

# Survey Report #14

**Comparative Survey about President Donald Trump**



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# About

## The Survey

How do opinions about President Donald Trump differ between public service professionals and the general public? This PSRPanel survey addresses this question by using a set of questions identical to those asked in a similar study conducted by Pew Research Center for the People & the Press in April 2017. The PSR panelists' opinions are compared to that of 1501 national adults interviewed by telephone.

The PSRPanel survey was conducted From July to from late July to early August in 2017. A total of 131 responses from PSR panelists were collected.

## The Panel



The Public Service Research Panel, *PSRPanel*, is an online community of public service professionals who sign up to participate in occasional web-based surveys and studies about the important work they do and the organizations they help lead.

It is important to point out that the panel is not a random sample, and thus the results are not scientifically projectable to a larger population.



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## Survey Questions

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



Answer	2017	Response	%
Right direction		30	24%
Wrong track		95	76%
Total		125	100%

*(This question was asked in the last PSRPanel Survey conducted in 2016)*



Answer	2016	Response	%
Right direction		63	52.9%
Wrong track		56	47.1%
Total		119	100%

2. Is now a good time, or bad time, to work in the . . .

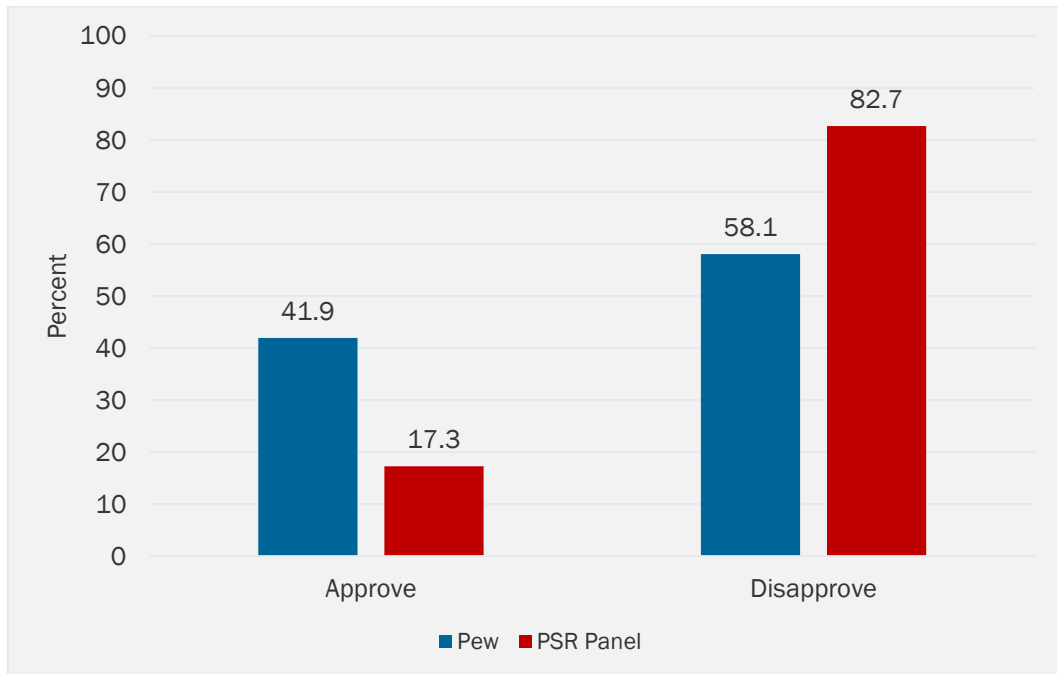
### Public Sector

Answer		Response	%
Good time		48	36.9%
Bad time		82	63.1%
Total		130	100%

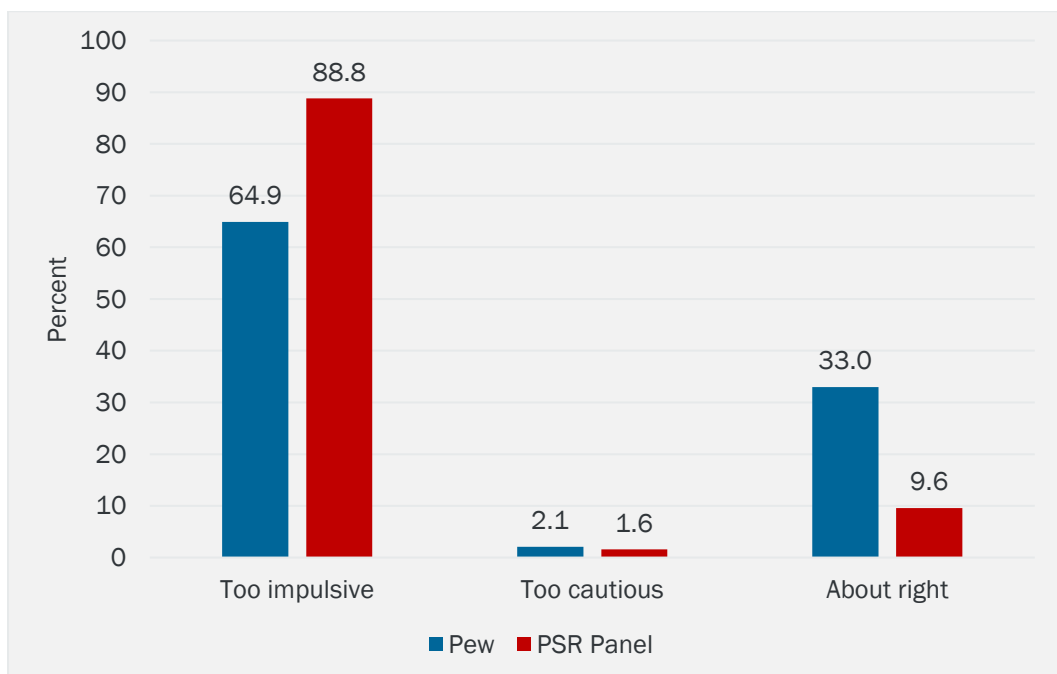
### Nonprofit sector

Answer		Response	%
Good time		62	48.8%
Bad time		65	51.2%
Total		127	100%

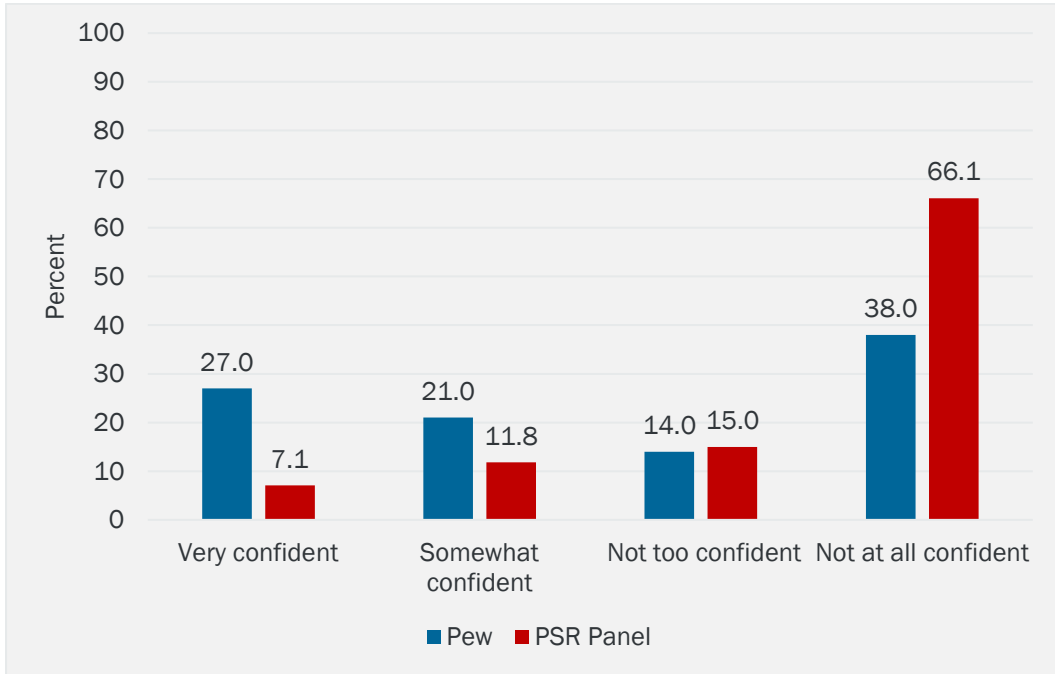
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?



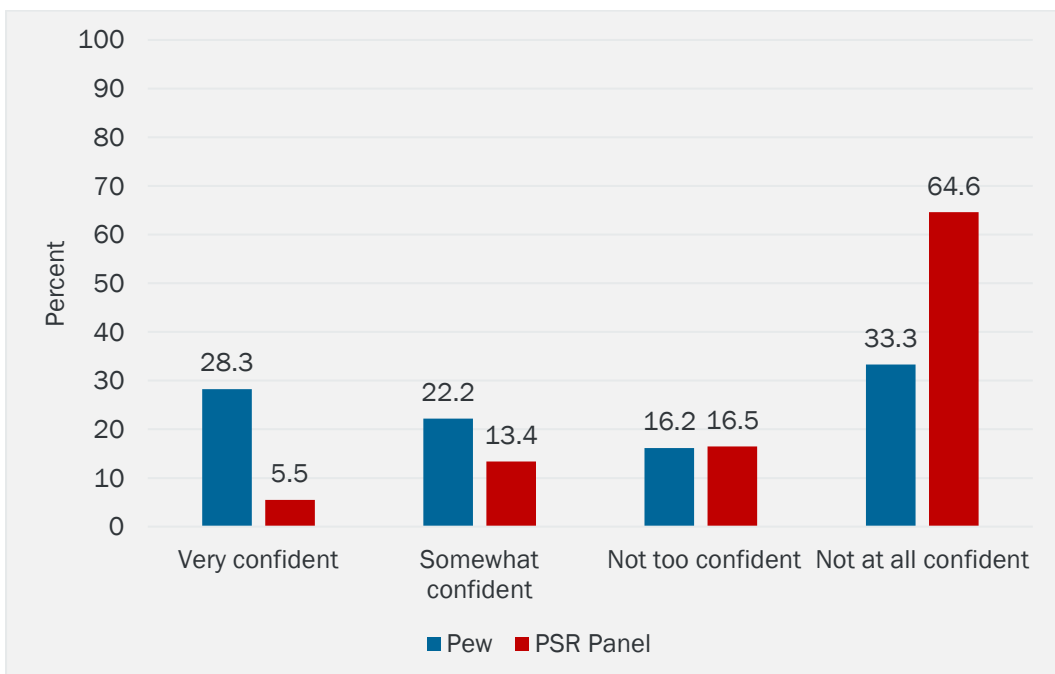
4. In making important decisions, do you think Donald Trump is too impulsive, too cautious, or about right?



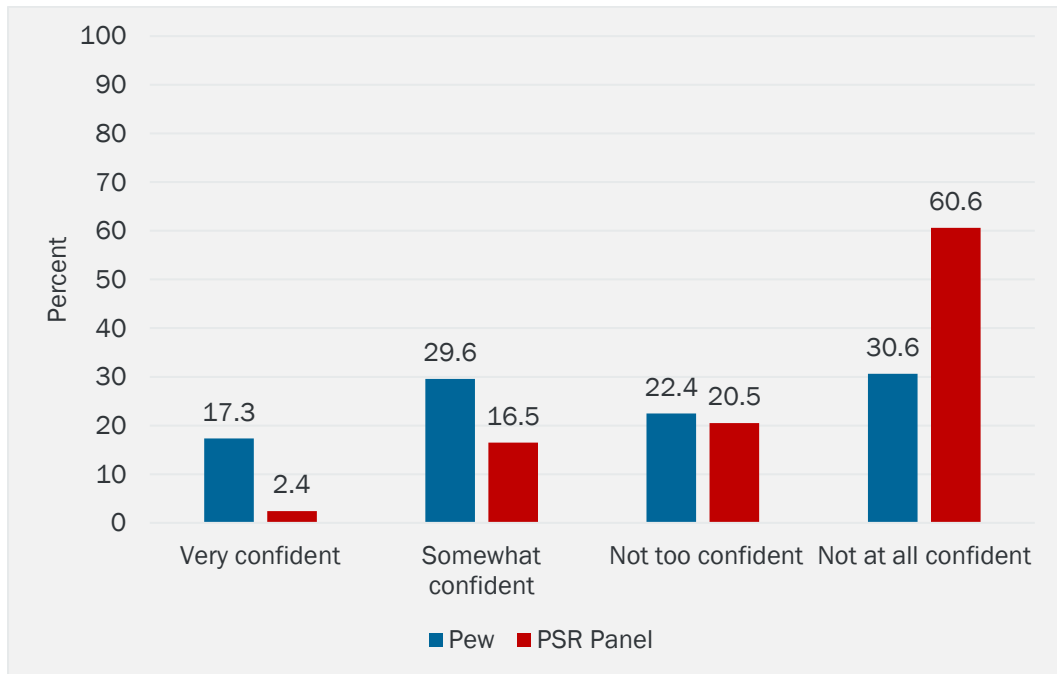
5. Please tell us whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can handle an international crisis?



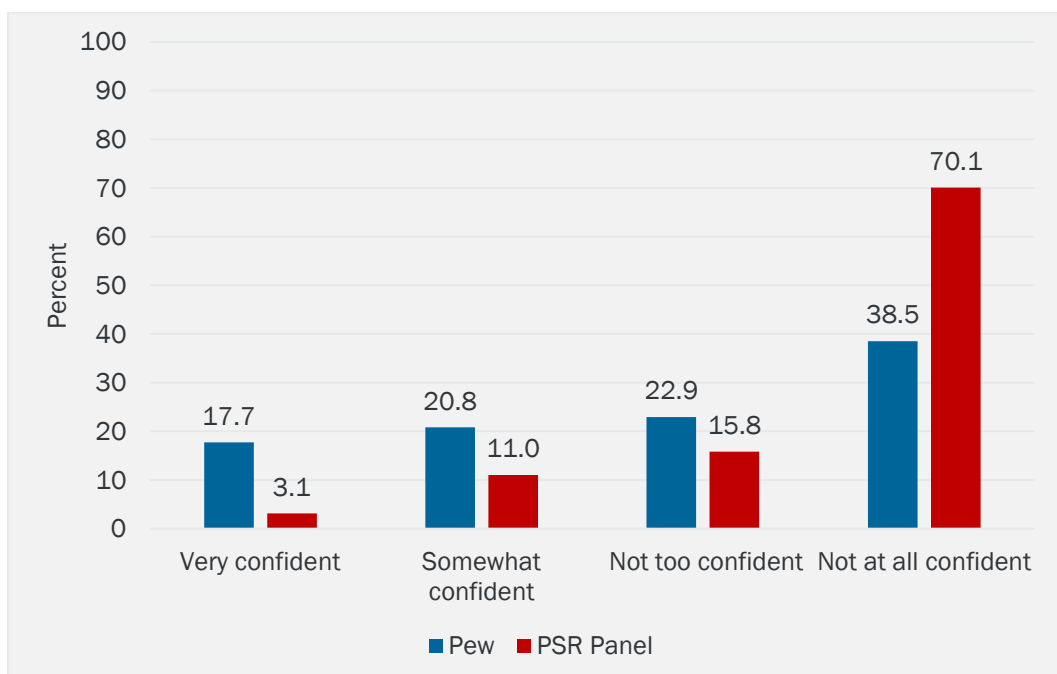
6. Please tell us whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can manage the Executive Branch effectively?



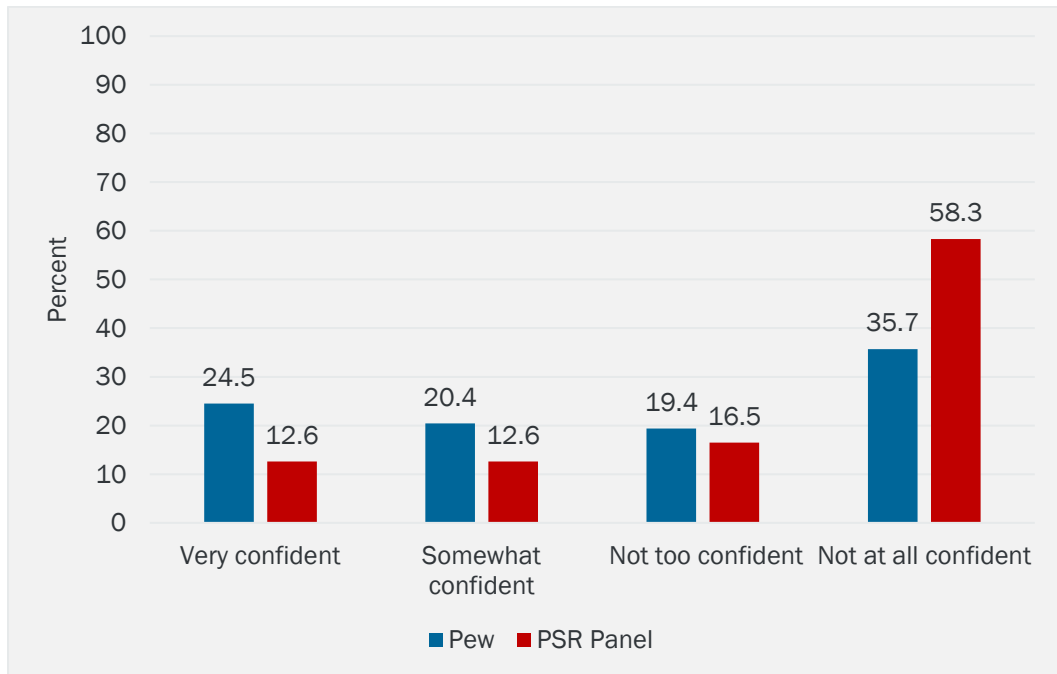
7. Please tell us whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can work effectively with Congress?



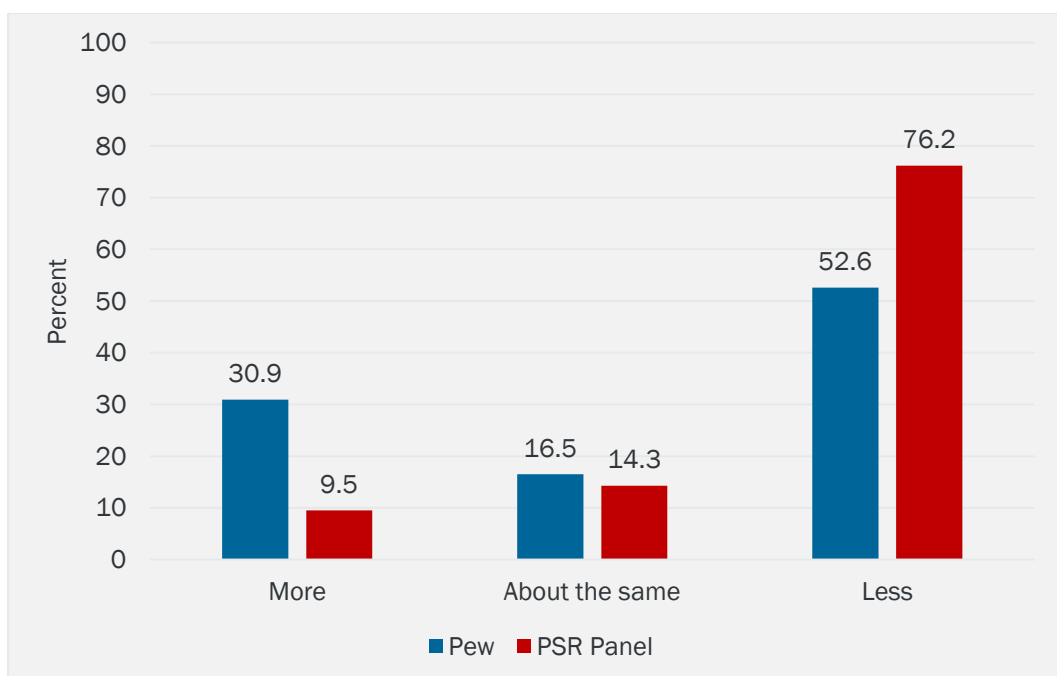
8. Please tell us whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can prevent major scandals in his administration?



9. Please tell us whether you are very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident that Trump can use military force wisely?











10. Would you say you trust what Donald Trump says more, about the same, or less than you trust what previous presidents said while in office?









## Participants' Characteristics

### 11. Where do you currently work?






Answer		Response	%
Federal government		7	5.6%
State government		35	27.8%
Local government		31	24.6%
Nonprofit organization		16	12.7%
Private company or business		11	8.7%
Independent consulting or self-employed		10	7.9%
Not currently working / retired / student		10	7.9%
Other (specify)		6	4.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 12. What is the approximate size of your organization?







Answer		Response	%
Less than 20 employees		31	25.2%
20-99 employees		16	13%
100-299 employees		14	11.4%
300-499		7	5.7%
500-999 employees		8	6.5%
More than 1000 employees		47	38.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>123</b>	<b>100%</b>





13. Which of the following best describes your current management responsibilities?

Answer		Response	%
Top manager		31	24.8%
Middle manager		26	20.8%
Team leader		16	12.8%
Supervisor		11	8.8%
None (not a manager or supervisor)		32.8	41%
<b>Total</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>100%</b>







14. How long have you held this position?

Answer		Response	%
Less than 1 year		13	10.3%
1-3 years		34	27%
4-5 years		23	18.3%
6-10 years		26	20.6%
11-20 years		20	15.9%
More than 20 years		10	7.9%
<b>Total</b>		<b>126</b>	<b>100%</b>






15. Are you . . .

Answer		Response	%
Female		63	50.4%
Male		62	49.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>125</b>	<b>100%</b>

16. What is your age?

Answer		Response	%
19 or under		0	0%
20-29		9	7.3%
30-39		25	20.2%
40-49		24	19.4%
50-59		33	26.6%
60-69		29	23.4%
70 or older		4	3.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>100%</b>

17. Do you consider yourself to be . . .

Answer		Response	%
White		90	72.6%
Black		16	12.9%
Hispanic		5	4%
Asian		9	7.3%
Other		4	3.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>100%</b>

18. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Answer	Response	%
Less than High School	0	0%
High School / GED	0	0%
Some College	2	1.6%
2-year College Degree	0	0%
4-year College Degree	22	17.5%
Master Degree	75	59.5%
Doctoral Degree	25	19.8%
Professional Degree (JD, MD)	2	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100%</b>

19. Where do you currently live?

Answer	Response	%
Northeast (US)	53	42.7%
South (US)	25	20.2%
Midwest (US)	15	12.1%
West (US)	24	19.4%
Outside the US (please specify country)	7	5.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>100%</b>

Outside the US (please specify country)
Australia
Chile
United Kingdom
Switzerland
Turkey

20. Would you consider yourself to be politically . . .

Answer	Response	%
Very liberal	17	13.5%
Liberal	44	34.9%
Moderate	45	35.7%
Conservative	18	14.3%
Very conservative	2	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100%</b>



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