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Following an election that had one of the largest gender gaps in history, women are more likely than men to say they are paying increased attention to politics.

And while far more Democrats than Republicans say they have attended a political event, rally or protest since the election, Democratic women – especially younger women and those with postgraduate degrees – are among the most likely to have participated in such a political gathering.

The latest national survey by Pew Research Center, conducted June 27 to July 9 among 2,505 adults, finds that 52% of Americans say they are paying more attention to politics since Donald Trump's election; 33% say they are paying about the same amount of attention, while 13% say they are paying less attention to politics.

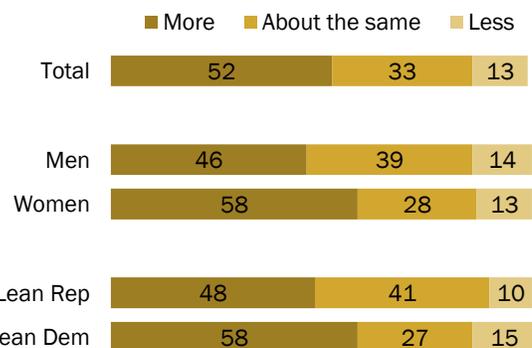
Nearly six-in-ten women (58%) say they are paying increased attention to politics since Trump's election, compared with 46% of men.

Overall, more Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents than Republicans and Republican leaners say they have become

more attentive to politics. But there are similarly wide gender gaps in heightened interest to politics among members of both parties: 63% of Democratic women say they are more attentive to politics, compared with 51% of Democratic men. Among Republicans, 54% of women and 43% of men say the same.

More women than men say they are paying increased attention to politics

% who say they are paying ___ attention to politics since Donald Trump's election



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017.

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Among the public overall, 15% say they have attended a political event, rally or protest since the election – with two-thirds (67%) of this group saying they have done so to oppose Trump or his policies.

Democrats are about three times as likely as Republicans to say they have attended a political event (22% vs. 7%). Among Democrats, there are gender, age, race and education differences in the shares saying they have participated in a political event, rally or protest.

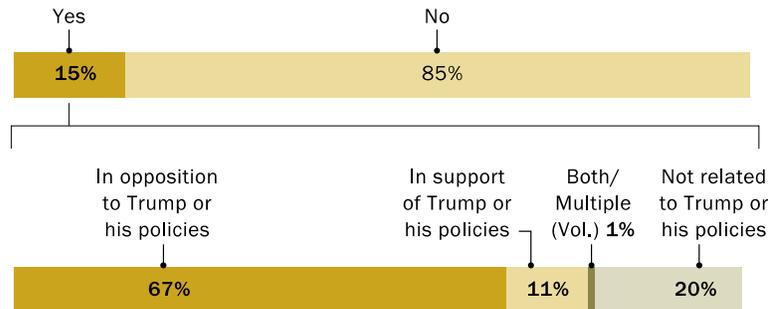
And even within several groups of Democrats, there are sizable gender differences: For instance, while Democrats with postgraduate degrees are more likely than less educated Democrats to have attended a political event or protest, 43% of Democratic women postgraduates say they have done so, compared with 30% of Democratic men with advanced degrees.

The new survey also finds that, nearly nine months after the election, most people (59%) say it is “stressful and frustrating” to talk about politics with people who have a different opinion of Trump than they do; just 35% find such conversations “interesting and informative.”

On the other hand, relatively few say that knowing that a friend had voted for Trump or

Since the election, 15% say they have attended a political event or protest

Since the November presidential election, have you attended a political event, rally or organized protest?

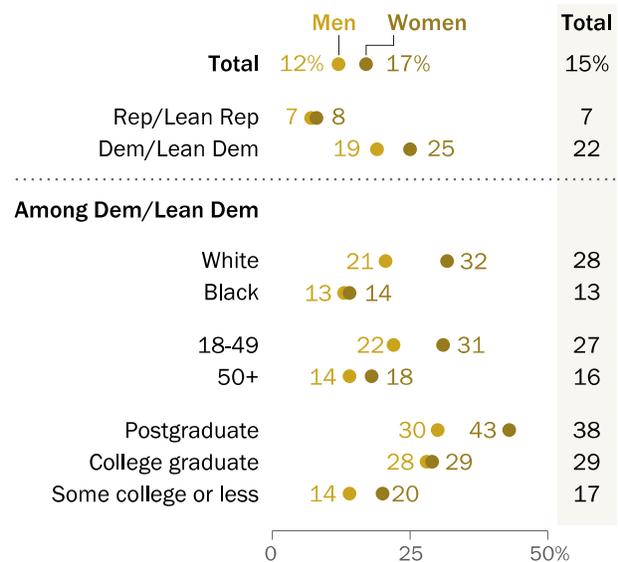


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Four-in-ten postgraduate Democratic women have attended event or protest

Since the November presidential election, have you attended a political event, rally or organized protest?



Note: Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic. Hispanics not shown because of insufficient sample size.
Source: Survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017.

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Clinton would strain their friendship – just 19% say that knowing a friend backed Trump would strain their friendship, while only 7% say the same about learning a friend had voted for Hillary Clinton.

The survey also finds that, despite the nation’s deep political divisions, majorities of both Republicans (56%) and Democrats (59%) say that even though people in the opposing party feel differently about politics, they share “many of my other values and goals.”

How politics impacts conversations and friendships

A majority of the public finds talking with people who have a different opinion from their own about Donald Trump to be a stressful and frustrating experience: About six-in-ten (59%) say it is stressful and frustrating, while about a third (35%) say it is interesting and informative.

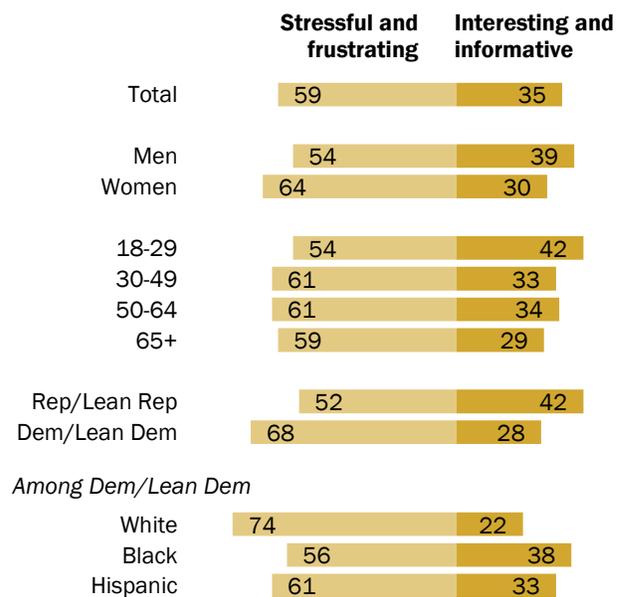
Democrats feel more negatively about talking politics with people who have a different opinion of the president than do Republicans. A large majority of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents – nearly seven-in-ten (68%) – say they find it to be stressful and frustrating to talk to people with different opinions of Trump. Among Republicans and Republican leaners, fewer (52%) say they find this to be stressful and frustrating.

White Democrats and Democratic leaners are more likely than black and Hispanic Democrats to say it is stressful and frustrating to talk to people with different opinions of Trump. About three quarters of white Democrats (74%) say it is frustrating, compared with 56% of black Democrats and 61% of Hispanic Democrats.

Overall, more women (64%) than men (54%) say talking to people with a different opinion of Trump is stressful and frustrating. And adults

Most Americans say it’s stressful to talk politics with people who differ on Trump

% who say it is ___ to talk about politics with people who have a different opinion of Donald Trump



Notes: Don't know responses not shown. Whites and blacks include only those who are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race.
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under 30 are more likely to say they find these discussions interesting and informative than do those 30 and older (42% vs. 33%).

Most of the public says learning that a friend voted for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton would not have any effect on their friendships. About one-in-five (19%) say that knowing a friend had voted for Trump would put a strain on their friendship; 7% say knowing a friend had voted for Clinton would strain their friendship.

About a third (35%) of Democrats and Democratic leaners say that, if a friend had voted for Trump, it would “put a strain on [the] friendship;” a smaller share of Republicans and Republican leaners (13%) say the same about learning a friend had voted for Clinton.

Few Democrats and Republicans say a friend voting for their party’s candidate last fall would make a friendship stronger: 13% of Republicans and Republican leaners say a friend voting for Trump would make the friendship stronger, and 12% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say the same.

Views of impact of support for Trump and Clinton on personal friendships

% who say it would ____ if a friend voted for *Donald Trump*

	Put a strain on friendship	Not have any effect	Make friendship stronger
Total	19	74	6
Rep/Lean Rep	3	84	13
Dem/Lean Dem	35	63	1

% who say it would ____ if a friend voted for *Hillary Clinton*

	Put a strain on friendship	Not have any effect	Make friendship stronger
Total	7	86	7
Rep/Lean Rep	13	85	1
Dem/Lean Dem	3	85	12

Note: Don’t know responses not shown.

Source: Survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017.

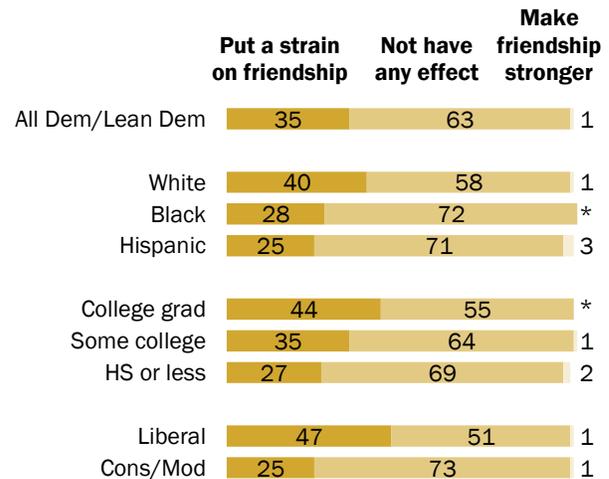
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Among Democrats and Democratic leaners, whites, college graduates and liberals are among the most likely to say knowing a friend voted for Trump would strain their friendship. While 40% of white Democrats and Democratic leaners say this, fewer black (28%) and Hispanic (25%) Democrats say the same. Similarly, there is a 17-percentage-point gap between the share of Democrats with a college degree or more education (44%) and the share with no more than a high school education (27%) saying a friend voting for Trump would put a strain on the friendship.

There is a division on ideological lines among Democrats on whether a vote for Trump would strain a friendship. Liberal Democrats are about evenly divided between saying say their friendship would be strained (47%) if a friend said they voted for Trump and saying it would not have any effect (51%). Far more conservative and moderate Democrats say a friend voting for Trump would not have any effect (73%) than say it would put a strain on the friendship (25%).

Nearly half of liberal Democrats say Trump support would strain a friendship

% of Democrats/Democratic leaners who say it would ___ if a friend voted for Donald Trump



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Republicans and Democrats see shared non-political values

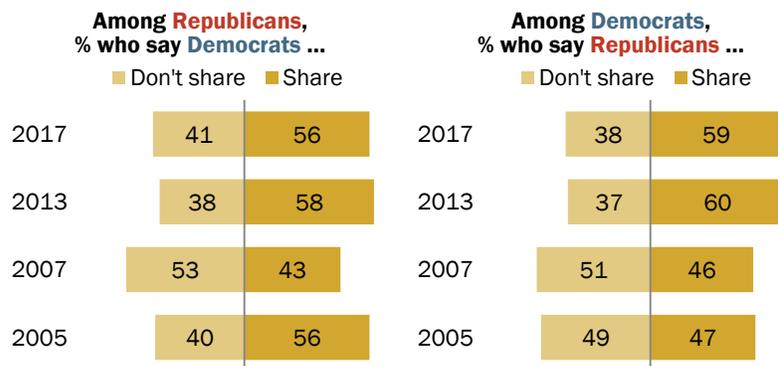
Despite their political differences, most Republicans and Democrats stop short of saying that people in the other party do not share their other values and goals beyond politics. Among both parties, about four-in-ten (41% of Republicans and 38% of Democrats) say that members of the opposing party “feel differently about politics, and they probably don’t share many of my other values and goals either.” (Note: these questions are based on partisans and do not include those who lean toward the parties).

Majorities in both parties say the other side probably shares their other values and goals: Nearly six-in-ten Democrats (59%) say this about Republicans, while 56% of Republicans say it about Democrats.

While these views are little changed from 2013, in 2007, 53% of Republicans and 51% of Democrats said that members of the opposing party did not share many of their goals and values outside of politics.

Most partisans say - aside from politics - those in the other party share many of their other values and goals

% who say, though they feel differently about politics, members of the other party probably ___ many of my other values and goals



Note: Based on partisans. Don't know responses not shown.
Source: Survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017.
Trends from CBS (2012, 2005) and CBS/NYT (2007) surveys.

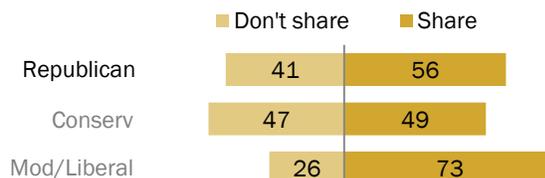
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There is a significant ideological divide among Republicans about whether Democrats share their other values and goals. About half of conservative Republicans (47%) say Democrats don't share their other values and goals. By contrast, about a quarter of moderate and liberal Republicans (26%) say the same.

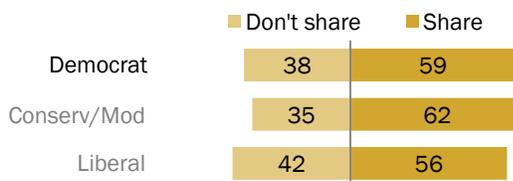
Among Democrats, there is only a modest difference in these views by ideology: 35% of conservative and moderate Democrats say Republicans don't share their other values and goals; 42% of liberal Democrats say the same.

In both parties, ideological gaps on whether opposing partisans share goals

% of Republicans who say Democrats probably ____ many of their other values and goals



% of Democrats who say Republicans probably ____ many of their other values and goals



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

Source: Survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017.

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Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted June 27 – July 9, 2017 among a national sample of 2,505 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia (627 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 1,878 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 1,148 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity and region to parameters from the 2015 Census Bureau's American Community Survey and population density to parameters from the Decennial Census. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status (landline only, cell phone only, or both landline and cell phone), based on extrapolations from the 2016 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size among respondents with a landline phone. The margins of error reported and statistical tests of significance are adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, a measure of how much efficiency is lost from the weighting procedures.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

Survey conducted June 27-July 9, 2017

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	2,505	2.2 percentage points
Republican/Lean Rep	1,036	3.5 percentage points
Democrat/Lean Dem	1,256	3.2 percentage points

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.

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.

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Appendix: Topline questionnaire

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SUMMER 2017 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
June 27-July 9, 2017
N=2,505**

NO QUESTIONS 1, 5-17, 19-24, 26

QUESTIONS 2-4, 18, 25 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

Q.27 Since Donald Trump's election, would you say you are paying **[RANDOMIZE more/less, less/more]** or about the same amount of attention to politics as you used to?

Jun 27-Jul 9

2017

52	More
13	Less [OR]
33	About the same as you used to
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.28 When you talk about politics with people who have a different opinion of Donald Trump than you do, would you say you generally find it to be **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

Jun 27-Jul 9

2017

35	Interesting and informative [OR]
59	Stressful and frustrating
4	Don't talk politics with people who have a different opinion of Trump (VOL.)
2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

QUESTIONS 29-33, 40, 42, 46, 50-53 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 34-39, 41, 43-45, 47-49

ASK ALL:

Q.54 And since the November presidential election, have you attended a political event, rally or organized protest, or have you not attended any of these types of events since then?

ASK IF ATTENDED SINCE NOV (Q.54=1) [N=386]:

Q.54a And would you say this has been **[READ]**? **[IF NECESSARY: Would you say you have attended events, rallies or protests since the November election [READ]]?**

Jun 27-Jul 9

2017

15	Yes, since election
2	In support of Donald Trump or his policies
10	In opposition to Donald Trump or his policies
3	Not related to Donald Trump or his policies
*	Both/Multiple/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
85	No, not since election
*	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL:

Q.55 [And] If a friend of yours told you they voted for **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**, do you think this would **[RANDOMIZE; KEEP IN SAME ORDER FOR BOTH ITEMS: put a strain on your friendship, make your friendship stronger]** or would it not have any effect on your friendship?

		Put a strain <u>on friendship</u>	Make friendship <u>stronger</u>	Not have <u>any effect</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Donald Trump Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	19	6	74	1
b.	Hillary Clinton Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017	7	7	86	1

NO QUESTIONS 56-79, 81-165**QUESTION 80 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	(VOL.) <u>No preference</u>	(VOL.) <u>Other party</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017	25	31	39	3	1	2	16	18
Apr 5-11, 2017	24	31	42	2	1	*	17	20
Feb 7-12, 2017	23	34	37	3	1	2	15	18
Jan 4-9, 2017	25	28	41	4	*	1	18	19
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	24	33	35	5	1	3	15	16
Oct 20-25, 2016	26	33	36	3	*	2	15	17
Aug 23-Sep 2, 2016	27	32	33	5	*	3	11	16
Aug 9-16, 2016	27	32	35	2	1	2	13	16
Jun 15-26, 2016	24	33	37	4	1	2	16	16
Yearly Totals								
2016	25.4	32.0	36.5	3.4	.5	2.2	14.6	17.0
2015	23.7	30.4	40.1	3.6	.4	1.8	16.4	17.3
2014	23.2	31.5	39.5	3.1	.7	2.0	16.2	16.5
2013	23.9	32.1	38.3	2.9	.5	2.2	16.0	16.0
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>No preference</u>	<u>Other party</u>	<u>DK/Ref</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK IF REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):

Q.166 Thinking for a moment about people who consider themselves Democrats, which of these comes closer to your views about them? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017

**BASED ON
REPUBLICANS
[N=665]**

**BASED ON
REP/LEAN REP
[N=1,036]**

56	56	They feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals [OR]
41	41	They feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals, either
3	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:**BASED ON REPUBLICANS**

	<i>CBS</i> Nov 15-17 <u>2013</u>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> March <u>2007</u>	<i>CBS</i> August <u>2005</u>
People who consider themselves Democrats feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals [OR]	58	43	56
People who consider themselves Democrats feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals, either	38	53	40
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	4	4

ASK IF DEMOCRAT OR LEAN DEMOCRAT (PARTY=2 OR PARTYLN=2):

Q.167 Thinking for a moment about people who consider themselves Republicans, which of these comes closer to your views about them? **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**

Jun 27-Jul 9, 2017

**BASED ON
DEMOCRATS
[N=808]**

**BASED ON
DEM/LEAN DEM
[N=1,256]**

59	60	They feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals [OR]
38	37	They feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals, either
3	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.167 TRENDS FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...**BASED ON DEMOCRATS**

	<i>CBS</i> Nov 15-17 <u>2013</u>	<i>CBS/NYT</i> March <u>2007</u>	<i>CBS</i> August <u>2005</u>
People who consider themselves Republicans feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals [OR]	60	46	47
People who consider themselves Republicans feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals, either	37	51	49
Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	4	3	4