## National Tracking Poll

| Topline Report |  | Margin of Error: $\pm$ 2\% <br> December 01-02, 2016 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Question | Response | Frequency | Percentage |
| BRD1_1 | How credible are each of the following? CNN |  |  |
|  | Very credible <br> Somewhat credible <br> Not too credible <br> Not at all credible <br> Heard Of, No Opinion <br> Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 424 \\ 553 \\ 243 \\ 224 \\ 129 \\ 33 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 26 \% \\ 34 \% \\ 15 \% \\ 14 \% \\ 8 \% \\ 2 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_2 | How credible are each of the following? Fox News |  |  |
|  | Very credible <br> Somewhat credible <br> Not too credible <br> Not at all credible <br> Heard Of, No Opinion <br> Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 402 \\ 478 \\ 267 \\ 298 \\ 117 \\ 43 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25 \% \\ 30 \% \\ 17 \% \\ 19 \% \\ 7 \% \\ 3 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_3 | How credible are each of the following? MSNBC |  |  |
|  | Very credible <br> Somewhat credible <br> Not too credible <br> Not at all credible <br> Heard Of, No Opinion <br> Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 317 \\ 567 \\ 248 \\ 231 \\ 168 \\ 74 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20 \% \\ 35 \% \\ 15 \% \\ 14 \% \\ 10 \% \\ 5 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_4 | How credible are each of the following? ABC |  |  |
|  | Very credible <br> Somewhat credible <br> Not too credible <br> Not at all credible <br> Heard Of, No Opinion <br> Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 378 \\ 690 \\ 223 \\ 151 \\ 123 \\ 39 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \% \\ 43 \% \\ 14 \% \\ 9 \% \\ 8 \% \\ 2 \% \end{array}$ |


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| BRD1_5 | How credible are each of the following? CBS |  |  |
|  | Very credible <br> Somewhat credible <br> Not too credible <br> Not at all credible <br> Heard Of, No Opinion <br> Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 389 \\ 659 \\ 220 \\ 159 \\ 134 \\ 44 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \% \\ 41 \% \\ 14 \% \\ 10 \% \\ 8 \% \\ 3 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_6 | How credible are each of the following? NBC |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 384 \\ 661 \\ 213 \\ 177 \\ 128 \\ 42 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \% \\ 41 \% \\ 13 \% \\ 11 \% \\ 8 \% \\ 3 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_7 | How credible are each of the following? The New York Tim |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 435 \\ 574 \\ 194 \\ 183 \\ 180 \\ 39 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27 \% \\ 36 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 11 \% \\ 11 \% \\ 2 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_8 | How credible are each of the following? The Wall Street Journ |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 415 \\ 611 \\ 196 \\ 109 \\ 216 \\ 58 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 26 \% \\ 38 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 7 \% \\ 13 \% \\ 4 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_9 | How credible are each of the following? National Public R | adio (NPR) |  |
|  | Very credible <br> Somewhat credible <br> Not too credible <br> Not at all credible <br> Heard Of, No Opinion <br> Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 335 \\ 475 \\ 192 \\ 121 \\ 212 \\ 270 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21 \% \\ 30 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 8 \% \\ 13 \% \\ 17 \% \end{array}$ |


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| BRD1_10 | How credible are each of the following? Huffington Post |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 217 \\ 509 \\ 258 \\ 203 \\ 254 \\ 164 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \% \\ & 32 \% \\ & 16 \% \\ & 13 \% \\ & 16 \% \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| BRD1 | each of the following? Breitbart |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 112 \\ 195 \\ 187 \\ 221 \\ 221 \\ 669 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 14 \% \\ 14 \% \\ 42 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1 | fo Wars |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{array}{r} 95 \\ 182 \\ 178 \\ 157 \\ 213 \\ 781 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \% \\ 11 \% \\ 11 \% \\ 10 \% \\ 13 \% \\ 49 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD1_13 | $w$ credible are each of the following? The Onion |  |  |
|  | Very credible Somewhat credible Not too credible Not at all credible Heard Of, No Opinion Never Heard Of | $\begin{gathered} 101 \\ 187 \\ 200 \\ 364 \\ 247 \\ 506 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 12 \% \\ 23 \% \\ 15 \% \\ 32 \% \end{array}$ |
| BRD2_1 | How much do you trust each of the following? CNN |  |  |
|  | A lot Some Not much Not at all Don't Know / No Opinion | $\begin{aligned} & 381 \\ & 581 \\ & 253 \\ & 236 \\ & 154 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 24 \% \\ & 36 \% \\ & 16 \% \\ & 15 \% \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| BRD2_2 | How much do you trust each of the following? Fox News |  |  |
|  | A lot Some Not much Not at all Don't Know / No Opinion | $\begin{aligned} & 385 \\ & 480 \\ & 275 \\ & 327 \\ & 138 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24 \% \\ 30 \% \\ 17 \% \\ 20 \% \\ 9 \% \end{array}$ |


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| BRD2_3 | How much do you trust each of the following? MSNBC |  |  |
|  | A lot | 292 | 18\% |
|  | Some | 581 | $36 \%$ |
|  | Not much | 288 | 18\% |
|  | Not at all | 240 | 15\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 204 | 13\% |
| BRD2_4 | How much do you trust each of the following? ABC |  |  |
|  | A lot | 347 | 22\% |
|  | Some | 681 | 42\% |
|  | Not much | 273 | 17\% |
|  | Not at all | 160 | 10\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 145 | 9\% |
| BRD2_5 | How much do you trust each of the following? CBS |  |  |
|  | A lot | 356 | 22\% |
|  | Some | 668 | 42\% |
|  | Not much | 267 | 17\% |
|  | Not at all | 158 | 10\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 155 | 10\% |
| BRD2_6 | How much do you trust each of the following? NBC |  |  |
|  | A lot | 356 | 22\% |
|  | Some | 647 | 40\% |
|  | Not much | $273$ | $17 \%$ |
|  | Not at all | $182$ | 11\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 147 | 9\% |
| BRD2_7 | How much do you trust each of the following? The New York Times |  |  |
|  | A lot | 386 | 24\% |
|  | Some | 564 | 35\% |
|  | Not much | 256 | 16\% |
|  | Not at all | 204 | 13\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 196 | 12\% |
| BRD2_8 | How much do you trust each of the following? The Wall Street Journal |  |  |
|  | A lot | 351 | 22\% |
|  | Some | 626 | 39\% |
|  | Not much | 234 | 15\% |
|  | Not at all | 148 | 9\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 246 | 15\% |


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| BRD2_9 | How much do you trust each of the following? National Public Radio (NPR) |  |  |
|  | A lot | 299 | 19\% |
|  | Some | 461 | 29\% |
|  | Not much | 230 | 14\% |
|  | Not at all | 181 | 11\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 434 | 27\% |
| BRD2_10 | How much do you trust each of the following? Huffington Post |  |  |
|  | A lot | 213 | 13\% |
|  | Some | 480 | 30\% |
|  | Not much | 302 | 19\% |
|  | Not at all | 226 | 14\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 384 | 24\% |
| BRD2_11 | How much do you trust each of the following? Breitbart |  |  |
|  | A lot | 105 | 7\% |
|  | Some | 213 | 13\% |
|  | Not much | 203 | 13\% |
|  | Not at all | 317 | 20\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 766 | 48\% |
| BRD2_12 | How much do you trust each of the following? Info Wars |  |  |
|  | A lot | 97 | 6\% |
|  | Some | 193 | 12\% |
|  | Not much | 214 | 13\% |
|  | Not at all | 228 | 14\% |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 872 | 54\% |
| BRD2_13 | How much do you trust each of the following? The Onion |  |  |
|  | A lot | 93 | 6\% |
|  | Some | 208 | 13\% |
|  | Not much | 244 | 15\% |
|  | Not at all | $363$ | $23 \%$ |
|  | Don't Know / No Opinion | 696 | 43\% |
| BRD3 | How much have you seen, read or heard recently about "fake news" in the 2016 election for president? |  |  |
|  | A lot | 507 | 32\% |
|  | Some | 606 | $38 \%$ |
|  | Not much | 224 | 14\% |
|  | Nothing at all | 268 | 17\% |

Response
Frequency Percentage
BRD4 To the best of your knowledge, how often do you see fake news while using the internet or visiting sites such as Facebook or Twitter?

| More than once a day | 495 | $31 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| About once a day | 284 | $18 \%$ |
| About once every few days | 181 | $11 \%$ |
| About once a week | 101 | $6 \%$ |
| Less often than once a week | 131 | $8 \%$ |
| Don't Know / No Opinion | 414 | $26 \%$ |

BRD5 To the best of your knowledge, have you ever started to read or read a news story and later realized it was not real?

| Yes, more than once | 882 | $55 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes, just once | 224 | $14 \%$ |
| No, never | 210 | $13 \%$ |
| Don't Know / No Opinion | 289 | $18 \%$ |

BRD6_1 Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for each of the following to remove news stories that have been determined to be fake? Search engines, such as Google

| Appropriate for them to remove the stories | 1134 | $71 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Inappropriate for them to remove the stories | 216 | $13 \%$ |
| Don't Know / No Opinion | 255 | $16 \%$ |

BRD6_2 Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for each of the following to remove news stories that have been determined to be fake? Social media sites, such as Facebook or Twitter

| Appropriate for them to remove the stories | 1133 | $71 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Inappropriate for them to remove the stories | 231 | $14 \%$ |
| Don't Know / No Opinion | 241 | $15 \%$ |

BRD6_3 Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for each of the following to remove news stories that have been determined to be fake? Web service providers

| Appropriate for them to remove the stories | 1072 | $67 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Inappropriate for them to remove the stories | 258 | $16 \%$ |
| Don't Know / No Opinion | 275 | $17 \%$ |

BRD7_1 How responsible are each of the following for ensuring people are not exposed to fake news? The person reading the news

| Very responsible | 623 | $39 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Somewhat responsible | 435 | $27 \%$ |
| Not too responsible | 216 | $13 \%$ |
| Not at all responsible | 116 | $7 \%$ |
| Don't Know / No Opinion | 215 | $13 \%$ |



Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

## Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

| Demographic | Group | Frequency | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| xdemAll | Adults | 1605 | 100\% |
| xdemGender | Gender: Male Gender: Female $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 773 \\ 832 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \% \\ & 52 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| age5 | Age: 18-29 <br> Age: 30-44 <br> Age: 45-54 <br> Age: 55-64 <br> Age: 65+ <br> $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 400 \\ 458 \\ 279 \\ 259 \\ 210 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25 \% \\ 29 \% \\ 17 \% \\ 16 \% \\ 13 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| xpid3 | PID: Dem (no lean) <br> PID: Ind (no lean) <br> PID: Rep (no lean) <br> $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 564 \\ 545 \\ 497 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35 \% \\ 34 \% \\ 31 \% \end{array}$ |
| xpidGender | PID/Gender: Dem Men PID/Gender: Dem Women PID/Gender: Ind Men PID/Gender: Ind Women PID/Gender: Rep Men PID/Gender: Rep Women | $\begin{array}{r} 271 \\ 292 \\ 254 \\ 291 \\ 247 \\ 250 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \% \\ & 18 \% \\ & 16 \% \\ & 18 \% \\ & 15 \% \\ & 16 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xdemTea | Tea Party: Supporter Tea Party: Not Supporter $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 396 \\ 1199 \\ 1596 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \% \\ & 75 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xdemIdeo3 | Ideo: Liberal (1-3) <br> Ideo: Moderate (4) <br> Ideo: Conservative (5-7) <br> $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 545 \\ 336 \\ 511 \\ 1392 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 34 \% \\ & 21 \% \\ & 32 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xeduc3 | Educ: < College <br> Educ: Bachelors degree Educ: Post-grad | $\begin{array}{r} 1142 \\ 303 \\ 159 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71 \% \\ & 19 \% \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xdemInc3 | Income: Under 50k Income: 50k-100k Income: 100k+ $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 975 \\ 475 \\ 155 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 61 \% \\ & 30 \% \\ & 10 \% \end{aligned}$ |

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

| Demographic | Group | Frequency | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| xdemWhite | Ethnicity: White | 1276 | 80\% |
| xdemHispBin | Ethnicity: Hispanic | 240 | 15\% |
| demBlackBin | Ethnicity: Afr. Am. | 196 | 12\% |
| demRaceOther | Ethnicity: Other | 133 | 8\% |
| xrelNet | Relig: Protestant Relig: Roman Catholic Relig: Ath./Agn./None Relig: Something Else $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 354 \\ 317 \\ 488 \\ 266 \\ 1425 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \% \\ 20 \% \\ 30 \% \\ 17 \% \end{gathered}$ |
| xreligion1 | Relig: Jewish | 36 | 2\% |
| xreligion2 | Relig: Evangelical Relig: Non-Evang. Catholics | $\begin{aligned} & 449 \\ & 400 \\ & 849 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28 \% \\ & 25 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xreligion3 | Relig: All Christian Relig: All Non-Christian $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 849 \\ 754 \\ 1603 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \% \\ & 47 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xdemUsr | Community: Urban Community: Suburban Community: Rural $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 454 \\ 697 \\ 453 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28 \% \\ & 43 \% \\ & 28 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xdemEmploy | Employ: Private Sector Employ: Government Employ: Self-Employed Employ: Homemaker Employ: Student Employ: Retired Employ: Unemployed Employ: Other | $\begin{array}{r} 504 \\ 117 \\ 145 \\ 141 \\ 95 \\ 281 \\ 155 \\ 166 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 31 \% \\ 7 \% \\ 9 \% \\ 9 \% \\ 6 \% \\ 18 \% \\ 10 \% \\ 10 \% \end{array}$ |
| xdemJobStatus | Job Type: White-collar Job Type: Blue-collar Job Type: Don't Know $N$ | $\begin{array}{r} 487 \\ 706 \\ 411 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \% \\ & 44 \% \\ & 26 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| xdemMilHH1 | Military HH: Yes Military HH: No N | $\begin{array}{r} 311 \\ 1294 \\ 1605 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \% \\ & 81 \% \end{aligned}$ |

## Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

| Demographic | Group | Frequency | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| xnr1 | RD/WT: Right Direction | 565 | 35\% |
|  | RD/WT: Wrong Track | 1040 | 65\% |
|  | $N$ | 1605 |  |
| xnr 2 Bin | Obama Job: Approve | 864 | 54\% |
|  | Obama Job: Disapprove | 650 | $41 \%$ |
|  | $N$ | 1514 |  |
| xnr3 | \#1 Issue: Economy | 531 | 33\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Security | 300 | 19\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Health Care | 250 | 16\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Medicare / Social Security | 175 | 11\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Women's Issues | 102 | 6\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Education | 112 | 7\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Energy | 76 | 5\% |
|  | \#1 Issue: Other | 59 | $4 \%$ |
|  | $N$ | 1605 |  |
| xsubVote12O | 2012 Vote: Barack Obama | 602 | 37\% |
|  | 2012 Vote: Mitt Romney | 369 | 23\% |
|  | 2012 Vote: Other | 68 | 4\% |
|  | 2012 Vote: Didn't Vote | 561 | $35 \%$ |
|  | $N$ | 1599 |  |
| xreg4 | 4-Region: Northeast | 293 | 18\% |
|  | 4-Region: Midwest | 345 | 22\% |
|  | 4-Region: South | 594 | 37\% |
|  | 4-Region: West | 373 | 23\% |
|  | $N$ | 1605 |  |

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