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# U.S. voters want leader to end advantage of rich and powerful: Reuters/Ipsos poll

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Americans who had cast their votes for the next president early on Tuesday appeared to be worried about the direction of the country, and were looking for a "strong leader who can take the country back from the rich and powerful," according to an early reading from the Reuters/Ipsos national Election Day poll.

The poll of more than 10,000 people who have already cast their ballots in the presidential election showed a majority of voters are worried about their ability to get ahead and have little confidence in political parties or the media to improve their situation. A majority also feel that the economy is rigged to mostly help the wealthy.

The poll, which will be updated as additional responses are tallied and votes are counted throughout Tuesday, found:

- 75 percent agree that "America needs a strong leader to take the country back from the rich and powerful."

- 72 percent agree "the American economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful."

- 68 percent agree that "traditional parties and politicians don’t care about people like me."

- 76 percent believe "the mainstream media is more interested in making money than telling the truth."

- 57 percent feel that "more and more, I don't identify with what America has become."

- 54 percent feel "it is increasingly hard for someone like me to get ahead in America."

The Reuters/Ipsos online opinion poll was conducted on Election Day in English in all 50 states. It includes 10,604 Americans who have already cast their vote in the presidential election and has a credibility interval, a measure of accuracy, of 1 percentage point.

The poll also includes a variety of questions about the presidential race, which candidate people supported, and why. Those results will be published later in the evening, after most of the votes have been counted and state races have been called.

National Exit Poll, November 8, 2016. <http://www.cnn.com/election/results/exit-polls>. Data for 2016 were collected by Edison Research for the National Election Pool, a consortium of ABC News, The Associated Press, CBSNews, CNN, Fox News and NBC News. The voter survey is based on questionnaires completed by 24,537 voters leaving 350 voting places throughout the United States on Election Day including 4,398 telephone interviews with early and absentee voters.

Which candidate quality mattered most

Clinton Trump

Can bring change (39%) 14% **83%**

Right experience (21%) **90%** 8%

Good judgement (20%) **66%** 26%

Cares about me (15%) **58%** 35%

Most important issue facing the country

Clinton Trump

Economy (52%) **52%** 42%

Terrorism (18%) 39% **57%**

Foreign Policy (13%) **60%** 34%

Immigration (13%) 32% **64%**

Condition of the National Economy

Clinton Trump

Excellent (3%) **83%**  16%

Good (33%) **76%** 19%

Not Good (41%) 39% **55%**

Poor (21%) 15% **79%**

Condition of the National Economy

Clinton Trump

All Positive (36%) **77%**  18%

All Negative (63%) 31% **63%**

Who would better handle the economy?

Clinton Trump

Clinton Would (46%) **96%** 1%

Trump Would (49%) 3% **94%**

Financial Situation Compared to Four Years Ago

Clinton Trump

Better Today (31%) **72%** 24%

About the Same (41%) 46% 46%

Worse Today (27%) 19% **78%**

Direction of the Country

Clinton Trump

Right Direction (33%) **90%** 8%

Wrong Track (62%) 25% **69%**

Life for the next generation of Americans will be

Clinton Trump

Better Than Today (37%) **59%** 38%

About the Same (24%) **54%** 39%

Worse Than Today (34%) 31% **63%**

[Morning Consult/POLITICO Exit Poll](https://morningconsult.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/161198_topline_exit_national_pres_161109_330a.pdf) was conducted from October 18 – November 09, 2016, among a national sample of 24,200 Election Day and Early Voters.

EX41 **Do you think the winner of this election has a mandate** **to take the country towards the vision they spoke about during the campaign**, or do you think this election does not provide them with a mandate?

Yes, this election gives the winner a mandate 52%

No, this election does not give the winner a mandate 24%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 24%

EX17\_3 Who do you trust more to handle each of the following issues? **Taxes**

Donald Trump 45%

Hillary Clinton 44%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 11%

EX17\_10 Who do you trust more to handle each of the following issues? **Jobs**

Donald Trump 47%

Hillary Clinton 44%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 10%

EX17\_11 Who do you trust more to handle each of the following issues? **The economy**

Donald Trump 47%

Hillary Clinton 43%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 10%

EX18\_1 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Best represents the interests of the poor**

Donald Trump 31%

Hillary Clinton 50%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 19%

EX18\_2 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Best represents the interests of the**

**middle class**

Donald Trump 39%

Hillary Clinton 46%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 15%

EX18\_10 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Best represents the interests of the wealthy**

Donald Trump 50%

Hillary Clinton 36%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 14%

EX18\_4 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Cares most about people like you**

Donald Trump 37%

Hillary Clinton 45%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 18%

EX18\_7 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Will have a better impact on your household’s income**

Donald Trump 41%

Hillary Clinton 42%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 18%

EX18\_8 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Will do more to grow the U.S. economy** Donald Trump 46%

Hillary Clinton 42%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 12%

EX18\_9 Which presidential candidate do you think... **Will create more jobs**

Donald Trump 46%

Hillary Clinton 40%

Don’t Know / No Opinion 14%