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NATIONAL: PUBLIC TROUBLED BY ‘DEEP STATE’

Bi-partisan concern that government is tracking U.S. citizens

West Long Branch, NJ – A majority of the American public believe that the U.S. government engages in widespread monitoring of its own citizens and worry that the U.S. government could be invading their own privacy. The *Monmouth University Poll* also finds a large bipartisan majority who feel that national policy is being manipulated or directed by a “Deep State” of unelected government officials. Americans of color on the center and left and NRA members on the right are among those most worried about the reach of government prying into average citizens’ lives.

Just over half of the public is either very worried (23%) or somewhat worried (30%) about the U.S. government monitoring their activities and invading their privacy. There are no significant partisan differences – 57% of independents, 51% of Republicans, and 50% of Democrats are at least somewhat worried the federal government is monitoring their activities. Another 24% of the American public are not too worried and 22% are not at all worried.

Fully 8-in-10 believe that the U.S. government currently monitors or spies on the activities of American citizens, including a majority (53%) who say this activity is widespread and another 29% who say such monitoring happens but is not widespread. Just 14% say this monitoring does not happen at all. There are no substantial partisan differences in these results.

“This is a worrisome finding. The strength of our government relies on public faith in protecting our freedoms, which is not particularly robust. And it’s not a Democratic or Republican issue. These concerns span the political spectrum,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Few Americans (18%) say government monitoring or spying on U.S. citizens is usually justified, with most (53%) saying it is only sometimes justified. Another 28% say this activity is rarely or never justified. Democrats (30%) and independents (31%) are somewhat more likely than Republicans (21%) to say government monitoring of U.S. citizens is rarely or never justified.

Turning to the Washington political infrastructure as a whole, 6-in-10 Americans (60%) feel that unelected or appointed government officials have too much influence in determining federal policy. Just 26% say the right balance of power exists between elected and unelected officials in determining policy. Democrats (59%), Republicans (59%) and independents (62%) agree that appointed officials hold too much sway in the federal government.

“We usually expect opinions on the operation of government to shift depending on which party is in charge. But there’s an ominous feeling by Democrats and Republicans alike that a ‘Deep State’ of unelected operatives are pulling the levers of power,” said Murray.

Few Americans (13%) are very familiar with the term “Deep State;” another 24% are somewhat familiar, while 63% say they are not familiar with this term. However, when the term is described as a group of unelected government and military officials who secretly manipulate or direct national policy, nearly 3-in-4 (74%) say they believe this type of apparatus exists in Washington. This includes 27% who say it definitely exists and 47% who say it probably exists. Only 1-in-5 say it does not exist (16% probably not and 5% definitely not). Belief in the probable existence of a Deep State comes from more than 7-in-10 Americans in each partisan group, although Republicans (31%) and independents (33%) are somewhat more likely than Democrats (19%) to say that the Deep State *definitely* exists.

While there is general partisan agreement on concerns about government overreach, there are some notable differences in the level of concern by two very different demographic metrics: race and membership in the National Rifle Association.

Americans of black, Latino and Asian backgrounds (35%) are more likely than non-Hispanic whites (23%) to say that the Deep State *definitely* exists. Non-whites (60%) are also somewhat more likely than whites (50%) to worry about the government monitoring them and similarly more likely to believe there is already widespread government monitoring of U.S. citizens (60% and 49%, respectively). More non-whites (35%) than whites (23%) say that such monitoring is rarely or never justified.

The *Monmouth University Poll* also finds that NRA members (43%) are significantly more likely than other Americans (25%) to *definitely* believe in the existence of a Deep State operation in DC. In a Monmouth poll released [earlier this month](#), NRA members voiced opposition to the establishment of a national gun registry database in part because of their fear it would be used to track other activities of gun owners. NRA members (63%) are somewhat more likely than other Americans (51%) to worry about the government monitoring them and similarly are more likely to believe there is already widespread government monitoring of U.S. citizens (61% and 51%, respectively). However, there are no significant differences between NRA members (30%) and others (26%) on whether such monitoring is rarely or

never justified when it does occur. The opinion of gun owners who are not NRA members are more similar to non-gun owners than they are to NRA members on these questions.

“Anxiety about a possible ‘Deep State’ is prevalent in both parties, but each has key constituent groups who express even greater concerns about the potential for government overreach. This includes racial and ethnic groups who still experience the effects of historical prejudice as well as gun owners who fear their constitutional rights are being threatened,” said Murray. “Can those fears be allayed or will they intensify and spread? Or is this just the new normal? This is something we will have to keep tracking.”

Political engagement

More than 1-in-3 (36%) Americans say it is very important for them to get involved in politics and another 39% say it is somewhat important. Just 1-in-4 say it is either not too (13%) or not at all (12%) important. The number of Americans who say it is very important has increased by 11 points since the 2016 presidential campaign – three years ago, 25% felt it was very important for them to get involved. This increase has occurred across the partisan spectrum with over one-third of Democrats (41%), Republicans (35%), and independents (34%) alike now saying it is very important for them to be politically engaged.

More than one-third (37%) say they have become more politically active since Donald Trump took office while only 6% say they are now less active. Another 56% say their political activity has not changed much since last year. Democrats (45%) are more likely than Republicans (34%) and independents (33%) to say their level of political activity has increased.

Just over 1-in-5 Americans (22%) feel angry with Washington while the vast majority (59%) feel dissatisfied. Very few express a positive feeling toward DC – just 12% are satisfied and only 4% are happy. These results have remained fairly stable since Monmouth started asking this question in the fall of 2016. There are few substantial partisan differences in the current results, although Democrats who feel angry has increased since 2016 (from 14% to 28%) and Republicans who feel angry has decreased (from 25% to 16%). Independents have not changed (from 22% to 21%). Among those who are very worried about the U.S. government monitoring their activities, 32% say they are angry with Washington. Among those who are not worried or only somewhat worried, 19% say they are angry with Washington.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from March 2 to 5, 2018 with 803 adults in the United States. The results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percent. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1-28 previously released.]

29. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?

TREND:	March 2018	June 2015
Very important	36%	25%
Somewhat important	39%	40%
Not too important	13%	17%
Not at all important	12%	17%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	1%
(n)	(803)	(1,002)

30. Since President Trump took office, have you become more active in politics, less active in politics, or has your level of political activity not changed much?

	March 2018
More active	37%
Less active	6%
Not changed much	56%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(n)	(803)

31. Which of the following words best describes how you feel about Washington – angry, dissatisfied, satisfied, happy?

TREND:	March 2018	Dec. 2017	May 2017	Sept. 2016*
Angry	22%	20%	25%	20%
Dissatisfied	59%	60%	54%	66%
Satisfied	12%	12%	16%	9%
Happy	4%	3%	2%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	6%	2%	2%
(n)	(803)	(806)	(1,002)	(802)

* Registered voters

32. As it stands right now, do you think that unelected or appointed officials in the federal government have too much influence in determining federal policy or is there the right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials?

	March 2018
Unelected or appointed officials have too much influence	60%
Right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials	26%
(VOL) Don't know	14%
(n)	(803)

33. Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not familiar with the term Deep State as it applies to the federal government?

	March 2018
Very familiar	13%
Somewhat familiar	24%
Not familiar	63%
(n)	(803)

34. The term Deep State refers to the possible existence of a group of unelected government and military officials who secretly manipulate or direct national policy. Do you think this type of Deep State in the federal government definitely exists, probably exists, probably does not exist, or definitely does not exist?

	March 2018
Definitely exists	27%
Probably exists	47%
Probably does not exist	16%
Definitely does not exist	5%
(VOL) Don't know	5%
(n)	(803)

35. How worried are you about the U.S. government monitoring your activities or invading your privacy – very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?

	March 2018
Very worried	23%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not too worried	24%
Not at all worried	22%
(VOL) Don't know	1%
(n)	(803)

36. Do you think the U.S. government currently monitors or spies on the activities of American citizens, or does it not do this? [If YES: Do you think this is widespread or not widespread?]

	March 2018
Yes, widespread	53%
Yes, not widespread	29%
No, does not monitor or spy	14%
(VOL) Don't know	4%
(n)	(803)

37. If the U.S. government ever monitors or spies on American citizens do you think its reasons are usually justified, sometimes justified, or rarely justified?

	March 2018
Usually justified	18%
Sometimes justified	53%
Rarely justified	26%
(VOL) Never justified	2%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(803)

[Q38-45 held for future release.]

[Q46-48 previously released.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from March 2 to 5, 2018 with a national random sample of 803 adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 400 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 403 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Trolldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. Final sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information. Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and SSI (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
	27% Republican
	41% Independent
	32% Democrat
	49% Male
	51% Female
	30% 18-34
	33% 35-54
	36% 55+
	65% White
	12% Black
	15% Hispanic
	7% Asian/Other

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		803	3.5%
REGISTERED	Yes	708	3.7%
VOTER	No	95	10.1%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	191	7.1%
PARTY ID	Independent	347	5.3%
	Democrat	250	6.2%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	177	7.4%
	Moderate	308	5.6%
	Conservative	293	5.7%
GENDER	Male	412	4.8%
	Female	391	5.0%
AGE	18-34	153	7.9%
	35-54	270	6.0%
	55+	372	5.1%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	547	4.2%
	Other	221	6.6%
COLLEGE	No degree	445	4.7%
GRADUATE	4 year degree	348	5.3%
INCOME	<\$50K	273	5.9%
	\$50 to <100K	238	6.4%
	\$100K+	209	6.8%
2016 VOTE BY	Trump 10+ pts	308	5.6%
COUNTY	Swing <10 pts	165	7.6%
	Clinton 10+ pts	330	5.4%
NRA MEMBER	Yes	71	11.6%
	No	699	3.7%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
29. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	36%	39%	23%	35%	34%	41%	47%	32%	33%	39%
	Somewhat important	39%	38%	44%	36%	41%	38%	37%	46%	34%	36%
	Not too important	13%	12%	17%	19%	12%	9%	11%	11%	16%	13%
	Not at all important	12%	11%	17%	9%	13%	12%	4%	12%	17%	12%
[VOL] Dont Know		0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
29. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	34%	33%	39%	37%	32%	47%	36%	38%
	Somewhat important	41%	48%	36%	33%	41%	33%	38%	41%
	Not too important	13%	11%	13%	14%	14%	10%	14%	10%
	Not at all important	11%	7%	12%	16%	13%	9%	12%	11%
[VOL] Dont Know		0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY			NRA MEMBER	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts	Yes	No
29. How important is it for you personally to get involved in politics - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?	Very important	33%	36%	43%	35%	38%	37%	38%	35%
	Somewhat important	39%	41%	36%	35%	40%	41%	37%	39%
	Not too important	13%	13%	12%	14%	13%	12%	13%	13%
	Not at all important	14%	10%	9%	15%	9%	10%	12%	12%
[VOL] Dont Know		0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
30. Since President Trump took office, have you become more active in politics, less active in politics, or has your level of political activity not changed much?	More active	37%	37%	38%	34%	33%	45%	50%	36%	31%	34%
	Less active	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	5%
	Not changed much	56%	56%	57%	62%	60%	47%	43%	57%	63%	61%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
30. Since President Trump took office, have you become more active in politics, less active in politics, or has your level of political activity not changed much?	More active	40%	46%	35%	32%	36%	41%	35%	42%	36%
	Less active	8%	9%	6%	5%	7%	4%	4%	10%	9%
	Not changed much	52%	45%	60%	63%	57%	55%	61%	48%	56%

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		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY			NRA MEMBER	
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts	Yes	No
30. Since President Trump took office, have you become more active in politics, less active in politics, or has your level of political activity not changed much?	More active	38%	43%	37%	28%	42%	38%	38%
	Less active	4%	4%	6%	6%	7%	5%	6%
	Not changed much	58%	53%	57%	67%	51%	57%	56%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
31. Which of the following words best describes how you feel about Washington - angry, dissatisfied, satisfied, happy?	Angry	22%	22%	19%	16%	21%	28%	30%	20%	19%	21%
	Dissatisfied	59%	59%	60%	50%	64%	61%	62%	67%	50%	59%
	Satisfied	12%	12%	15%	24%	8%	9%	5%	9%	20%	14%
	Happy	4%	4%	4%	8%	3%	2%	2%	3%	6%	4%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	1%	2%	5%	3%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
31. Which of the following words best describes how you feel about Washington - angry, dissatisfied, satisfied, happy?	Angry	23%	13%	25%	26%	19%	29%	24%	18%	21%
	Dissatisfied	60%	65%	52%	61%	60%	58%	56%	65%	61%
	Satisfied	11%	13%	16%	8%	13%	11%	13%	10%	9%
	Happy	3%	3%	6%	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	3%	5%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	3%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY			NRA MEMBER	
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts	Yes	No
31. Which of the following words best describes how you feel about Washington - angry, dissatisfied, satisfied, happy?	Angry	23%	27%	22%	23%	21%	15%	22%
	Dissatisfied	58%	57%	54%	59%	64%	60%	60%
	Satisfied	13%	16%	15%	13%	9%	18%	11%
	Happy	3%	0%	5%	3%	3%	6%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	0%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
32. As it stands right now, do you think that unelected or appointed officials in the federal government have too much influence in determining federal policy or is there the right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials?	Unelected or appointed officials have too much influence	60%	60%	60%	59%	62%	59%	62%	62%	58%
	Right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials	26%	26%	25%	30%	25%	24%	21%	24%	30%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	14%	16%	11%	13%	17%	17%	14%	12%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
32. As it stands right now, do you think that unelected or appointed officials in the federal government have too much influence in determining federal policy or is there the right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials?	Unelected or appointed officials have too much influence	62%	58%	60%	58%	61%	58%	65%	61%
	Right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials	27%	24%	28%	28%	22%	27%	23%	25%
	[VOL] Dont Know	11%	18%	12%	14%	17%	15%	13%	14%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
32. As it stands right now, do you think that unelected or appointed officials in the federal government have too much influence in determining federal policy or is there the right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials?	Unelected or appointed officials have too much influence	57%	59%	66%	59%	61%	59%	59%
	Right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials	28%	27%	22%	28%	25%	27%	26%
	[VOL] Dont Know	15%	15%	12%	13%	14%	14%	15%

		NRA MEMBER	
		Yes	No
32. As it stands right now, do you think that unelected or appointed officials in the federal government have too much influence in determining federal policy or is there the right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials?	Unelected or appointed officials have too much influence	60%	60%
	Right balance of influence between elected and unelected officials	24%	26%
	[VOL] Dont Know	16%	14%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
33. Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not familiar with the term Deep State as it applies to the federal government?	Very familiar	13%	15%	5%	12%	16%	10%	14%	11%	15%	19%
	Somewhat familiar	24%	24%	22%	27%	27%	19%	27%	22%	25%	25%
	Not familiar	63%	61%	73%	61%	57%	71%	59%	67%	60%	56%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
33. Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not familiar with the term Deep State as it applies to the federal government?	Very familiar	7%	6%	16%	16%	9%	22%	15%	9%	8%
	Somewhat familiar	23%	26%	26%	21%	22%	28%	27%	18%	22%
	Not familiar	70%	68%	58%	63%	68%	49%	59%	74%	70%

		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY			NRA MEMBER	
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts	Yes	No
33. Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not familiar with the term Deep State as it applies to the federal government?	Very familiar	14%	22%	13%	13%	13%	16%	12%
	Somewhat familiar	25%	30%	23%	31%	21%	37%	22%
	Not familiar	61%	48%	63%	56%	66%	47%	66%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
34. The term Deep State refers to possible existence of a group of unelected govt & military officials who secretly manipulate or direct natl policy. Do you think this type of Deep State in the federal govt definitely, probably, prob not, or def not exist?	Definitely exists	27%	27%	28%	31%	33%	19%	28%	20%	34%
	Probably exists	47%	47%	43%	41%	46%	53%	44%	50%	45%
	Probably does not exist	16%	16%	16%	17%	13%	18%	17%	19%	13%
	Definitely does not exist	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%	9%	7%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	4%	8%	7%	3%	5%	2%	4%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
34. The term Deep State refers to possible existence of a group of unelected govt & military officials who secretly manipulate or direct natl policy. Do you think this type of Deep State in the federal govt definitely, probably, prob not, or def not exist?	Definitely exists	33%	22%	33%	28%	22%	27%	29%	23%
	Probably exists	38%	55%	44%	46%	50%	49%	40%	48%
	Probably does not exist	19%	13%	17%	19%	13%	14%	21%	19%
	Definitely does not exist	6%	5%	5%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	5%	2%	3%	8%	5%	4%	5%

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		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
34. The term Deep State refers to possible existence of a group of unelected govt & military officials who secretly manipulate or direct natl policy. Do you think this type of Deep State in the federal govt definitely, probably, prob not, or def not exist?	Definitely exists	35%	29%	26%	30%	29%	29%	24%
	Probably exists	44%	49%	44%	42%	47%	47%	47%
	Probably does not exist	11%	15%	19%	16%	15%	16%	18%
	Definitely does not exist	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	3%	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%

		NRA MEMBER	
		Yes	No
34. The term Deep State refers to possible existence of a group of unelected govt & military officials who secretly manipulate or direct natl policy. Do you think this type of Deep State in the federal govt definitely, probably, prob not, or def not exist?	Definitely exists	43%	25%
	Probably exists	38%	47%
	Probably does not exist	10%	17%
	Definitely does not exist	8%	5%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	5%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
35. How worried are you about the U.S. government monitoring your activities or invading your privacy - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?	Very worried	23%	23%	23%	20%	26%	22%	17%	22%	29%	25%
	Somewhat worried	30%	31%	24%	31%	31%	28%	32%	32%	27%	30%
	Not too worried	24%	24%	27%	27%	22%	25%	29%	25%	22%	22%
	Not at all worried	22%	22%	23%	22%	20%	24%	22%	21%	21%	22%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE		INCOME
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K
35. How worried are you about the U.S. government monitoring your activities or invading your privacy - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?	Very worried	21%	31%	23%	17%	27%	15%	22%	27%	29%
	Somewhat worried	29%	28%	33%	28%	29%	31%	28%	33%	27%
	Not too worried	27%	25%	24%	25%	22%	31%	28%	19%	23%
	Not at all worried	22%	15%	20%	30%	21%	23%	22%	21%	19%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%

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		INCOME		2016 MARGIN by COUNTY			NRA MEMBER	
		\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts	Yes	No
35. How worried are you about the U.S. government monitoring your activities or invading your privacy - very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not at all worried?	Very worried	17%	17%	20%	25%	24%	38%	21%
	Somewhat worried	34%	32%	28%	28%	33%	25%	30%
	Not too worried	25%	28%	26%	25%	23%	16%	25%
	Not at all worried	24%	23%	24%	21%	20%	21%	23%
[VOL] Dont Know		0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
36. Do you think the U.S. government currently monitors or spies on the activities of American citizens, or does it not do this? [IF "YES" ASK:] Do you think this is widespread or not widespread?	Yes, widespread	53%	52%	59%	51%	56%	51%	54%	51%	53%
	Yes, not widespread	29%	31%	19%	28%	32%	28%	30%	34%	25%
	No, does not monitor or spy	14%	13%	17%	16%	8%	18%	13%	12%	16%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp
36. Do you think the U.S. government currently monitors or spies on the activities of American citizens, or does it not do this? [IF "YES" ASK:] Do you think this is widespread or not widespread?	Yes, widespread	56%	49%	64%	55%	41%	57%	42%	49%
	Yes, not widespread	31%	28%	22%	33%	33%	25%	41%	32%
	No, does not monitor or spy	11%	16%	11%	11%	18%	13%	14%	15%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	6%	4%	0%	8%	5%	3%	5%

		WHITE	INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY		
		Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts
36. Do you think the U.S. government currently monitors or spies on the activities of American citizens, or does it not do this? [IF "YES" ASK:] Do you think this is widespread or not widespread?	Yes, widespread	60%	59%	52%	43%	51%	52%	55%
	Yes, not widespread	25%	23%	32%	41%	31%	30%	28%
	No, does not monitor or spy	11%	13%	13%	14%	13%	15%	14%
	[VOL] Dont Know	4%	5%	3%	2%	5%	4%	4%

		NRA MEMBER	
		Yes	No
36. Do you think the U.S. government currently monitors or spies on the activities of American citizens, or does it not do this? [IF "YES" ASK:] Do you think this is widespread or not widespread?	Yes, widespread	61%	51%
	Yes, not widespread	20%	31%
	No, does not monitor or spy	12%	14%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	4%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY			GENDER
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con	Male
37. If the U.S. government ever monitors or spies on American citizens do you think its reasons are usually justified, sometimes justified, or rarely justified?	Usually justified	18%	17%	20%	15%	18%	18%	19%	21%	12%	20%
	Sometimes justified	53%	54%	48%	63%	48%	51%	55%	52%	52%	47%
	Rarely justified	26%	25%	29%	20%	29%	27%	23%	24%	30%	29%
	(VOL) Never justified	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%

		GENDER	AGE 3-WAY			COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE	
		Female	18-34	35-54	55+	No degree	4 yr degree	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
37. If the U.S. government ever monitors or spies on American citizens do you think its reasons are usually justified, sometimes justified, or rarely justified?	Usually justified	16%	16%	19%	18%	14%	26%	20%	14%
	Sometimes justified	58%	47%	55%	56%	53%	53%	55%	48%
	Rarely justified	23%	33%	22%	22%	29%	18%	21%	33%
	(VOL) Never justified	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	2%	0%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%

		INCOME			2016 MARGIN by COUNTY			NRA MEMBER	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Trump 10+pts	Swing <10pts	Clinton 10+pts	Yes	No
37. If the U.S. government ever monitors or spies on American citizens do you think its reasons are usually justified, sometimes justified, or rarely justified?	Usually justified	14%	20%	22%	17%	19%	17%	16%	18%
	Sometimes justified	50%	55%	62%	53%	54%	52%	55%	53%
	Rarely justified	32%	22%	14%	25%	25%	26%	27%	25%
	(VOL) Never justified	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	0%	2%