

**NBC News | SurveyMonkey Poll Results**

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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online from Wednesday, May 10 through Thursday, May 11, 2017. Results are among a national sample of 3,746 adults aged 18 and over. The error estimate for all adults is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

**TOPLINE RESULTS**

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way James Comey handled his job as FBI Director?**

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know enough to say</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	6	19	21	23	28	3

**In your opinion, do you think President Trump's dismissal of FBI Director James Comey was:**

	<u>Appropriate</u>	<u>Not appropriate</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	38	54	8

**In your opinion, do you think President Trump fired FBI Director James Comey due to:**

	<u>His handling of the Clinton email investigation</u>	<u>His handling of the Russia investigation</u>	<u>Something else (please specify)</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	24	46	22	7

**Does President Trump's dismissal of FBI Director James Comey make you more or less confident that the Russian investigation will be conducted fairly?**

	<u>More confident</u>	<u>Less confident</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	36	55	9

**As you may have heard, there are allegations that advisors to the Trump campaign had improper contact with Russian government officials during the campaign. Do you think these allegations represent a serious issue that should be investigated, or are they more of a distraction?**

	<u>Serious issue</u>	<u>More of a distraction</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	54	40	6

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way James Comey handled the investigation of Russian interference in the U.S. election?**

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know enough to say</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	11	23	15	12	34	5

**Do you approve or disapprove of the way James Comey handled the investigation of Hillary Clinton's email practices as Secretary of State?**

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>Don't know enough to say</u>	<u>No Answer</u>
5/10—5/11	6	13	20	37	20	4

## **METHODOLOGY**

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online among a national sample of 3,746 adults aged 18 and over from May 10 through May 11, 2017. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week has been weighted for age, race, sex, education and region using the Census Bureau's American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval we use the weighted data to generate 5000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Unweighted N</b>	<b>Plus or minus</b>
Total	3746	2.5
Republican	1303	3.7
Democrat	611	5.9
Independent	1750	3.6
Male	1942	3.2
Female	1804	3.6
18-24	305	7.4
25-34	438	6.9
35-44	493	6.4
45-54	745	5.5
55-64	934	4.7
65+	831	5.3
White	2877	2.8
Black	276	8.7
Hispanic	235	8.1
Other	358	7.6