32%	42%	39%	48%	40%	33%	45%	45%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	11%	6%	6%	7%	8%	0%	9%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	678	302	376	107	215	224	132	498	86	49	45

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
They should have their voting rights restored automatically	53%	59%	53%	43%	67%	40%	55%	44%	56%	51%	53%	58%	46%
They should have to go through a process to restore their voting rights	40%	36%	41%	47%	29%	52%	38%	48%	41%	40%	37%	37%	49%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	11%	5%	8%	7%	8%	3%	9%	10%	5%	5%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	678	284	250	144	289	198	331	193	80	160	159	223	136

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5. Some crimes ineligible for restoration

Which comes closer to your view?

Asked of those who support restoration of voting rights

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
All individuals who've committed a felony should be eligible to have their voting rights restored	41%	43%	39%	47%	48%	38%	31%	40%	46%	32%	47%
Individuals who've committed some crimes, such as murder or sexual offenses, should not be eligible to have their voting rights restored	43%	43%	43%	41%	39%	43%	51%	44%	36%	61%	32%
Not sure	16%	14%	18%	12%	13%	19%	18%	16%	18%	8%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	676	300	376	106	216	222	132	498	84	49	45

	Total	Party ID			2016 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
All individuals who've committed a felony should be eligible to have their voting rights restored	41%	48%	41%	27%	54%	31%	40%	38%	45%	44%	33%	45%	38%
Individuals who've committed some crimes, such as murder or sexual offenses, should not be eligible to have their voting rights restored	43%	40%	40%	55%	34%	55%	45%	43%	43%	42%	44%	42%	48%
Not sure	16%	12%	19%	19%	12%	14%	15%	19%	12%	14%	23%	13%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	676	282	251	143	287	197	330	192	80	160	159	223	134

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Interviewing Dates	March 16 - 18, 2018
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2014 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2014 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, 2012 and 2016 Presidential votes. The weights range from 0.185 to 6.606, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.837.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.